



**Saluting Our Veterans of
Operation Iraqi Freedom!
(2003 – 2023)**



101st Airborne Division Association,
Michigan Chapter



THE MICHIGAN SCREAMING EAGLE

October 15th, 2023
(v.3; no.4)

"No one left behind!"

Greetings Screaming Eagles,

From September 29th through October 1st, we held our 36th annual state-wide reunion and memorial banquet in Fenton (MI) where we once again gathered to honor and recognize our Soldiers and Families and their many sacrifices, especially those currently deployed and serving "in harm's way." And, we again performed one of our most solemn and sacred of ceremonies, The Missing Man Table ceremony, in remembrance of our fallen, missing, and imprisoned comrades -our POWs and MIAs, who have not returned home. Later that evening, chapter member Paul Schwimmer gave an update of his search team's recovery efforts over the past year. ... *We Remember!*

At our memorial banquet on Saturday evening, we once again honored and recognized our fellow Eagles who have soared from our midst over the past year as Chaplain David Kelly memorialized them in prayer and reading their names: William Bricker, RVN; Herman Kassof, WW2; Michael Horsch, RVN; and, Henry Malec, WW2. May our comrades rest in peace. May their families find comfort and solace in knowing that we remember them and the sacrifices they made in defense of our liberties and freedoms. They are not forgotten. ... *We remember!*

Also, our chapter was honored at the banquet by Fenton Mayor Sue Osborn who read her Proclamation recognizing, "September 30th, 2023 as, 101st Airborne Day in the City of Fenton, and further extend our appreciation for their dedication to the spirit, values, and traditions of freedom and liberty." Mayor Osborne then presented us with a Key to the City of Fenton which I graciously accepted on behalf of our members.



And we were invited by Mayor Osborn to participate in the dedication ceremonies for Fenton's new Veterans Park - "Freedom Park," sometime later this Fall or in the early Spring. We plan to participate in whatever way we can in support of our Veterans, Families, and the residents of the Fenton/Linden community. I hope as many of our members as possible will attend so we might continue to increase our presence, visibility, and relevancy in our local communities. I will send out information about the dedication ceremony as it becomes available.



At the General Membership Meeting on Saturday morning, it was decided to continue holding our annual reunions in Fenton for the foreseeable future, especially given the centrality and convenience of its location, the reasonable costs for food and lodging during these hyper-inflationary times, and the warm and gracious welcome we receive.

And at the general membership meeting, the following chapter members were nominated and elected to office:

Dave B. Kelly.....	Chaplain (2023-2025)
John C. Sosa	1 st Vice-president (2023-2024)
John C. Malejan	2 nd Vice President (2023-2025)
Peter Krause	Secretary/Treasurer (2023-2025)
Henry Heatley	Sergeant-at-Arms (2023-2025)

Congratulations! ... Our line of succession remains strong as we move forward. And, on behalf of our members, I would like to thank each of you for your willingness to step forward, be involved, and donate your time, energy, and efforts so that our chapter might not only survive but thrive in the years ahead! It should be noted that at the completion of my two-year term as

president in September 2024, I will then pass the Baton to John Sosa at next year's memorial banquet in Fenton at which time he will assume the duties and responsibilities of chapter president (2024-2026).

We plan to continue meeting for our monthly Gathering of Eagles on the 3rd Wednesday of every month in Livonia at the Brunett Activity Center at which our monthly programs will emphasize the significant dates and more recent operations of the 101st during the Global War on Terror. Spread the word; invite a buddy; come to our monthly Gathering of Eagles. I'm looking forward to a successful year for our chapter.

Ed Hirsch, Col. (ret.), President
Michigan Chapter, 101st Airborne Division Association
Life Member

Airborne/Air Assault!



The Missing Man Table



A Tribute to Our Soldiers



A Tribute to our Eagles who have Soared and their Families

Proclamation
101st Airborne Day
September 30, 2023



Whereas, the 101st Airborne Division's National Association was formed when World War II ended in Europe; and

Whereas, the Michigan Chapter was founded by a small group of World War II Veterans of the 101st Airborne Division; and

Whereas, in commemoration of the Battle of the Bulge, the Michigan Chapter honored the memory of the men of the 101st Airborne who fought with such valor at the small pivotal village of Bastogne (Belgium); and

Whereas, originally called "The Nuts Club" in honor of valor, commitment, sacrifice, and patriotic defiance, the history and legacy of the Michigan Chapter continues; and

Whereas, the association's reunion has been held annually since 1946; and

Whereas, we welcome this courageous group to Fenton, Michigan for the 101st Airborne annual reunion; and

Now, Therefore, I, Sue Osborn, Mayor of the City of Fenton, do recognize Saturday, September 30, 2023, as 101st Airborne Day in the City of Fenton, and further extend our appreciation for their dedication to the spirit, values, and traditions of freedom and liberty.



Sue Osborn
Mayor Sue Osborn

**Mayor Osborn's Proclamation:
A Tribute to Our Chapter**

**Keeping the Flame Burning:
Certificates of Recognition and Appreciation**

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

As an expression of our gratitude to Mayor Sue Osborn and the Fenton/Linden community for their warm reception and “Welcome!” for those attending our 36th annual reunion, the following “Thank You!” was published in the Saturday/Sunday edition of the Tri-County Times (October 7th, 2023):

On behalf of our chapter members, we would like to thank:

**Fenton Mayor Sue Osborn,
The Fenton/Linden Chamber of Commerce
The Comfort Inn & Suites • Lucky's Steak House
and the residents of the Fenton/Linden community**

For the very warm and gracious “Welcome!” we received during our 36th annual state-wide reunion and memorial banquet held September 29th – October 1st, 2023 to honor our Soldiers and Families, those currently deployed and “in harm’s way,” our MIAs and POWs, and those Eagles who have soared from our midst over the past year!

Thank you!

— SINCERELY —

DAVID B. KELLY <i>Chaplain</i>	DR. PATRICK B. KAVANAUGH <i>Past President</i>	JOHN C. MALEJAN <i>2nd Vice-President</i>	HENRY HEATLEY <i>Sargent-at-Arms</i>
COL. EDWARD H. HIRSCH <i>(Ret), President</i>	JOHN C. SOSA <i>1st Vice-President</i>	PETER KRAUSE <i>Secretary/Treasurer</i>	JEANETTE NOVAK <i>Administrative Asst.</i>

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“THE SCREAMING EAGLES”

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Over the past several years, we have been acknowledging and recognizing our local communities, leaders, and business owners for their support for our annual reunions. Last year, for example, we awarded our chapter's "Presidential Citation" to the Honorable Elissa Slotkin, Member of Congress; the Brighton Chamber of Commerce; and, some small business owners (see below):



Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition
presented to the Michigan Chapter, 101st Airborne Division Association
in recognition of outstanding and invaluable services to the community
-September 17th, 2022



Brighton Chamber of Commerce
-2022-



Local Business Owner "Engrave All"
-2022-

At this year's reunion in Fenton, our executive committee expanded this program of recognition and appreciation to now include those in Michigan's local communities who recognize, respect, and support our Veterans, Soldiers, Families, those serving "in harm's way," and our POWs and MIAs whether on Veterans Day or throughout the year! Do you know, for example:

- a local Priest, Minister, Rabbi, Imam or church synagogue, or mosque in your community, that offers prayers in support of our Soldiers and Families, those serving "in harm's way," or our POWs and MIAs?
- a local restaurant owner who provides military discounts on Veterans Day and/or 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?
- your 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 Sosa to print a "Presidential Citation" accordingly; and, the certificate will be mailed directly back to yourself for presentation to your religious/community leader, small business owner, healthcare provider, or Veterans group. If you take a picture of the presentation, forward it to me and it will appear in the next edition of the *MSE*!

"Presidential Citation" Certificate Form

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(Chapter Member Name)	(Phone #)	(e-mail)
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(Address & Street)	(City)	(State) (ZIP)

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

Also, an article on the “Crisis of Suicide” among our Veterans, Soldiers, and Family members was published earlier this year in the *MSE* (vol.3; no. 1) to raise awareness among ourselves and the general public. This article was later published in the Summer/Fall edition of our Associations’ *Screaming Eagle* magazine. If there is any local newspaper, VFW Post, or AL Post interested in receiving and/or publishing this article, simply let me know (camsufism@aol.com) where I can send it and I will forward it.

Suicide prevention begins with each us becoming aware of the crisis and then doing whatever we can to reach out to those who feel alienated from their communities, families, and -worst of all, themselves! In so doing, we continue moving forward with a clarity of moral purpose and focus while increasing our chapter’s presence, visibility, and relevancy in our local communities.

36TH ANNUAL REUNION AND MEMORIAL BANQUET
FENTON, MICHIGAN
SEPTEMBER 29TH – OCTOBER 1ST, 2023
... We Remember!





Markers and Milestones:

Received from Cal Kirschner -Life Member

Chapter member Col. Lloyd Sutton (Ret.) was inducted into the Michigan Aviation Hall of Fame (MIAHOF) on May 20th, 2023 at the Michigan Aviation and Aerospace Museum

for his many and significant contributions to military aviation. As a young Captain, Lloyd commanded an Air Cavalry Aero-Scout helicopter unit in the 2nd of the 17th Air Cavalry Squadron of the 101st Airborne Division. He specialized in coordinating, leading, and training units in conducting Joint Air Attack combat operations (JAAT) which are some of the most difficult and complex of aviation operations, combining and coordinating air attack assets with the different service branches involved.

While serving in the Michigan Army National Guard, Lloyd continued to develop tactics and mentor units from across the nation in mastering JATT at Michigan's Camp Grayling, contributing to it becoming one of our nation's most recognized and crucial Air-to-Ground JATT training sites. Lloyd served for 30 years in the U.S. Army and the Michigan National Guard.

During this time, he served as a commander in every aviation and command position from the Platoon to Brigade level, earned the Army Parachute Badge, the U.S. Army Ranger tab, and the highest pilot's rating of Master Aviator. Lloyd graduated from the U.S. Army War College and subsequently served in many organizational positions.

... Congratulations on your distinguished career and induction into the MIAHOF!

Received from Sven Hahr -Life Member



Michael L. Hoersch, Major (Ret.), U.S. Army, passed away at the VAMC-Ann Arbor (MI) on Saturday July 29th, 2023. He was born in Dayton, Ohio on February 18th, 1950, the second of five children to Patrick and Beverly Horsch. After spending most of his childhood in rural Alabama, the family moved to Michigan. After graduating from Bentley High School in Livonia (MI) in 1968, he enlisted in the U.S. Army, subsequently serving two tours in Vietnam.

Michael was a highly decorated Vietnam Combat Veteran, earning his commission at Eastern Michigan University Army ROTC program and retired with the

rank of Major. He had lifetime memberships in the 101st Airborne Division Assoc. and our Michigan Chapter, the Distinguished Flying Cross Society, VFW Post 423 -Ann Arbor, Vietnam Veteran Association of Ann Arbor Post 301, and the American Legion Post 526, Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Fairborn, Ohio. He is also a listed Honoree on the Distinguished Flying Cross Roster at the National Air and Space Museum, Washington, D.C. In his own words,

The Distinguished Flying Cross was awarded to me for a helicopter ranger team rescue operation that occurred in South Vietnam on 31 August 1970. I want to dedicate this space to all the officers and enlisted servicemen of C Troop, 2/17th Air Cavalry, 101st Airborne Division, Vietnam, especially those that flew the UH-1H "Hueys," the AH-1G "Cobras," and the OH-6A "LOHs" from 3 Nov 1969 thru 24 Jun 1971. Their courage, dedication to duty, and professionalism under fire has been an inspiration to me my entire life. Many of us continued on after Vietnam to serve in the United States Army and in civilian life in aviation. We have seen a tremendous evolution in technology. God Bless ...

-Michael L. Horsch, Major, (Ret.), United States Army

After serving in Vietnam, Michael attended Eastern Michigan University where he earned a B.A. in business. In civilian life, he became a licensed builder and real estate agent and owner of Horsch Roofing Company. He was a member of several associations, including the Construction Association of Michigan, Remodelers Assoc. of Ann Arbor, and the Ann Arbor Realtors Assoc.

Michael was the proud father of Brett M. Horsch, who passed away from cancer in April 2022, leaving an enormous hole in his heart. He was also preceded in death by his parents, Patrick H. and Beverly K. Horsch and his two brothers, Patrick Jr. and Thomas E. He will be deeply missed by his sister Beverly and brother Richard (partner, Angellar LaCour) Longview. A memorial gathering was held on Sunday, August 6th, 2023 at the Nie Funeral Home, Ann Arbor. Internment of his cremated remains will be held at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington D.C. at a later date. ... R.I.P.

Received from John C. Malejan
2nd Vice President – Life Member

On September 23rd, Past President Patrick Kavanaugh and myself represented our chapter at the "Rolling Thunder" event to honor our fallen soldiers, Gold Star Families, and POWs and MIAs. The event began at 9:00 am at Mackle's restaurant in Hartland (MI) where approximately 300-350 motorcyclists from throughout Michigan gathered to ride to Brighton (MI) and then to Howell (MI) to remember and honor those who sacrificed so much for our great nation in a ceremony held at the Howell Court House.



**Received from Randal Underhill, Executive Director
101st Airborne Div. Assn. & Screaming Eagle Foundation**

An upcoming item of interest to our members is our partnership with Publishing Concepts (PCI) who will be conducting an oral history project for members who choose to take part. We have been in partnership with PCI previously for our last Membership Directory, the maroon coffee table book done in 2017. You may soon receive a postcard in the mail or an email from PCI with instructions on how to take part if you choose to do so. **No purchase is required in order to take part**, although we would encourage you to share your story for this project. There will be more information coming in the near future about this project and there will be information that will be available on our website with Frequently Asked Questions.

The 3rd Brigade Combat Team (Rakkasans) have been announced by the Army to soon deploy to NATO's eastern flank and replace the currently deployed 1st Brigade Combat Team (Bastogne). Please keep your Screaming Eagles in your prayers as they continue to answer the call. As is indicated in the e-Letter, October 26th is the National Day of the Deployed. Wear red to Remember Everyone Deployed.

**Received from Ramon Baca -Life Member
Director, Livingston County Veteran Services**

Vyte Paquette is hoping to inform as many veterans as possible about the "Do not Call List" and how to file complaints when folks are being harassed about changing their Medicare coverage. It seems it is happening far too often. She can give a free seminar at your respective post. Please print and post the attached flyer in case members at your post would like to call her for more information (vyte@vipmedicarechoices.com). Please pass this along to those who may be interested in a free seminar to inform our elder

veterans how to get on the “Do Not Call List” and make complaints so the FCC can fine those changing their Medicare plans erroneously.

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

Correction: *THE MICHIGAN SCREAMING EAGLE (MSE)* July 15th, 2023 (v.3; no.3)

The Title of John C. Sosa’s article on p. 4 should have read:

On the 79th Anniversary of “Operation Overlord”

(Written on the 79th anniversary of “Operation Overlord” in commemoration of ...)

Patrick B. Kavanaugh, Ph.D., Editor,
Michigan Screaming Eagle

2023 Tax Planning and Beyond:

Donations, Gifts, and a Continuing Legacy

With the 2023 tax planning season upon us, many of our chapter members are once again looking for charities to which they might contribute. Keep your chapter in mind! We are a 501(c)(19) veterans’ organization, a non-profit to which any donation, gift, or endowment is not only tax deductible, but is deeply appreciated, and furthers our mission and purpose while enabling our Michigan Lone Eagles to experience some life-enriching and -altering opportunities they might not otherwise have.

Consider making a contribution to our “Lone Eagle Fund.” Together, we can make a significant and meaningful difference in their lives! You can help us fulfill our commitment to *Leave no one behind!* Your contribution is an opportunity to make a statement about your

principles, beliefs, and values. All contributions received will be used in some way to help underwrite the costs involved in reaching out into our local communities, increasing our presence, visibility, and relevancy, and connecting with our Lone Eagles and involving them in life-altering opportunities like attending our Association's 79th national reunion (August 2023) or our own 37th annual reunion (September 2023).

For those in a position to do so, please consider creating a perpetual legacy in your estate planning or making a re-occurring pledge. For those interested, some important year-end considerations include:

- If you are 59½ or older, you can make a distribution from your IRA and then make a gift to the Michigan Chapter or our national Association without penalty. If you itemize your deductions, you can take a charitable deduction in the amount you wish.
- If you are 70½ or older, you can give or transfer any amount up to \$100,000 per year from your IRA directly to the Michigan Chapter; a married couple can give up to \$200,000. You will not have to pay income taxes on the gift or transfer. And if you are 72 or older, you can use this transfer to satisfy your required minimum distribution (RMD).

We must receive your gift by December 31st, for your gift to qualify for this year. If you have check-writing privileges on your IRA, please mail your check by December 18th to allow time to process your gift. For those interested, you might consider making a future gift as part of your legacy. You could continue your generosity long after your lifetime. Some options include:

- *Percentage giving.* Through your will, you can designate percentages of your estate as you see fit. For example, designate 5% of your total estate to the Michigan Chapter, while leaving 95% to loved ones.
- *Blended giving.* Give an outright gift of cash or other assets today, combined with a future gift by naming the Michigan Chapter in your will.
- *Beneficiary designation.* A simple form is all it takes to name the Michigan Chapter or our national Association as a beneficiary of your retirement plan assets, unneeded life insurance policy, or donor advised fund.

Be sure to consult with your tax consultant, CPA, attorney, or adviser to determine how to best implement your wishes. Whatever you decide, we are here to help you fulfill your goals.

"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 Sosa, Treasurer
1569 Mill Street
Lincoln Park, MI 48146-2358

...Thank You!