



**35th Annual Reunion
and
Gathering of Eagles**

**The Hampton Inn
September 16th – 18th, 2022**

Brighton, MI



101st Airborne Division Association,
Michigan Chapter



THE MICHIGAN SCREAMING EAGLE
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"No one left behind!"

Greetings Screaming Eagles,

As the world watches in shock and disbelief, the unprovoked Russian invasion of Ukraine continues, ruthlessly and relentlessly. Thus far, more than eight million Ukrainians have been displaced amongst the many reports of Russian atrocities and war crimes. Their barbaric onslaught has led to the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) and elements of the 82nd Airborne Division and the 18th Airborne Corps placed on heightened alert with some units already deployed to Poland, and added rotational forces deployed to the Baltic states and Romania.

During these unpredictable and perilous times, it's important to remember our Soldiers and families in our thoughts and prayers. Once again, they have answered the call and are ready to defend our nation's interests and the cause of Freedom against any further expansion of Russia's "special military operation." And, also, remember our political and military leaders, praying that our Lord, God, grants them the wisdom and foresight to guide our nation and Soldiers through these very difficult and dangerous times.

It's at times like these that the words of General Joseph F. Dunford, Jr. (USMC) might provide a measure of comfort and reassurance:

Generations of Soldiers of the 101st Airborne Division have forged a distinctive warrior ethos, a relentless passion for victory, and an enduring reputation that still strikes fear in potential adversaries. From D-Day and the Battle of the Bulge in World War 11, the Battle of Hamburger Hill and Firebase Ripcord in Vietnam, to Iraq and current operations in Afghanistan, the Screaming Eagles have never let our Nation down. That impressive lineage is due in large part to the traditions, qualities and characteristics you upheld on your watch, and ensured were instilled in the next generation. (2016)

In life, there are certain things that matter to which everything else subordinates. Of course, different things matter differently to different people. No question. But for most, if not all, of our chapter members, it matters -and it matters deeply, that we remember our Soldiers and families in our prayers: ... *Our Soldiers matter! Our families matter!* and, *Our prayers matter!*

And these different "matter-ings" speak to something essential about who we are, where we come from, and the story our chapter has to tell! Not surprisingly, they are at the heart of our

mission and purpose, why it's important to establish our presence in our local communities, and - more than ever, why we must pass our history, values, and traditions on to the next generation of young Americans. It is important -indeed, vital and necessary, that our chapter not only survives, but thrives in the years ahead! ... *Our chapter matters!*

The Keepers of the Flame - Remembering the Things That Matter ...

In ancient times, the "Keeper of the Flame" was a person or group designated to literally keep a fire burning in memory of those who had passed and gone before them: That was their sacred duty and responsibility. ... *They remembered!* They remembered their life-stories, their beliefs and values, and their personal characteristics. And, they passed them on to the next generation providing them with, at once, aspirational figures with whom they could identify and, also, a shared sense of social continuity, coherence, and cohesiveness.

In many respects, our chapter is a modern-day version of the "Keeper of the Flame:" ... *We remember!* We keep our history, stories, and traditions alive and pass them on to the next generation. Our genealogy traces back in time to December 16th, 1983 when a small group of WWII veterans of the 101st Airborne Division met in Detroit at the old Veteran's Memorial building on the banks of the Detroit River overlooking Windsor, Ontario (CA). They met in the month of December to commemorate the Battle of the Bulge and to honor the memory of their fallen comrades who had fought with such valor and distinction.

They called themselves "The Nuts Club" in recognition and honor of General Anthony McAuliffe -acting commander of the 101st Airborne Division, and his defiant one-word reply to the German ultimatum to surrender – "Nuts!", and also to remember and honor the valor and sacrifice of their comrades during the Battle of the Bulge in which over 75,000 casualties were taken by the Allied forces and 20,000 Soldiers were killed in action. The Nuts Club lit the fire! ...and, then, they kept it burning!

Three years later -on December 14th, 1986, our national charter was rendered at the United States Military Academy, West Point, NY, and we became a member of the national association. In effect, "The Nuts Club" was designated as The Keeper of the Flame for Michigan's 101st Airborne/Air Assault community. Our chapter assumed the duties and responsibilities for keeping the history, values, and traditions alive and instilling them in the generations that followed. This is our legacy! ... *Our legacy matters!*

Time passes... Most of our WW11 Eagles have soared and gone before us! R.I.P. ... *Well done!* Those of us from the Vietnam era are now the Keepers of the Flame! And as the current generation of Fire Keepers, we are doing everything possible to Keep the Flame burning! We encourage and support the formation of satellite groups in our Michigan communities (p 10a). We recently launched our new membership drive, fundraising campaign, and *Operation Lone Eagle* - our chapter's *Rendezvous with Destiny!* -as "Nuts" as that might sound to some, given the declining membership rolls of veterans' groups across the country! ... *Our survival matters!*

And there are other significant ways by which we remember and support our Soldiers, families, and communities: We financially contribute to our association's scholarship funds, emergency assistance programs and disaster relief projects that impact communities that support our Soldiers and families; we support patriotic, historical, and educational, projects in our local communities like the WW11 Memorial in Royal Oak (MI); we acknowledge and support our ROTC and JROTC programs in universities and high schools throughout Michigan; and, we sponsor our monthly Gathering of Eagles in Livonia, our annual state-wide reunion and memorial banquet, and host the association's reunions whenever and wherever possible. In these and other ways, we remember and continue our legacy! ... *Our chapter matters!*

And our chapter's presence and traditions embody, reflect, and sustain the things that matter in our society and way of life: They help form and sustain the structure, foundation, and values of our families; they are woven into the delicate knit of our society's social fabric; they help keep our cherished values like *freedom, faith, and integrity* alive and meaningful; they help sustain our everyday practical values like *teamwork, self-sacrifice, and pride of accomplishment*; and, they help affirm our society's values of acquiring a good education, taking personal responsibility, and developing a strong work ethic. ... *Things that matter in our society!*

Why Do We Remember?

Duty! Honor! Country!

In speaking to the West Point cadets at the United States Military Academy on May 12th, 1962, General Douglas MacArthur spoke of the American Soldier as belonging to posterity as "... the instructor of future generations in the principles of liberty and freedom", "... defending, guarding, and protecting our nations traditions of liberty and freedom, of right and justice...", and that "... The Long Gray Line has never failed us. Were you to do so, a million ghosts in olive drab, in brown khaki, in blue and gray, would rise from their white crosses thundering those magic words: *Duty, Honor, Country! ...*" [emphasis added].

To channel MacArthur, the three hallowed words of *Duty! Honor! Country!* reverently dictate what we as a chapter ought to be, what we can be, and what we will be as we move forward with each of us doing whatever we can to preserve our history, stories and traditions so we can pass them on and instill them in the next generation of young Americans! As chapter members and American citizens, we must not fail to meet our duty and responsibilities as the current generation of Fire Keepers! ... *Not on our watch!*

Our chapter represents, upholds, and advances the association's ideals and values in our local communities. Namely -and specifically, our shared ideals of *Equality! Liberty! Freedom!* and *Justice for All!* and our shared values of *Patriotism! Teamwork!* and *Self-sacrifice!* And we do this "...in the memory of our departed comrades, whose presence is amongst us and never to be forgotten": ... *The ghosts of our Eagles past, resting under their endless rows of white crosses!*

And, we do this in support of those recently deployed to Poland and other strategic positions throughout Europe ... *The spirits of our Eagles present, currently upholding our*

traditions and values on their watch! (p7) And, we do this to instill our ideals and values in the next generation of young Americans ... *The spirits of our Eagles, citizens, and leaders of the future!* In many respects, our chapter functions as a bridge-like entity across which the ghosts of our Eagles past traverse and intermingle with the spirits of our warrior Eagles of the present in the service of continuing our legacy that, in turn, influences and shapes the spirits of *our future Eagles* and next generation of citizens and leaders. (See John C. Sosa's article p 7)

As a chapter member and an American citizen, major aspects of our core identity, purpose, and ethics flow from and sustain the 101st Airborne Division Association's narrative, values, and traditions. Individually and collectively, we are an integral part of its storied history that, in large measure, defines our past, influences who we are, and shapes how we will be remembered in the future. How we are remembered -or not, largely depends on the things that mattered to us in life, and how we chose to spend our respective measure of time on earth!

As a Fire Keeper, spread the word, recruit new members, start a satellite group (p10a), bring a buddy to a meeting! Tell your story, inspire our youth (p 8); visit our website, inform your community (www.101stairbornemichiganchapter.com); donate your time, energy, and/or financial contribution(s) (p13) so that our chapter might not only survive, but thrive in the years ahead! Each of us can contribute to our mission and purpose in any number of ways so that we continue on as the Keepers of the Flame! **Keep the Flame Burning! ... It matters!**

... Unless, of course, it doesn't, in which case our history will be revised, our stories rewritten, and our traditions diluted! And, not surprisingly, the more traditional values and ideological strands woven into the delicate knit of our society's social fabric -like *Patriotism! Equality!* and *Freedom and Justice for All!* - will then continue to fray, unravel, and be replaced with racialized values and radicalized ideological strands! More than ever, our chapter's increased presence, visibility, and relevancy in our local communities is vital and necessary! Needless to say, ... *It's one of those things that matter!*

Keeping the Flame Burning: Your Participation and Presence Matter!

Over the next several weeks, we will host the association's 77th National reunion at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids (MI) (August 3rd-6th) and -shortly thereafter, sponsor our own 35th annual reunion in Brighton (MI) (September 16th-18th). Come join with us at either or both as we gather to keep our history, stories, and traditions alive! ... *Your presence matters!*

The organizing theme of the association's 77th national reunion in Grand Rapids acknowledges, recognizes, and honors the 50th anniversary of the Division's return from Vietnam: "1972-2022 - *Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans!*" On April 6th, 1972 - fifty years ago this past April, the Screaming Eagles returned from Vietnam to an official welcome home ceremony at Fort Campbell. The 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile) was the last U.S. Army Division to leave Vietnam. ... *Duty! Honor! Country!*

Special recognition is given this year to all Vietnam Eagles and families for the many sacrifices they made that went largely unacknowledged, unrecognized, and unappreciated, given the social turbulence of the mid '60s and early '70s. To all who did not receive a well-deserved "Welcome Home!" from a grateful nation, come join with us in Grand Rapids as we gather to acknowledge all those who served during the Vietnam-era and, also, to recognize the values and traditions they so nobly upheld on their watch! Visit our website to see the last edition of the *Michigan Screaming Eagle (MSE)* (April 15th, 2022) for more detailed information on how to best register for the reunion, make hotel reservations, and participate in the Grand Rapids' Experience. ... *Your participation matters!*

And this year we meet for our chapter's 35th annual reunion in Brighton (MI) (September 16th - 18th), a tradition that's an integral to our history, identity, and legacy! Once again, our memorial banquet provides us with a forum to publicly acknowledge, recognize, and honor our Soldiers and families and, also, to remember those Eagles -our faithful and beloved comrades, who recently soared from our midst (p 10b): We celebrate them and the things that mattered to them in life! This is one of our most solemn and sacred of traditions! It matters that we take time to pause and reflect on their lives, because they mattered to us! ... *Your presence matters!*

Our memorial banquet offers us the opportunity to, once again, gather to remember and say "Thank You!" to all of our Soldiers, families, and departed comrades for their selfless-contributions and many sacrifices made in the defense of our liberties and freedoms, our individual and national sovereignty, and our nation's security and interests. Indeed, we must take advantage of every opportunity to affirm our values, beliefs and traditions with like-minded others. ... *Your presence and participation matter!*

Our annual reunion is itself a tradition that reminds us that we are an integral part of a storied history, vision, and purpose much larger than ourselves. It reminds us who we are, where we come from, and the stories we have to tell! Come join with us and tell your stories! ... tell *their* stories! And if and when there are some details and specifics -or even the stories themselves, that can't be remembered, we'll still know with certainty that we lived and shared our values and lives with comrades who we'll never, *ever* forget! ... *Our traditions unite us!*

Up close and personal, our Airborne/Air Assault traditions underly the deep sense of connectedness and belongingness in Michigan's Airborne/Air Assault community. Indeed, they enable us to reconnect with old friends after many years, and readily connect and make new ones. And for those members who have drifted away over the years, consider this a special invite to join with us in Brighton as we gather to Keep the Flame burning! ... *Your presence matters!*

One of our chapter's lesser-known traditions is the 'Passing of the Baton' every two years from the outgoing to the incoming president. In 1993, members of the 101st Airborne Division (AASLT) Parachute Demonstration Team – the Army's elite parachute team, "The Golden Knights" - presented a baton passed in freefall to our chapter's then president at the association's

48th annual reunion (August 19th – 21st, 1993). And it has been passed ever since from the outgoing to the incoming president.

As it was passed from then-president Keith Sousa to myself at the beginning of my term in office, so too I will pass it to our incoming president, Col. Edward H. Hirsch (Ret.), at this year's memorial banquet: It symbolizes the passing of our chapter's command authority and responsibility. While a distinct honor to receive the baton, it is not an honorific position! More than simply a ceremonial tradition, the act of passing the baton signifies -much like in the Golden Knights' free fall, mission and purpose, teamwork and coordination, and commitment and dedication! And, it also signifies -much like in a relay race, moving the baton forward!

If our chapter is to survive if not thrive in the years ahead, every one of us *must* -in some way, step forward and answer our chapter's "Call to Serve!" Dr. Hirsch cannot do this by himself! *No one can!* It takes a team of dedicated and committed Fire Keepers to Keep the Flame burning! And there is a pressing urgency to do so! If our chapter's membership continues to decline in the years ahead -as inevitably it will, if we do nothing- the Flame will gradually diminish until -eventually, only smoldering embers remain and -in time, their reddish glow will fade and extinguish as their whispers of smoke drift off and dissipate in the wind ... like old soldiers fading away! ... *Answering your chapter's call to serve matters!*

It has been my distinct honor and privilege to serve as our chapter's president over the past two years. During this time, the organizing focus has been on our survival while, at the same time, positioning ourselves so we might thrive in the years ahead! To that end, we have vigorously advanced our history, traditions, and values in Michigan's local communities through our newsletter -*The Michigan Screaming Eagle*, our website, and our continued presence on Face Book. And as we have increased our visibility, presence, and relevancy in our local communities, we have moved the baton forward!

I would like to thank our board of officers who gave so generously of their time, energy, and efforts during the very difficult "covid-times" of the past two years: They are dedicated and committed Fire Keepers, one and all! Together, we made a lot of lemonade from the many lemons served up by the pandemic's fickle finger of fate! We owe them our deepest gratitude and heart-felt thanks! ... *It really mattered!*

And so, until we meet again,

Support the chapter and each other,
Be safe and cautious, and
Stay healthy and positive ...

Patrick B. Kavanaugh, Ph.D., President
101st Airborne Division Assn., Michigan Chapter
Life Member
Airborne! Air Assault!

**101st Airborne Division:
“Week of the Eagles” (May 20th – 26th, 2022)**

Continuing a tradition that began in 1974, the 2022 Week of the Eagles started on Friday, May 20th, 2022 at Fort Campbell with the opening ceremony held in front of Division Headquarters. Major General JP McGee, current Commanding General, delivered his welcoming remarks in the somber presence of the ninth annual “Boots on the Ground” display honoring all the fallen during the Global War on Terrorism.

More than 7,600 combat boots lined the lawn, each representing the life of a U.S. service member killed in action post 9-11. And each had a photo of the individual, some personal notes and mementos, and a small American flag. It was an especially powerful and meaningful beginning to this year’s “Week of the Eagles” for all the soldiers, veterans, and families in attendance. May we never forget that our freedom is not free!

For my wife, Kathleen, and myself, the week’s events and experiences brought back many memories from days gone by and, also, filled us with great pride as we met and spoke with our current generation of warriors, the young men and women who have volunteered to serve and defend our great nation. I’ll speak more about them later, but first the events of the week:

- Saturday at 1100-1500 opened with the Division static display, followed by the Air Assault demonstration, and later in the early evening, a concert was performed at the parade field featuring “Lynyrd Skynyrd,” an iconic musical group.
- (Sunday was set aside as a make-up day for Saturday if the weather did not cooperate.)
- Monday at 1000 was the Soldier Recovery Unit Memorial Rededication. Breakfast, lunch and dinner were available at the US Army dining facility for all those attending.
- Tuesday at 0630 was the Division Run, followed by the Gold Star Family Memorial Dedication Ceremony with a special performance by Mr. Lee Greenwood and his stirring rendition of “God Bless The USA!” Afterwards, the 327th, 506th and 502nd regiments had their recognition and awards ceremony to honor Distinguished Members of the Regiment.
- Wednesday at 1330 “The Division Mass Reenlistment Ceremony” was held at the Air Assault School. It was a sight to see!
- Thursday at 0930, The 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) Review was held at the Division Parade Field followed by the Honorary Air Assault Ceremony for the Vietnam Veterans.
- Friday and Saturday had many activities like the unit golf tournaments, combatives & boxing tournaments, softball and basketball tournaments, tug-of-war tournaments, and, finally, the ultimate football game!

I saved the best of the week for last: Meeting and talking with the present-day warriors of the only Air Assault Division in the US Armed Forces! Kathleen and I took every opportunity to engage in conversation with these fine young men and women. We were very impressed with

what we saw and heard from all of them in terms of their patriotism, values, personal characteristics, and dedication and commitment to *Duty! Honor! Country!*

As to their personal characteristics, they respectfully addressed us as “Ma’am!” and “Sir!” They saw me as a “greybeard” that had probably served at some time in the distant past. And, so, I took the opportunity to tell them that I had proudly served right there at Fort Campbell over fifty years ago before deploying with the Division to the Republic of Vietnam in 1967. And I then told them some of the stories from my graybeard past, what it was like back in my day, and that they were continuing in the tradition of The Long Gray Line that has never failed us!

As to my memories! I marveled at the new brick and mortar construction that now occupies the old Garrison HQ and Division area. Across the railroad tracks was where the old US Army Stockade had been. I pointed to where the jump school for parachute training used to be, and where the old Recondo School (RECON-naissance and comman-DO) stood for the infantry reconnaissance units. What a change from the old WWII wooden structures we used back in the day!

Kathleen and I thanked each and every soldier we met for their service to the country and the citizens of this great nation! In turn, they thanked me for cutting the path that led to the new, challenging, and voluntary nature of the armed forces in which they serve. We were very impressed with the knowledge they had of their respective jobs, referred to as their Military Occupational Specialty (MOS). Every soldier we spoke with was able to articulate his or her specialty with a sense of confidence and pride!

Our interactions with every one of them filled us with a sense of pride and confidence, as well. We had the distinct impression that today’s young men and women of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) are more than ready, willing, and able to continue the legacy! ... a legacy forged in fire eighty years ago by our WW11 Eagles and has continued on ever since, as reflected and embodied in their current motto, “*80 Years of getting it done with the 101!*”

In closing, it is incumbent upon all of us who followed the “Greatest Generation” to inspire those who are coming after us to know and understand our history, values, and traditions. And, also, to understand the meaning of *Patriotism* and *Loyalty to the Flag* in our great republic, and to appreciate and honor the many sacrifices made over the past eighty years to sustain our way of life, as guaranteed by the Constitution of these United States of America.

God bless America and our Armed Forces!

Submitted by
John C. Sosa, Secretary/Treasurer
101st Airborne Division Association
Michigan Chapter
Life Member

Markers & Milestones:

Received from Keith Jordan -Tuskegee Airman
(Detroit Free Press, Obituary, June 26th, 2022)

Retired Lt. Col. Alexander Jefferson, a member of the Tuskegee Airmen, World War II prisoner of war and lifelong Detroit resident, died on June 26th at the age of 100. After graduating from Clark College in Atlanta, he volunteered for the U.S. Army Reserve, was placed in flight training with the U.S. Army Air Forces, and graduated from the Tuskegee Army Air Field's pilot training in 1944, followed by combat training at Selfridge airfield in Harrison Township.

Jefferson was one of the first African American military pilots, and among the first to escort bombers in WWII. He served as a P-51 fighter pilot with the 332nd Fighter Group-301st Fighter Squadron in Ramitelli, Italy, later known as the "Red Tails." He flew 18 escort missions before being shot down in 1944 and was held as a prisoner in Poland for nine months (1944-45). He later wrote, "Red Tail Captured, Red Tail Free: Memoirs of a Tuskegee Airman and POW."

Honorably discharged from active duty in 1947, Jefferson retired from the reserves in 1969 with the rank of lieutenant colonel. Among his many honors, he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Purple Heart, the Air Force Achievement Medal, POW medal, American Defense Service Medal, World War II Victory Medal, National Defense Reserve Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, and the Bronze Star. The Congressional Gold Medal was presented to him and the Tuskegee Airmen in 2007 by President George W. Bush.

Upon retiring from the military in 1947, Jefferson taught elementary school science in Detroit and eventually became assistant principal of his school. In retirement, he spent time sharing stories about the Tuskegee Airmen and inspiring our youth. He is the last surviving member of the founders of the Detroit Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen, the original chapter. ... R.I.P.

Received from Cal Kirschner -Life Member
(The Tribune News Service)

Born Feb. 2, 1942 in Greenville, S.C. as William Hopkins, "Bo" Hopkins died at a hospital in Southern California on Saturday June 18th, 2022 following a heart attack. He was an Army veteran who starred in films from the 1960s through 2020. His biggest roles were in "American Graffiti," "Midnight Express" and "The Wild Bunch." His last role was in "Hillbilly Elegy" in 2020.

Hopkins described himself as a wild child like the ones he played on screen. In a 2012 interview, he said he was bound for reform school before he joined the Army at 16. He was assigned to the 101st Airborne Division and served in Korea for nine months. Upon discharge, he went to the Pioneer Playhouse in Kentucky to learn how to act on stage. Hopkins is survived by his wife, Sian, and two children, Matthew and Jane. ... R.I.P.

Received from Keith Sousa -Life Member

(Operation Lone Eagle strives to reach out and connect with those in the Airborne/Air Assault community who might feel alienated from society, their family, and/or themselves. Feel free to provide the following information to your local community leaders, groups, and members: ... Spread the word!)

NO VETERAN LEFT BEHIND!
1515 W. Fort Street, P.O. Box 1429
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NO VETERAN LEFT BEHIND is committed to assisting those who have served in the armed forces, by supporting a seamless re-entry into civilian life through a variety of services available to military veterans and their families. This mission statement is accomplished by offering and/or assisting with the following:

- Resources designed to assist United States military veterans with any-and-all needs to adapt back into civilian society.
- Matching military veterans with any mental health or social work professional needed (if applicable).
- Obtaining legal counsel for veteran or civilian needs.
- Assisting military veterans with job seeking skills (based on assessment), resume building, interviewing skills and referrals.
- Financial management and tax preparation upon securing employment.
- Finding reasonable housing both transitional and long term (may be subject to income requirements).

CONTACT US: Phone: 313-595-1262

<https://www.facebook.com/noveteranleftbehind.us/>

Email: info@veteranrescue.org

Web: www.veteranrescue.org

Received from the WW11 War Memorial Committee - Royal Oak, MI

We received a “Thank You!” note from the War Memorial’s organizing committee for our chapter’s support of their long-term project and especially their recent groundbreaking ceremony on April 7th, 2022 introducing the first phase of their WW11 Legacy Memorial at Memorial Park in Royal Oak (MI). (www.michiganww2memorial.org.; *Michigan Screaming Eagle*, April 2022)

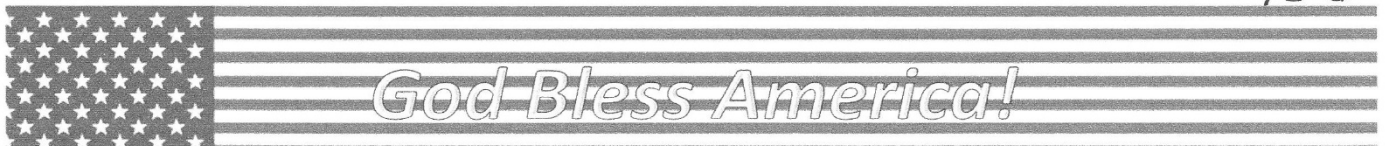


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101st Airborne Division Association**

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William (Bill) Bricker
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CSM (R) Donald R. McLane**

***"Rest in eternal peace, for you have answered the call to duty
And completed your mission, well done."***

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The Hampton Inn
8068 Challis Road,
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Hotel Reservations:

For reservations, call (810) 225-8363, dial “O” to reach the front desk, and ask for, “the Michigan Chapter, 101st Airborne Assn. block of rooms,” (Code: MCA).

(Do not make your reservations on line.)

Room rate is \$109.65 per Night, plus tax (Includes Continental Breakfast)

Make your reservations **no later than August 20th, 2022.** (space is limited.)

<u>Banquet:</u>	The Hampton Inn 8068 Challis Road, Brighton, Michigan	Saturday, September 17 th , 5:30 p.m. Attire: Women: Slacks, Skirt, Blouse, Pantsuit, Dress Men: Suit and Tie or Business Casual
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Menu selections: (See the enclosed form)

Schedule of Weekend Events:

Friday, September 16th – 7:00 p.m. Hospitality Room Opens

Saturday, September 17th

- 9:00 a.m. Executive Committee Meeting
- 10:00 a.m. General Membership Meeting
- 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Personal Time
- 5:00 p.m. Banquet Set Up at the Hampton Inn
- 6:00 p.m. Recognition of Fallen Comrades:
 - POW/MIA Recognition Ceremony
 - Passing of the Baton
- 6:30 p.m. Dinner
- Hospitality Room Opens

Sunday, September 18th – Travel Home

**35th Annual Reunion & Gathering of Eagles
-Registration and Menu Selections Form-**

(**Return no later than September 6th, 2022**)

Registration:

Name(s) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State & Zip Code _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Buffet Selections:

Choose one of the following buffet selections for each attendee.
The cost of each selection is \$30.00 and includes the Meal, Tax, and Gratuity.

(Indicate the # of selections)

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|------------------------------------|---------|
| 1) Roast Beef & Gravy..... | # _____ |
| 2) Herb Baked Chicken | # _____ |
| 3) Peppers & Italian sausage | # _____ |

Check Enclosed in the Amount of: _\$ _____

Please send your completed Registration and Buffet Selection Form and check to:

John Sosa, Treasurer
1569 Mill Street,
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If there are any questions, don't hesitate to contact Mr. John Sosa, Treasurer (313) 382-2341) or Dr. Patrick Kavanaugh, President (248) 660-3452.

"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: _____

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_____ \$15,000	_____ \$1,000	_____ \$100	_____ CHAPTER SUPPORT
_____ \$10,000	_____ \$500	_____ \$25	_____ IN MEMORY OF...

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