



WELCOME MICHIGAN CHAPTER

**Saluting Our Veterans
from the
Global War on Terror!**



101st Airborne Division Association,
Michigan Chapter



THE MICHIGAN SCREAMING EAGLE

July 15th, 2024
(v.4; no.3)

"No one left behind!"

Greetings Screaming Eagles,

Our 36th annual state-wide reunion was held last September 29th - October 1st in Fenton (MI) at which time we were warmly welcomed by Mayor Sue Osborn, the Fenton City Council, and the Fenton-Linden Chamber of Commerce. At our Saturday evening memorial dinner, Fenton Mayor Osborn presented our chapter President, Ed Hirsch, with a Key to the City and a Proclamation declaring September 30th, 2023 "101st Airborne Day in the city of Fenton" in recognition of our Chapter and our national Association members and "in appreciation for their dedication to the spirit, values, and traditions of freedom and liberty."

Moreover, the Fenton-Linden Chamber of Commerce worked closely with the local business community, prepared "Welcome!" bags for those attending our reunion, and otherwise made a concerted effort to create a warm reception in the community for all our attendees.

Our executive committee wanted to reciprocate and express our thanks for this warm welcome. Last month -June 2024, we presented "Presidential Citations" to Fenton Mayor Sue Osborn and the City Council and to the President of the Fenton-Linden Chamber of Commerce.



"Presidential Citation" presented to
Fenton Mayor Sue Osborn and the City Council



Presentation to
Fenton Mayor Sue Osborn
June 24th, 2024



Presentation to
Rob Wicker, President
Fenton-Linden Chamber of Commerce

The Presidential Citation is an award given “in Grateful Appreciation and Recognition of Outstanding Services to the Michigan chapter of the 101st Airborne Division Association, Inc.” At our 2023 Fenton reunion, our executive committee also decided to expand this practice of recognizing and appreciating those in Michigan’s local communities who recognize, acknowledge, or otherwise support our Veterans, Soldiers and Families, those serving “in harm’s way,” or our POWs/MIAs whether it’s on Memorial Day, Veterans Day, or throughout the year!

This program expresses -at once, our chapter’s appreciation as it increases our presence, visibility and relevance in Michigan’s local communities. Do you know, for example:

- a local Priest, Minister, Rabbi, Imam or church synagogue, or mosque in your community, that offers prayers or otherwise supports our Soldiers and Families, those serving “in harm’s way,” or remembers our POWs and MIAs?
- a local restaurant owner who provides military discounts on Veterans Day and/or at other times throughout the year?
- a local gas station, oil change facility, or print shop that recognizes the sacrifices made by our Veterans, Soldiers, and their Families?
- a local hotel, Air BNB, or other place of lodging that does likewise?
- a local VAMC or healthcare provider? your local VFW or AL Post? -or,
- any other person, group, or small business owner who you believe respects and recognizes the sacrifices of our Veterans, Soldiers, and Families?

If so, simply fill in the information form below, send it to John C. Sosa, and a “Presidential Citation” will be printed and mailed directly back to yourself for presentation to your religious/community leader, small business owner, healthcare provider, or local Veterans group. And if you take a picture of the presentation and forward it to me (camsufism@aol.com), it will appear in the next edition of the *MSE*!

“Presidential Citation” Certificate Form

(Chapter Member Name)

(Phone #)

(e-mail)

(Address & Street)

(City)

(State)

(ZIP)

(Name of Person & Place of Worship/Establishment/Business)

A “Presidential Citation” -for example, was recently presented to restaurant owner Joe Mackle,



“Mackle’s Table and Taps”
1774 Old U.S. Hwy 23
Howell, MI 48843

We Remember! ...

Leave No One Behind! ...

This past Memorial Day weekend, John C. Malejan – our chapter’s 2nd Vice President and WW11 veteran, represented our Chapter as the Honorary Grand Marshall at the Rolling Thunder’s 37th annual, nation-wide *Freedom Ride*. Sponsored by Michigan’s Chapter 5, approximately 300 members of the Rolling Thunder, Inc. gathered at the Motor City Harley-Davidson dealership in Farmington Hills (MI) and then proceeded to travel through many local communities to the State Capital building in Lansing (MI) where a solemn ceremony was held to remember, recognize, and honor our Gold Star Families and POWS/MIAs.



John C. Malejan, Honorary Grand Marshall
Rolling Thunder - 37th Annual *Freedom Ride* - Michigan Chapter 5



Duane O'Parka -President,
Michigan Chapter 5, "Rolling Thunder"
Introducing the Grand Marshall



Mike Hill, Executive Committee
Michigan Chapter 5, "Rolling Thunder"
Presenting the American Flag to John C. Malejan

Rolling Thunder, Inc. is a grass-roots organization that began on Memorial Day 1987 when about 2,500 people gathered in Washington, D.C. for a visit to the Vietnam Memorial and to peacefully demonstrate their dissatisfaction with the U.S. government and its lack of effort to find and return thousands of Veterans left behind not only in Vietnam but all past wars after our

troops had been brought home. Their name, “Rolling Thunder,” comes from the thunderous sounds of the F-105’s and B-52’s bombing runs during the Vietnam War.

Formed by 80-chapter members in 1995, Rolling Thunder, Inc. has grown to 97 chapters across the U.S. Their members include Veterans and non-Veterans, the old and young, and men and women from all walks of life, all of whom are united in the cause to increase public awareness, media coverage, and, remind our government of its responsibility and accountability to our Gold Star Families, POWs, and MIAs of all wars.... *“Leave no one behind!”*



37th Annual Freedom Ride
May 26th, 2024



Increasing Our Chapter’s Presence, Visibility, and Relevancy!

Over the years, the nation-wide, annual *Freedom Ride* has grown to include more than 750,000 participants from across the U.S. and many more in foreign countries. In addition to their annual Memorial Day event, the Rolling Thunder's Michigan Chapters join with other Veteran Groups to raise awareness for the ongoing POW/MIA issue and bring awareness to the public and to government officials that there are still @85, 521 POW/MIAs missing from all previous wars and, also, to protect future Veterans from being left behind should they become POWs/MIAs.

Rolling Thunder donates, presents and replaces -as needed, POW/MIA flags to local businesses that support their cause. Their members visit VA hospitals on a regular basis, fundraise for the Michigan Disabled Veteran's Group, support local Veteran's homeless shelters and two Veterans Adult Foster Care Homes. They also support other Veteran groups in their endeavors: They are committed to helping American Veterans from all wars and are dedicated to charitable causes for all Veterans. Their organizing principle is embedded in their motto, "When one American is not worth the effort to be found, we as Americans have lost."



Patrick B. Kavanaugh, Ph.D., Past President
Michigan Chapter, 101st Airborne Division Association
Life Member

Airborne/Air Assault!

Markers & Milestones:

-Received from John C. Sosa, Life Member:

The Annual JROTC Awards Ceremony was held in the Grand Rapids/Muskegon area this past May. The 2024 recipients of the 101st ABA Awards were:

Lamont Jamison - Ottawa Hills HS
Angela Perez - Union HS
Drew Burchard-Mease - Innovation Central HS

... Congratulations!

Received from Randal Underhill, Executive Director,
101st Airborne Division Assn & Screaming Eagle Foundation (931-431-0199)
(Reprinted from e-letter, June 2024)

As you probably know, the upcoming Annual Reunion will be held from August 7th-10th in Springfield, MO. Visit the Association's website to register on-line or down load a mail-in registration form. Please consider joining us to celebrate the shared heritage of the 101st Airborne Division. The Oasis Hotel and Convention Center is very full with a few exceptions. You can still try to book a room in the main hotel until July 5th at 5 pm. After that, the room block closes and the rate of \$119 a night may not be available or honored. The overflow hotel, The Holiday Inn & Suites I-44 Springfield is adjacent to the main hotel. There are rooms available, but you will need to contact them to make your arrangements. They can be reached by contacting the Holiday Inn & Suites Springfield, I-44 at (417) 865-8600. There is a shuttle that will be available to get between hotels if you are unable to walk between the hotels. We sincerely hope to see you at the event, it will be a great time spent with friends.

The long-awaited Tennessee Wings of Liberty Museum conducted their official groundbreaking recently at Fort Campbell with construction to begin immediately. The Wings of Liberty will sit on the post just inside the area adjacent to Gate 3 and will feature 40,000 square feet of exhibits when completed. This world class museum is dedicated to the 101st Airborne, the 5th Special Forces Group and the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment and will be accessible from Fort Campbell Boulevard near the Fort Campbell Boulevard and Tiny Town Road intersection without requiring the base access to enter Fort Campbell. It will be open to the public. The project is projected to be completed in late 2025. Many thanks to the Chapters and Association Members who contributed this project over the past many years.

From the Editor, *MSE*
Submission of Articles:

Submit All Articles to the *MSE* and the *Markers & Milestone* Section to:

The Editor, *MSE*: (email) camsufism@aol.com

All articles and contributions must be in a text file such as
Microsoft Word. (Ensure that all submissions can be edited.)

Print Schedule:

1st Quarter 2023

January 1st, 2023 -Submission Date

2nd Quarter 2023

April 1st, 2023 -Submission Date

3rd Quarter 2023

July 1st, 2023 -Submission Date

4th Quarter 2023

October 1st, 2023 -Submission Date

Patrick B. Kavanaugh, Ph.D., Editor,
Michigan Screaming Eagle (MSE)

"No one left behind!"

-Donation Form-

Our mission is to establish our chapter's presence in Michigan's local communities; develop satellite groups and community-based outreach programs for those who have been left behind -our "Lone Eagles;" and, tell the story of the 101st Airborne Division Association to the next generation of young Americans. In so doing, we -at once, interweave our core values of *patriotism, equality, liberty, and justice for all* ever more tightly into the social fabric of our local communities and promote a deep and abiding respect for all who serve -past, present, and future, for our great nation, and for our Flag and all it represents.

Your generous participation in our appeal for donations can help make a significant difference in the lives of those in Michigan's Airborne/Air Assault community who gave and sacrificed so very much to protect our individual freedoms, cherished liberties, and preserve our national and individual sovereignty! Life-altering opportunities that might not otherwise exist for them and their families can happen through your compassionate giving and caring.

We are duty bound to uphold our oath to the Constitution; we are honor bound to help and support each other. Contribute whatever is possible; support our mission so that no one is left behind! Your gift can be influential in shaping our local Michigan communities and the everyday lives of our brothers and sisters who have been left behind! For an even greater impact, consider making your gift a pledge or recurring gift.

Please fill out the following information and earmark where you want to direct your gift:

Name: _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip _____

Phone: _____ Cell) _____ (Home) _____

Email: _____

*****Please update my information: _____**

CORPORATE GIFTS	LEADERSHIP GIFTS	SUSTAINING GIFTS	_____ GREATEST NEED
_____ \$25,000	_____ \$5,000	_____ \$250	_____ "LONE EAGLE FUND"
_____ \$15,000	_____ \$1,000	_____ \$100	_____ CHAPTER SUPPORT
_____ \$10,000	_____ \$500	_____ \$25	_____ IN MEMORY OF...

Please send your contribution to:

John C. Sosa, Treasurer
1569 Mill Street
Lincoln Park, MI 48146-2358

...Thank You!