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from the
Global War on Terror!

101st Airborne Division Association,
Michigan Chapter

THE MICHIGAN SCREAMING EAGLE

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"No one left behind!"

Greetings Screaming Eagles,

Happy Birthday America! … As we celebrate the birth of the youngest and most powerful free nation on the face of the earth, let us journey back 250 years to the birth of our great nation; the year is1776. On May 15th, 1776, the 2nd Continental Congress sent a proposed draft of a constitutional form of government to the 13 American colonies for them to consider and vote to ether ratify or reject. Drafted primarily by Thomas Jefferson, this was one of our nation's founding documents**,** giving birth to our great nation. It declared the American colonies independent from Great Britain and the tyrannical rule of King George 111.

This pivotal document outlined the colonies reasons for separating from England which included King George's excessive taxation without representation, obstruction of justice, military oppression like the quartering of troops, and the ongoing violation of the colonists' rights and self-governance, justifying their declaration of independence from Great Britain and formation of a new nation based on natural rights and law. The colonies unabashedly asserted the foundational principles of self-governance for their new nation, a government *of*, *by*, and *for* the people. The 2nd Continental Congress met again from July 2nd – 4th. On July 4th, 1776, it adopted the Declaration of Independence and declared American independence from England.

Prior to declaring independence from the British, however, the 1st Continental Congress had met from September 5th - October 26th, 1774 at Carpenter's Hall, Philadelphia, to articulate and coordinate their resistance to the British colonial policy. And a monumental page of American and world history was written by the dedicated and committed citizen-soldiers known as the "Minute Men of the American Revolution." The Minute Men were members of the elite colonial militia during the American Revolution; they were trained to be ready for battle at a "minute's notice." In effect, they served as a rapid defense force and intelligence gathering network before the continental Army was established. Formed in late 1774 from local militias in Massachusetts, these citizen-soldiers courageously responded quickly to British threats and

incursions, clashing at the Battles of Lexington and Concord in April 1775 which marked the beginning of our War of Independence.

Imagine reading the Declaration of Independence for the very first time and wondering if the particular words chosen accurately depicted the motivating factors for the colonists who stood steadfastly opposed to British rule. The colonists were divided with approximately 20% loyal to the Crown – "the Loyalists," and approximately 45% seeking independence from Great Britain – "the Patriots." And there were passionate debates between the two, an example of which was the war of words between Loyalist Samuel Seabury, writing in defense of the King of England under the pen name of A.W. Farmer, and Alexander Hamilton writing anonymously in support of the Patriot's position, highlighting some of the key political arguments. A poetic example of Hamilton's rebuttal to A.W. Farmer is found in, "*A Full Vindication of the Measures of Congress*",

> The sacred rights of mankind are not to be rummaged for among
> old parchments or musty records. They are written as with a sunbeam,
> in the whole volume of human nature, by the hand of divinity itself,
> and can never be erased.
>
> -Alexander Hamilton, *The Farmer Refuted* (1775).

Fortunately for the new republic, the Patriots had a group of exemplary military leaders making difficult decisions under the most trying of condition and circumstances. Extraordinary men like George Washington, Benedict Arnold -who later became a traitor, the Marquis de Lafayette, General "Mad" Anthony Wayne, and the legendary Francis Marion -the "Swamp Fox", from the State of South Carolina, to name just a few.

We are the American citizens of today. We must not forget or discount the true motivations for rebellion by the Patriots during the American Revolution: Freedom! The spirit of freedom to speak your mind, to believe in your God, to seek justice in the courts, and to seek a better life for all in these United States of America. Today, that spirit of Freedom is still alive and is an integral part of the American character. Millions follow their dreams to the shores of

this great country: They have made their lives, families, and fortunes. America is truly the land of "milk and honey" for those willing to work for it and follow the rule of law.

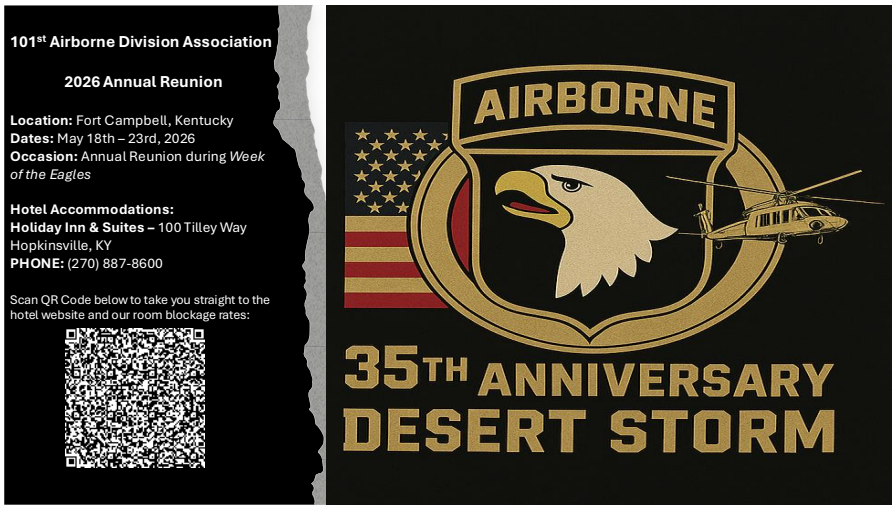
How fortunate am I to have been born in this great country, know our Constitution, and learn about our Declaration of Independence. I challenge anyone to find a better alternative to our model of government and philosophy of governance. As American citizens, we cmust not forget the framers of the Constitution and Declaration of Independence: Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, James Madison, and Thomas Paine -just to name a few.

The framers were well-aware of the far-reaching implications of their documents for future generations, especially our Constitution. They understood the importance of its separation of powers principle that prevents any branch of government from exercising power over and dominating the others because of its intricate system of checks and balances. Federalism was established as a division of power between the national government and the states, allowing for shared-power and governance while preserving the states' authority with the consent of the governed.

… There we have it, the Constitution: A document drafted, adopted, and implemented *by*, *of*, and *for* the American people. A living parchment ahead of its times with its principles still viable and guiding us today as it did at the very beginnings of our nation. So, I say, "Happy 250th Birthday, America! May you celebrate another 250 years!"

God bless our Armed Forces, and God bless America,

John C. Sosa, President
Michigan Chapter, 101st Airborne Division Association
Airborne…Air Assault!



THE MICHIGAN
WWII LEGACY
Memorial™

by
Patrick B. Kavanaugh, Ph.D., Past President -Life Member

PHASE 1 DEDICATION

Located in Memorial Park in Royal Oak, The Michigan WWII Legacy Memorial is our state's tribute to Michigan's *Greatest Generation* of patriotic men and women who came together in common cause during unprecedented times, sacrificed so much of their blood, sweat, and tears for our great nation, and made incredible contributions at both the war front and on the home front during some very dark times that eventually led to victory by our Allied Forces in WW11.

The Memorial memorializes the remarkable story of Michigan's *Greatest Generation* in which everyone was somehow involved in contributing to the war effort. And in this story, "All gave some and some gave all": Tens of thousands of "Rosie the Riveters" kept the production lines rolling in the Arsenal of Democracy on the home front; 15,458 of Michigan's sons and daughters gave their lives at the war front. The Memorial serves to educate and inspire those who visit to come together to meet and deal with today's many challenges with the same unwavering commitment, dedication, and patriotic spirit. In this way, the legacy lives on …

The MichiganWW11 Legacy Memorial began in 2007 as "Honor Flight Michigan. After completing 33 trips and taking @1,400 Veterans to the National WW11 Memorial in Washington D.C., their mission was competed. In 2010, they shifted their focus to building Michigan's own state memorial which led to the ground breaking ceremonies in 2013. The dedication of Phase 1 took place on August 10th, 2023 and featured a life-size "Mail Call" statue of a Soldier reading a letter from home and a "Walk of Honor" consisting of 1,400 engraved pavers honoring those who had contributed to the war effort.

PHASE 2 DEDICATION:
"ROSIE THE RIVETER"

This past Veterans Day, chapter President John Sosa and myself represented our chapter at the Phase 2 expansion of The Michigan WWII Legacy Memorial which featured the unveiling of a life-size "Rosie the Riveter" statue inspired by 103-year-old Frances "Rosie Fran" Masters, an original riveter from the Ford Willow Run bomber plant. As the honored guest, she arrived for the ceremony escorted by members of Chapter V of the Michigan Rolling Thunder:

Thanks to James House for his photographs of the Phase 2 Dedication:
Winding Trail Photography - "Life's Journey Through Pictures"
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The program was emceed by Fox2 News anchor Erica Francis, honored all "Rosie the Riveters" and WW11 Veterans, and concluded with the unveiling of the new life-size bronze statue of Rosie the Riveter and a viewing of the expanded Walk of Honor which now has 1,600 engraved pavers.

In his introductory remarks, board president John Maten of Royal Oak said, "Rosie represents the significant contribution of home front women to the Arsenal of Democracy, who kept the production lines rolling. We are especially honored that 103-year-old Frances Mauro Masters, a riveter from the Ford Willow Run WW11 bomber plant in Ypsilanti, is the inspiration for the face of the statue."

Frances “Rosie Fran” visited the Fine Arts Sculpture Center in Clarkston, where sculptor Oleg Kedria worked on the unique piece that features Rosie working on the line, riveting the skin on a B-24 bomber. The bronze statue symbolizes the strength, determination, and patriotism of the women on the home front who filled the shoes of the men called to fight at the warfront.

With her delightful humor and shared memories, “Rosie Fran” warmed the hearts of all those who gathered on a windy and brisk Veterans Day to honor her and all the “Rosies” she represented when she said, “Oh its beautiful! I am so proud to be part of something like this. My husband was in the Marines during WW11, I never told him what I did. I didn’t think it would make such a difference, but it did!” …And a very grateful nation responds, “Yes, it really, *really* did!” Without Rosie the Riveter, we would not have won WW11.

In a 1940 fireside chat, President Franklin D. Roosevelt (FDR) coined the phrase, “The Arsenal of Democracy” to describe the role of the United States in the war effort as the supplier of weapons and war materials to the Allied forces in their defense of democracy against the racial ideology and global ambitions of the Axis Powers.

America's industrial might, power, and capacities were harnessed and focused on the war effort and factories were transformed into a massive war-production machine and Detroit's auto plants were converted to manufacturing tanks, planes, and munitions, and otherwise equipping the Allied, even before the U.S. formally entered the war.

"Rosie the Riveter" made FDR's "Arsenal of Democracy" a reality: She kept the production lines rolling and the factories humming "24/7." She produced over 8,600 B-24 Liberator bombers at the Willow Run Bomber Plant. At its peak, a B-24 Liberator rolled off the assembly line every 63 minutes. Michigan's "Rosie the Riveter" came to symbolize every woman who worked in the factories in and around Detroit, in the small towns and communities throughout Michigan, and anywhere and everywhere on the home front across the country.

Bette Kenward, Board Member of the Legacy Memorial and Michigan Director of the American Rosie the Riveter Assn., spoke to the war materials "Rosie" produced across the nation: 297,000 airplanes, 102,000 tanks, 372,000 artillery pieces, 88,000 warships, 44 billion rounds of small arms ammo, and 47 million tons of artillery ammunition. They produced uniforms and parachutes for pilots and paratroopers, rubberized silk bags for powder charges, operated heavy machinery – including punch presses, lathes, and rivet guns- to assemble heavy metal plating, and produced components and assembled bombers like the B-17s and B-29s, and fighter aircraft like the P-47 Thunderbolts and A-26s.

The Memorial is fitting tribute to all the "Rosie the Riveters" and their incredible story of unwavering commitment, patriotism, and courage during the dark days and uncertain times: Rosie's rivet-gun was as vital and necessary on the home front as the Soldier's rifle was at the war front. And as part of the ceremony, family members proudly carried pictures of their mothers, grandmothers, aunts, and others. …. Rosie's legacy lives on.

With its unveiling, Rosie the Riveter joins the Soldier reading a letter from home surrounded by the Walk of Honor, which has now expanded to over 1600 engraved pavers honoring those who played such a vital role in Michigan's contribution to our nation's storied history of WW11.

On behalf of the Michigan Chapter of the 101st Airborne Division Association, I join with John Sosa, our chapter members, and all Veterans to say, "Thank you, Rosie!" … Your legacy lives on!

Keeping the Flame Burning: Increasing Our
Chapter's Visibility, Presence, and Relevancy:

by

Patrick B. Kavanaugh, Ph.D., Past President – Life Member

<u>Presidential Citation Certificates</u>

The Presidential Citation is an award given in appreciation and recognition of services rendered to our chapter and/or chapter members. At our 2023 Fenton reunion, the executive committee expanded the practice to recognizing and appreciating those in our local communities

who recognize, acknowledge, remember, or otherwise support our Veterans, Soldiers, Families, or POW/MIAs whether it's on Memorial Day, Veterans Day, or throughout the year!

This Certificate expresses our chapter's deep appreciation as it increases our presence, visibility, and relevance in 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 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 that you believe respects and recognizes the sacrifices of our Veterans, Soldiers, and Families?

If so, fill in the form below, send it to John C. Sosa, and a "Presidential Citation" will be printed and mailed directly back to you to present to your religious/community leader, small business owner, healthcare provider, or local Veterans group. If you take a picture of the presentation and forward it to me (camsufism@aol.com), it will be published in the next *MSE*.

"Presidential Citation" Certificate Order Form

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(Chapter Member Name)	(Phone #)	(e-mail)

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

Chapter T-Shirt Order Form

Also, our Michigan Chapter T-shirts are available to all members, at no cost. Just fill out the T-shirt order form below.

John C. Sosa
President

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1st Vice President

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Received from (Ms.) Marty Eddy, Michigan Coordinator, National League of POW/MIA Families, Secretary/Treasurer, POW Committee of Michigan
(email: eddypowmia@aol.com)

(There were no MIA Updates, remains identification announcements, or burial information received from the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) between October 1st and November 12th, 2025 because of the government shutdown.)

1,566 Americans remain unaccounted for from the Vietnam War; the following are from Michigan, and went missing on dates in November, December, and January:

On November 2, 1969, an F-100F Super Sabre (tail number 56-3796) took off from Tuy Hoa Air Base, South Vietnam, carrying two crew members on a forward air controller (FAC) mission over the Ho Chi Minh Trail in Laos. The last radio transmission received from the pilot stated that he was running out of fuel over Attapeu Province, about 20 miles east of the city of Muong May. The Super Sabre had a scheduled refueling, but when it failed to make the rendezvous, an aerial search was launched. The search found no sign of the aircraft, a crash site, or the missing crew. Because the aircraft disappeared over an area heavily infiltrated by enemy forces, a ground search could not be conducted. The aircraft and its two crew members remain unaccounted for.

First Lieutenant Patrick Henry Carroll Jr. entered the U.S. Air Force from Allen Park, Michigan and was a member of the 355th Tactical Fighter Squadron, 31st Tactical Fighter Wing. He was the pilot of this Super Sabre when it went missing, and he was lost with the aircraft. Subsequent to the incident, and while carried in the status of missing in action (MIA), the U.S. Air Force promoted First Lieutenant Carroll to the rank of Major (Maj). Today, Major Carroll is memorialized on the Courts of the Missing at the National

Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. His name is also inscribed along with all his fallen comrades on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, DC. … **R.I.P.**

On November 4, 1969, a UH-1H Iroquois (#67-19512) took off from Duc Lap, South Vietnam on a nighttime flight to Nha Trang, South Vietnam. Weather conditions were poor. Shortly after a radio communication reporting the helicopter's position near Duc My Pass, an air traffic controller at Ninh Hoa received an emergency distress message from the crew. There was no further contact and the helicopter never reached its destination. Search and rescue operations began the next morning as soon as there was daylight for visibility and continued for six days, but search personnel were unable to locate the helicopter, a crash site, or any of the crew members.

Sergeant First Class James Robert Klimo, who entered the U.S. Army from Muskegon, Michigan, served with the 281st Aviation Company, 17th Aviation Group, 1st Aviation Brigade and was the door gunner on this UH-1 at the time of its loss. He remains unaccounted for. Today, Sergeant First Class Klimo is memorialized on the Courts of the Missing at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. His name is also inscribed along with all his fallen comrades on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, DC. … **R.I.P.**

Lieutenant Joseph Russell Klugg, who joined the U.S. Navy from Okemos, Michigan, was a member of Light Photographic Squadron 63, embarked aboard the USS Oriskany (CVA 34). On November 14, 1970, he was the pilot of a single-seat RF-8G Crusader (bureau number 145624) that was scheduled to launch from the Oriskany, located in the South China Sea, for a photo reconnaissance mission. During the catapult launch from the carrier, a malfunction occurred, causing the aircraft to skid off the deck and crash into the water. Rescue teams searched the wreckage, but were unable to find LT Klugg's remains. He is still unaccounted for. Today, Lieutenant Klugg is

memorialized on the Courts of the Missing at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. His name is also inscribed along with all his fallen comrades on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, DC. … **R.I.P.**

On November 27, 1968, a UH-1F Iroquois (tail number 65-7942) with four crew members was on a combat mission in Cambodia, west of Du Co, South Vietnam. During the mission, the helicopter was in a hover about ten feet above a landing zone when it was hit by enemy ground fire causing it to crash near (GC) YA 700 200. The pilot, co-pilot, and the junior-ranking flight mechanic managed to escape the burning aircraft, but the senior-ranking flight mechanic died during the crash. Staff Sergeant Gene Paul Stuifbergen entered the U.S. Air Force from Augusta, Michigan and served in the 20th Special Operations Squadron. He was the senior-ranking flight mechanic aboard this Iroquois, and during the crash, his body became pinned under the aircraft as it caught fire. He was the only crew member lost during the incident, and enemy forces in the area prevented the recovery of his body at the time. Further attempts to locate his remains were unsuccessful. Today, Staff Sergeant Stuifbergen is memorialized on the Courts of the Missing at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. His name is also inscribed along with all his fallen comrades on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, DC. … **R.I.P.**

On December 13, 1968, a C-123K Provider (tail number 54-0600, call sign "Candlestick 44") with a crew of seven left Nakhon Phanom Air Base, Thailand, for a mission over Savannakhet Province, Laos. The Provider was the forward air controller for another aircraft on the same mission, and the two aircraft collided. The crews of other aircraft in the area saw a large fireball that seemed to break up into three smaller fireballs and crash. It was later determined that one of the aircraft broke in two during the collision, accounting for the three fireballs observed. The pilot of the C-123K parachuted to the ground and was picked up by a search and rescue (SAR) team later the same day.

He was the only individual to survive the collision; no other parachutes were observed and no other rescue beeper signals were received. SAR efforts continued for several more hours after rescuing the pilot but no other remains were found or recovered. Staff Sergeant Douglas Vincent Dailey, who joined the U.S. Air Force from Waterford, Michigan, served with the 606th Special Operations Squadron, 56th Special Operations Wing. He was the flight engineer aboard the Provider when it crashed, and his remains were not recovered. Subsequent to the incident, the U.S. Air Force posthumously promoted Staff Sergeant Dailey to the rank of Senior Master Sergeant (SMSgt). Senior Master Sergeant Dailey is memorialized on the Courts of the Missing at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. His name is also inscribed along with all his fallen comrades on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, DC. … **R.I.P.**

On December 14, 1966, an E-1B Tracer (bureau number 147218, call sign "Palmetto 709") with a crew of five returning to the aircraft carrier USS Franklin Roosevelt (CVA 42) from a combat mission experienced engine difficulties over the South China Sea. The crew attempted to make it back to the carrier, but were forced to ditch the aircraft about six miles away from the ship. Rescuers from the ship located two crew members; the other three could not be recovered.

Lieutenant Junior Grade Gerald Allan Holman, who joined the U.S. Navy from Northville, Michigan, served with Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron 12 aboard the Franklin Roosevelt. He was the pilot of the Tracer and was forced to ditch the aircraft. He did not survive the ditching and his remains were not recovered. Today, Lieutenant Junior Grade Holman is memorialized on the Courts of the Missing at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. His name is also inscribed along with all his fallen comrades on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, DC. … **R.I.P.**

On December 14, 1971, a U-21A aircraft (tail number: 66-18041; call sign: Longtrip 041) with two crew members and four passengers took off from Phu Bai, Republic of (South) Vietnam, on an administrative mission to Da Nang. During the flight,

the aircraft experienced an in-flight emergency, and the pilot radioed that he had lost an engine and had a fire. Within minutes of this transmission, all radio and radar contact with "Longtrip 041" was lost. They immediately launched search and rescue aircraft, but bad weather soon forced to return to base. Searches continued for the next three days but failed to locate any of the crew or its passengers.

Chief Warrant Officer 2 Otha Lee Perry entered the U.S. Army from Detroit, Michigan and served in Combat Assault Company, 165th Aviation Group, 1st Aviation Brigade. He was the aircraft commander of "Longtrip 041" when it was lost, and his remains have not been recovered. Today, Chief Warrant Officer 2 Perry is memorialized on the Courts of the Missing at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. His name is also inscribed along with all his fallen comrades on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, DC. … **R.I.P.**

- The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF) announced the 2026 tour schedule for "The Wall That Heals." Jim Knotts, VVMF President and CEO, says, "At every stop we'll pay tribute to the 58,281 men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in Vietnam and honor the more than 3 million Americans who served in the U.S. Armed Forces in the Vietnam War In addition to educational exhibits, our mobile Education Center will display the photos of service members whose names are on The Wall that list their home of record within the area of a visit. The Center will also display photos of Vietnam veterans from the local area honored through VVMF's *In Memory* program, which honors veterans who returned home from Vietnam and later died." … **"The Wall That Heals" tour will be in Taylor (MI) from August 13th -16th and in Battle Creek from August 20th – 23rd, 2026.**

Freedom is not free. It never has been …

REST EASY, SLEEP WELL MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS.
KNOW THE LINE HAS HELD. YOUR JOB IS DONE.
…. REST EASY. SLEEP WELL.
OTHERS HAVE TAKEN UP WHERE YOU FELL,
…. THE LINE HAS HELD.
PEACE, PEACE, AND FAREWELL.

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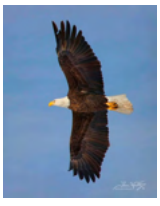
Remembering our Michigan Eagles
Who've Soared during the past year!



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December 2025

e-Letter

Report to Members

- The 2026 Annual 101st Airborne Division Association Reunion will be at Fort Campbell, KY during Week of the Eagles, May 18-23, 2025. There are still some details to work out, but The Holiday Inn & Suites-Convention Ctr, Hopkinsville, KY will be the main hotel. Events will largely occur on Fort Campbell itself, but this hotel is co-located with The Bruce Convention Center in Hopkinsville, KY where the Memorial Dinner will be held on the evening of the 23rd of May. The Schedule for the Week of the Eagles has not yet been published by the 101st Airborne Division, Air Assault, so in turn I have not yet published a schedule of events. I do not want our events to conflict with the activities or ceremonies being hosted by the Division that our members may wish to attend. Please be patient as the planning is completed and I will publish the information as soon as possible. When making reservations, please use the link provided or contact the hotel directly by telephone at the local number provided. This will ensure you receive the reduced rate of $119 (+ tax), breakfast included.

- The Tennessee Wings of Liberty Museum building is complete! The exhibits are being installed, and artifacts will soon be moving into the newly completed building. The mid-March time frame for the Grand Opening is still on track.

- The Screaming Eagle Foundation provided 101 Commissary Gift Cards to Soldiers on Fort Campbell, KY for both Thanksgiving and again this week for Christmas. Every bit helps as we help military families and let them know that we honor their service and care. Your support of the Screaming Eagle Foundation makes this possible.

Airborne! Air Assault!

Randal Underhill — Executive Director

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40th Anniversary of Gander Tragedy

40 years ago, on December 12, 1985, what was to be a day of joy and homecoming became one of the most tragic days in our division's history.

The Gander Tragedy, as the crash of Arrow Flight 1285 is now known, was to bring home 248 Soldiers from the Screaming Eagles' Multinational Force and Observers Mission in the Sinai for a joyous reunion just in time for Christmas. Instead, the aircraft was lost shortly after taking off for the final leg back to Fort Campbell. The people of Gander, Newfoundland, Canada immediately responded and soon first responders from the United States were also on site. There were no survivors.

248 American Soldiers and eight Arrow Airlines Crew perished in the crash. It remains the single deadliest airline disaster in Canada. The families at home anxiously awaiting their soldier instead were met with the crushing news that they were lost.

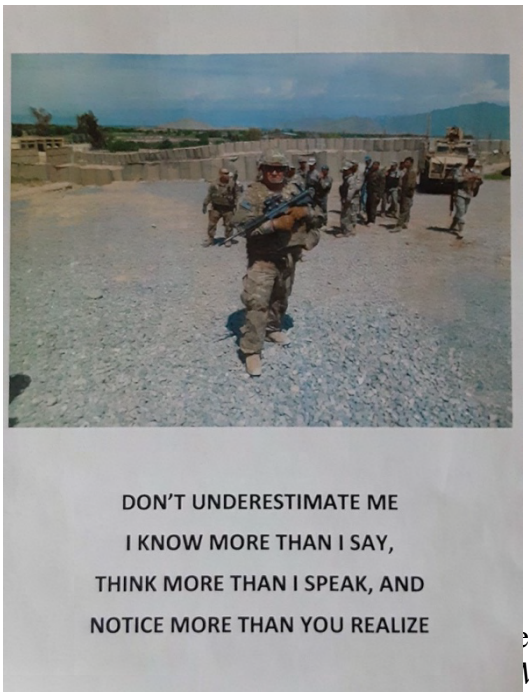
Much debate has been discussed and printed over the years as to the reason for the aircraft's crash. Official investigations listed the most likely cause of the crash was an increase in drag and decrease in lift caused by icing that resulted in a stall that was unrecoverable. Many differing theories remain, but they are little consolation for their families and comrades.

What is undisputed is the tragic loss of life of those who were returning from a mission of peace. After this tragic event, the US military took steps to formalize casualty assistance procedures to assist grieving families in the aftermath of a loss.

Each year, there are three Memorial Ceremonies held to remember those lost in pursuit of peace. Fort Campbell, Kentucky, Hopkinsville, Kentucky and Gander, Newfoundland each conduct remembrance ceremonies on December 12th. Remember the fallen, honor their service and keep them close.

From the Editor, *MSE*
Submission of Articles:

(**Editor's Note:** Apologies for the unavoidable and unexpected delay in sending out the October 15th, 2025 edition of the *Michigan Screaming Eagle*.)



Please send anything you know, think, or notice that
r members … Send all articles for publication in the *MSE* or
Milestone Section, to:

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

All articles and contributions should be in a text file like Microsoft Word and be "copy ready" so they can be edited, if necessary. … Thank you!

Print Schedule*:*

1st Quarter 2025
January 1st, 2025 -Submission Date

2nd Quarter 2025
April 1st, 2025 -Submission Date

3rd Quarter 2023
July 1st, 2025 -Submission Date

4th Quarter 2025
October 1st, 2025 -Submission Date

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"No one left behind!"

-Donation Form-

Our mission is to establish and maintain 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, contribute to interweaving our core values of *patriotism, equality, liberty*, and *justice for all* into the social fabric of our local communities, and promote a deep and abiding respect for all who serve 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 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 take place 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: "I Am My Brothers and Sisters Keeper." Your gift can make a difference in the lives of those who have been left behind! For even greater impact, make your contribution 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) _____

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____ $15,000	____ $1,000	____$100	_____ CHAPTER SUPPORT
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…Thank You!