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# TAG TALK

MAJOR GENERAL PAUL D. ROGERS



As we present this issue of the Wolverine Guard, I am once again filled with immense pride in the stories of dedication, innovation, and service that define the Michigan National Guard. This edition is a testament to the diverse talents and unwavering commitment of our Soldiers and Airmen.

Inside, you will find a spotlight on leadership with a profile of Retired Colonel Raymond Stemitz, whose career is an inspiration to us all. We also take a look at the future of our

force with a feature on the Army-wide software modernization and the integration of artificial intelligence, a critical step forward in maintaining our strategic edge. These technological advancements, spearheaded by the Department of Defense, are changing the way we operate and ensuring we remain at the forefront of military readiness.

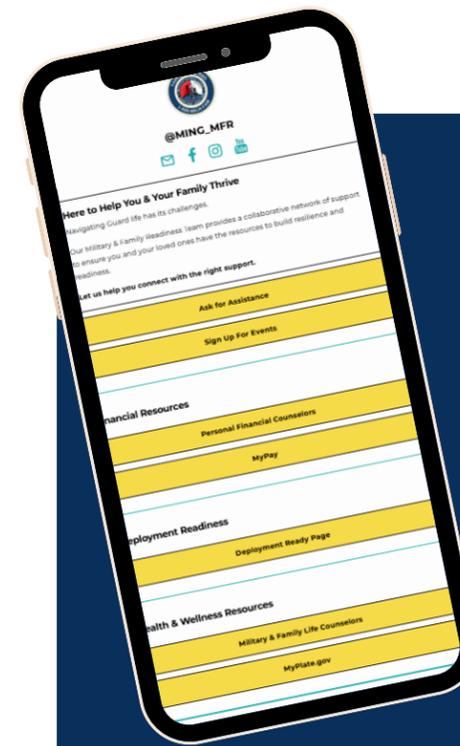
But technology is only one part of our strength. The heart of the Guard has always been its people. We are honored to share the story of the Garno family, a shining example of a legacy of service. From 'Doc' Garno's dedicated care for our Soldiers to his sons following in his footsteps, their story is a powerful reminder of the values we share.

This issue also celebrates the achievements of our members through the recognition of promotions and honors the service of our recent retirees. To those who have been promoted, I congratulate you on this significant milestone in your careers. To our retirees, I extend my deepest gratitude for your years of selfless service and wish you the very best in your future endeavors.

Every story in this magazine, from the front lines of innovation to the personal tales of our Guardsmen, showcases the spirit of the Wolverine Guard. I encourage you to read and reflect on the incredible work being done across our state and around the world.

Thank you for your continued service and dedication.

Always Ready, Always There



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We are committed to providing positive opportunities for military-connected children. Our team organizes engaging events, provides access to youth activities, and offers support to help build resilience, develop leadership skills, and connect to the Guard community.

*"The strength of the Guard isn't just the person in the uniform, but also the family that stands behind them. We're here to ensure that family is always mission-ready."*

# LEADER SPOTLIGHT



**COLONEL (RET.) RAYMOND STEMITZ**

Michigan Army National Guard Lt. Col. Raymond Stemitz, Battalion Commander of 1st Battalion, 125th Infantry Regiment (1-125 IN), and 2nd Lt. Ryan Brooks of Company B, 1-125 IN, based out of Saginaw, Michigan, take part in the final training event of Exercise Viking Star 2017 September 20, 2017, at Danish Home Guard Nymindegab Training Center in Denmark.

Story by: Sgt. Catherine Brooks

Colonel (Ret.) Raymond Stemitz's service with the Michigan Army National Guard began with a family tradition of military service and a pivotal decision following his college graduation and commissioning through the ROTC program.

"My family had had a tradition of military service," Stemitz said. "When I graduated college and was commissioned through the ROTC program, I was uncertain of where I was actually going to have my civilian job—Florida or Michigan were my two prime candidates, and I landed in Michigan."

After establishing himself in the state, Stemitz sought out the Michigan Army National Guard and was assessed from the Individual Ready Reserve in 1995.

"As soon as I established myself in Michigan, I sought out the Michigan Army National Guard," he said. "By March of 1995, I was assessed from the IRR into the Michigan Army National Guard."

Stemitz went on to help build and

command an infantry company with the 125th Infantry Regiment in Port Huron, describing his time with the organization as consistently positive.

"It has just been a tremendously positive experience for me throughout my entire career," Stemitz said, "to be associated with the Michigan Army National Guard, with all the things that they have done, and all the people—the high-quality people—that I worked with over that period of time."

Over the course of his career, Stemitz said his leadership philosophy evolved significantly from his early years as an officer.

"As a younger officer, I was much more black and white," he said. "I was probably somewhat insensitive, and I lacked empathy toward some of the more senior Soldiers that had families and things that was an experience I just didn't have."

With time and experience, Stemitz said he gained a broader understanding of leadership and the importance of understanding Soldiers as individuals.

"I realized that not everything is a 100

percent black and white issue," he said. "You have the standards, and you have to achieve those standards, but how you do that is really up to you to work with the individual people and your team based on who they are and where they're at."

Several defining experiences reinforced that perspective, beginning with the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, when Stemitz's infantry company was activated to conduct security operations at Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

"For the next six months, we ran 24-hour security operations at Detroit Metro," Stemitz said. "That really was a true test of leadership." He noted that extended domestic operations provided insights that short training periods often do not.

"Over six months, you have a whole gamut of things that come up with individuals whose families live their life while they're working with you and doing their job," he said.

Stemitz said the experience challenged his assumptions about Soldiers' capabilities.

"I realized that maybe I was underestimating the potential in people by not raising the bar enough," he said.

Another defining moment came during a deployment to Iraq, where he observed Soldiers rise to the demands of combat operations.

"Seeing Soldiers live up to their fullest potential in an environment that's incredibly harsh and unforgiving," he said, "yet they rose to the challenge without a lot of prompting."

He saw that same willingness to



Lt. Col. Raymond Stemitz (left), commanding officer of the Michigan Army National Guard's 1st Battalion, 125th Infantry Regiment, and Lt. Col. Ben Burdon-Cooper, commanding officer of the Royal Wessex Yeomanry, pose for a picture at Sennelager Training Area, Germany. (Michigan Army National Guard photo by Maj. Charles Calio)

adapt during large-scale training exercises and domestic response missions, including the COVID-19 pandemic.

"None of the folks had signed up when they joined the Guard saying, 'I want to be doing large-scale pandemic operations,'" Stemitz said. "Yet everyone stood up and said, 'Count me in,' and left their comfort zone to go do something—and do it extremely well."

Mentorship became a central focus of Stemitz's leadership approach, particularly in encouraging Soldiers and junior officers to step beyond their comfort zones.

"I really valued when people were willing to take a personal risk and step out of their comfort space," he said. "Sometimes you have to grab the young officer and pull them across that comfort zone line."

He emphasized providing support while allowing individuals to grow independently. "You provide the scaffolding, so to speak, as a structure," Stemitz said, "and then let them build it higher than what you ever provided."

Stemitz continues to serve the Michigan National Guard in a civilian capacity following his retirement from uniformed service. He currently works in the G-6 as the Director of Information Management and Chief Information Officer, where he supports the organization through enterprise level information and oversight.

When reflecting on his legacy, Stemitz pointed to mentorship and leadership by example, particularly during his time supporting pandemic response operations as executive officer for the 177th Military Police Brigade.

"I'm watching all these individuals walk away from that crucible event where they really formed and learned their trade," he said. "Now I see them all in more senior positions, and that's very rewarding for me."

For today's Soldiers and leaders, Stemitz offered straightforward advice drawn from his decades of service.

"Don't be afraid of change," he said. "And don't get enamored with your job title."

He added that adaptability is one of the defining strengths of the National Guard.

"As a National Guardsman, you're going to be required to do a whole host of things that you never thought you'd be doing," Stemitz said. "But that's part of what makes us special and unique—we are able to rise to that challenge."



# ARMY-WIDE SOFTWARE MODERNIZATION

Michigan Army National Guard, Soldier-Led Innovation Pave the Way for Army-Wide Software Modernization

Story by: Maj. Pursifull, Ross

LANSING, Mich. – Organizational Clothing and Equipment (OCIE) has long been a burden for Army units. Now, a new era in individual Soldier equipping has arrived, and the Michigan Army National Guard (MIARNG) is leading the charge. MIARNG CIF is one of the first two Central Issue Facilities (CIFs) in the Army to field the Soldier Equipping and Asset Management (SEAM) system.

SEAM, a new digital solution, overhauls how the Army manages OCIE from the tactical to operational level. The Army issues every Soldier thousands of dollars' worth of individual equipment. Historically, Soldiers endured a cumbersome, paper-based process to track, exchange, and return this equipment. SEAM digitizes the entire lifecycle, bringing OCIE management into the 21st century. Using a computer or mobile device, Soldiers can now place orders, turn in old gear, or request an exchange at any

time. The system automatically generates a list of required items and allows Soldiers to search for equipment by name, keyword, or picture, significantly improving accuracy and ease of use.

Michigan Soldiers can now view their OCIE record with helpful photos and plain-English descriptions and digitally sign their record without the headaches of the old system. Simultaneously, the "Unit OCIE Hub" feature allows any unit leader to view their Soldiers' records and relevant data through a simple, signature-free request.

Michigan is modernizing how Soldiers manage their equipment, thanks to one of its own Soldiers. MAJ Ross Pursifull, a logistics management specialist at the U.S. Army Tank-automotive and Armaments Command (TACOM) and a traditional MIARNG Soldier has driven the development of this transformative tool.

The Army's selection of Michigan to spearhead this initiative highlights the state's readiness and commitment to innovation. Pursifull's unique perspective as both a civilian logistician and a serving MIARNG Soldier provided invaluable insight during the system's creation.

"I am fortunate to have the opportunity to design a solution that makes my military and civilian jobs easier. After 14 years, I have ink signed a paper copy of my OCIE Record for the last time." Pursifull said.

His boots-on-the-ground experience helped his team develop a program that directly addresses the pain points Soldiers face. He directed the collection and integration of over 7,000 images into the system, an effort that improves the user experience and the accuracy of OCIE records. Pursifull's journey uniquely prepared him for this role. He began

his career through the ROTC program at Calvin University and Western Michigan University, commissioned as an officer, and started active duty in 2013. In 2017, he transitioned to the Michigan National Guard and joined many of his fellow Guard Soldiers as a TACOM Civilian in 2021.

At Michigan's CIF, MSG Steve Klimek runs a fair and squared away warehouse. And that is why TACOM went to him for key input on how to develop SEAM. MSG Klimek is an Army Civilian at CIF and a traditional National Guard Soldier in Joint Force Headquarters. He volunteered to both test SEAM on top of his other duties, and lead the charge into the uncertainty of a new software to manage the critical readiness assets that he is responsible for.

When asked about SEAM's impact on Michigan's OCIE accountability MSG Klimek said, "SEAM reduces confusion between Soldiers and CIF."

The efforts of the Michigan Army National Guard are preparing SEAM for rollout to the Total Army in early 2026. Michigan's commitment to SEAM will enhance Army logistics, improve readiness, and make life better for the individual Soldier.

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Search "access" for the Unit OCIE Hub



## Individual OCIE Record (Digital DA 3645)

Unit: HHC, 46TH MILITARY POLICE COMMAND

IMMATERIAL

Picture	Item Description	Size	Color/Pattern	Cost	Unit of Issue	Authorized Quantity	Quantity on Hand	Retain during PCS?	Retain during ETS?
Waterproof Bag - Total Excess = 1									
	Wet Weather Waterproof Bag - 8465002616909	Non Sized	OD Green	\$62.69	EA	1	1	Yes	No
	Waterproof Bag/Pack liner for Rucksack - 8465015917521	Non Sized	Tan 499	\$43.17	EA	1	1	No	No
Waist Pack									
	MOLLE Butt Pack - 8465016419395	Non Sized	OCP	\$21.07	EA	1	1	Yes	No
Triple M4 Mag Pouch									
	Triple M4 Mag Pouch - 8465016419389	2 Magazine	OCP	\$31.80	EA	2	2	Yes	No
Trigger Finger Mitten									
	CWGS Trigger Fringer Mitten (OR Clime and Place Glove) Hardshell only, no insulation -	MED	Coyote	\$121.15	PR	1	1	No	No



Garno Family Picture Hope Swearing in at Fort Custer. (Courtesy Photo)

# “DOC” GARNO: A FAMILY LEGACY OF SERVICE

Story by: Retired Command Sgt. Maj. David Lewis

If you ever visit the Michigan Army National Guard’s Recruiting and Retention Battalion (RRB) headquarters, you’ll likely hear someone affectionately refer to LTC Matthew Garno as “Doc.” It’s a nickname earned not from a medical degree, but from a reputation for steady leadership, practical wisdom, and a genuine care for the Soldiers he serves. But “Doc” Garno’s dedication to service extends far beyond the walls of the RRB – it’s woven into the very fabric of his family.

This month, LTC Garno marks his 32nd year in the Michigan Army National Guard, a commitment rooted in a legacy of service. His father, Kenneth Garno, served four years in the Navy during the Korean War before earning his degree at Michigan State University. That example instilled in young Matthew a powerful belief: be a doer, not a spectator. “We roll up our sleeves and get in the fight,” LTC Garno explains, a philosophy he’s carried throughout his life. For him, the greatest fulfillment comes from being part of a team working for the betterment of all.

That philosophy isn’t just talk. It’s lived out daily on a small hobby farm in Dowling, Michigan, just north of Fort Custer, where LTC Garno and his wife, Julia, are raising their nine children. Growing up as one of fifteen children on a farm in southeast Michigan, Matthew learned the value of hard work and community. He carried those

lessons through his studies at Michigan State University (class of ‘93) and into his civilian life, serving as a Little League baseball coach for eight years, a local school board member for three, and currently as the music director at his local church. The Garno family is also a fixture at the local 4H fair, having been involved for the past fifteen years.

But perhaps the most striking testament to LTC Garno’s values is the path his children have chosen. Five of his oldest – Grace, Matthew Jr., Joy, Kenneth, and Hope – have all enlisted in the Michigan Army National Guard, either during their senior year of high school or immediately after graduation.

Grace is currently serving as an Army Nurse with the 1171st Area Support Medical Company, deployed to the Middle East. Matthew Jr. is a Black hawk medical evacuation pilot serving with the Cheyenne, Wyoming Army National Guard Aviation Unit. Joy is a Combat Medic, balancing her service with studies in the nursing program at Michigan State University, with aspirations of becoming an Army Nurse herself. Kenneth is an SMP Cadet at MSU ROTC, also serving in the 146th Multifunctional Medical Battalion.

And Hope, the newest recruit, just graduated high school and enlisted in June 2025, joining the 507th Engineering Battalion.

The Garno commitment to service doesn’t stop with their children. Two nephews, 1LT Athan Garno and Ian Garno (who just swore in on April 1st), are serving in the 1-119 Field Artillery Battalion.

With four more children ranging from 11th grade down to 5th grade, the Garno family story is far from over. And even the youngest, Charlie, is already asking when he gets to sign up!

LTC “Doc” Garno isn’t just building Soldiers; he’s building a legacy of service, a family dedicated to rolling up their sleeves and getting in the fight for something bigger than themselves. It’s a powerful example of what it means to live a life of purpose, driven by a simple, yet profound, belief: take action.





U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Nicholas Bousquette, 127th Logistics Readiness Squadron, Michigan National Guard, removes a hose off a 50-gallon issuing tank at Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Michigan, Nov. 2, 2025. This oxygen goes on aircraft for pilots to breathe at high altitudes, keeping missions safe and effective. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by: Airman First Class Jacob Hessen)

# FUEL FREEDOM

## AIRMEN FUEL FREEDOM WITH EVERY MISSION

Story by: Airman First Class Jacob Hessen

Every mission in the sky starts with work on the ground, and that's where the fuel management specialists, also known as petroleum, oils, and lubricants Airmen, come in. Serving with the 127th Logistics Readiness Squadron's Fuels Flight at Selfridge Air National Guard Base, these Airmen are the backbone of the Air Force.

POL is a vital career field that ensures the Air Force always has the fuel it needs, keeps the engines running and moves the mission forward. Jet fuel might be the main attraction, but there is more to

the job than meets the eye. Fuels Airmen also maintain fuel storage and dispensing systems, ensure inventory accuracy, analyze fuel and cryogenic products, run a lab and maintain a vehicle fleet. The critical fuels management mission is in high demand at Selfridge with the new F-15 Eagle II EX and KC-46 Pegasus aircraft conversions on the horizon. Tech Sgt. Nicholas Bousquette, operations noncommissioned officer in charge for the fuels management flight, says the field is full of opportunities.

"My favorite part about this career field is all the different opportunities that we get, every single type of aircraft the Air Force

and other services fly, we do all the fuel." Bousquette said. "I've been part of missions in the past where I never even imagined that I'd ever be part of something that big."

Fuel isn't just the lifeblood of flying missions. Every government vehicle, generator and aircraft on base depends on them. They even supply cryogenic products like liquid oxygen so the pilots can breathe. Without fuels, the Air Force stays grounded.

For Staff Sgt. Devin Houle, a fuels management specialist, the POL career field sent him places and opened doors he never dreamed of.

"When I turned 18, I never thought I'd be working for the President," Houle said. "President Obama, I filled his Air Force One and then I was given the exact same opportunity for President Trump and then again, for Biden."

Both sergeants emphasize that POL is about far more than keeping aircraft in the sky—it's about growth, adaptability, and opportunity. Learning technical skills, earning certifications, and even fueling Air Force One are just some of the experiences that highlight the career's breadth. For many, the journey begins with one of the Guard's greatest advantages: education benefits.

Houle used those benefits to earn his bachelor's degree and is now working toward a doctoral degree in physical therapy.

"I wanted the ability to go to school while seeing the world," Houle said. "Every aircraft, truck, and piece of equipment needs fuel. If you want to travel, POL takes you to every base in the world."

To learn more about the fuels management specialist career field, enlistment bonuses, or other opportunities in the Michigan Air National Guard, go to [www.127wg.ang.af.mil](http://www.127wg.ang.af.mil) and click on "Join Us."



Photo By Senior Airman Jacob Hessen | U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Nicholas Bousquette, fuels management journeyman, 127th Logistics Readiness Squadron, fuels flight, Michigan National Guard, removes liquid oxygen from a 50-gallon issuing tank to a beaker at Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Michigan, Nov. 2, 2025.



Photo By Senior Airman Jacob Hessen | U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Nicholas Bousquette, left, and Staff Sgt. Devin Houle, both fuels management specialists with the 127th Logistics Readiness Squadron, Michigan National Guard, transfer liquid oxygen from a 3,000 gallon storage tank to a 50-gallon issuing tank at Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Michigan, Nov. 2, 2025.

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# STRENGTHEN NEW PARTNERSHIP

## Michigan National Guard Hosts Sierra Leone to Strengthen New Partnership

Story by: 1st Lt. Paige Bodine

LANSING, Mich.— The partnership between the Michigan National Guard and Sierra Leone marked another significant step forward in the National Guard's State Partnership Program (SPP). The relationship, which officially began on Sept. 12, 2024, focuses on building military-to-military cooperation in logistics and interoperability. To sustain that progress, two representatives from the Republic of Sierra Leone Armed Forces (RSLAF) traveled to Michigan in early December for a weeklong engagement focused on facility management, logistics processes, and relationship-building.

"This has been an ongoing effort to support the development of

the partnership," said Brian Brace, the Michigan National Guard's AFRICOM Desk Officer who helped facilitate the new partnership. "Our instructor corps, our maintenance facility, and our logisticians all play a role in their growth."

Michigan Army National Guard's 246th Transportation Battalion served as the host unit, guiding the tour, answering questions, and sharing lessons learned from years of fleet management and sustainment operations.

A key component of the visit included a tour of the Michigan Army National Guard's Combined Support Maintenance Shop (CSMS) in Lansing. The CSMS is one of the premier maintenance facilities in the state. It provides equipment sustainment, vehicle

painting, and maintenance support for units across Michigan. Representatives from the RSLAF toured the shop to learn how the Michigan National Guard organizes its maintenance workforce.

"Establishing the relationship is the top priority," said Sgt. 1st Class Michael Engel, a liaison from the 246th. "We're helping them figure out the best way to manage and maintain the equipment they now have."

The visiting delegation included Warrant Officer 1 Alex G Sama, a chief of logistics for the RSLAF, and Maj. Edward K. John. The group covered everything from organizational structures and shop workflow to supply chain oversight and equipment forecasting.

"At the beginning of any partnership, we treat it like a marathon, not a sprint," Brace said. "You meet the partner where they



Service members from the Republic of Sierra Leone Armed Forces tour the Michigan Army National Guard's Combined Support Maintenance Shop (CSMS) in Lansing, Michigan, during a State Partnership Program engagement in December 2024. The visit provided an opportunity to observe maintenance operations, fleet management, and sustainment processes while strengthening military-to-military cooperation between Michigan and Sierra Leone. (Photo by 1st Lt. Paige Bodine, Michigan National Guard)

are. You make progress one step at a time."

Michigan's approach reflects the broader goals of the State Partnership Program. The SPP, established in 1993, pairs U.S. states with nations worldwide to strengthen security cooperation, share best practices, and build lasting relationships. Michigan has long been a leader in the program. The partnership with Latvia, one of the original post-Cold War pairings, has grown into one of the National Guard's most enduring relationships.

The SPP is built on long-term, person-to-person connections that span years of cooperation. Countless instances of the program's most successful outcomes, including Liberia's Operation Onward Liberty, began with simple conversations between soldiers, sharing knowledge one relationship at a time.

"A big part of this program is the relationships," Brace said. "The strategic goal is ensuring the United States has a positive influence on foreign militaries. You never know when we may need one another in the future."

Since September 2024, Michigan and Sierra Leone have completed 11 touchpoints and exchanges under the State Partnership Program. Each engagement has enabled Sierra Leone to see Michigan's processes up close and better understand how a mature logistics enterprise operates day-to-day. The partnership also expands opportunities for Michigan, building cultural fluency and reinforcing readiness to operate anywhere in the world when called upon.

"I am going to bring back so many experiences from this trip," WO1 Sama said. "We are on a mission

to acquire knowledge from this partnership. We will share what we have seen with our colleagues and our logisticians. We are learning how you manage these facilities and how we can improve ours."

Maj. John said the partnership is an opportunity that comes at the right moment for Sierra Leone's military.

"First of all, the State Partnership Program is a huge opportunity for Sierra Leone and Michigan," John said. "We see the value, and we are motivated to leverage this connection with the greatest superpower in the world. It is the right step in the right direction at the right time."

Looking ahead, Michigan and Sierra Leone anticipate continued exchanges and growing opportunities for cooperation. The visit is another early step toward building a lasting, mutually beneficial partnership.



# HARNESSING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

## Michigan National Guard Trains Senior Leaders to Harness Artificial Intelligence

Story by Maj. Megan Breen

CAMP GRAYLING, Mich. — More than 40 senior leaders from the Michigan National Guard’s Army and Air components gathered at Camp Grayling in January for a three-day course designed to demystify artificial intelligence and prepare commanders to integrate emerging technologies into military readiness and leadership.

The Michigan National Guard Artificial Intelligence Leader Course brought together officers and senior enlisted leaders from across the state to learn from subject matter experts on how AI is shaping modern defense operations. The training was facilitated by Chief Master Sgt. Erik Wolford, the Michigan National Guard’s senior enlisted leader for initiatives, and featured presentations from the Office of Naval Research and the Air Force Research Laboratory.

The course followed the release of the Department of War’s Artificial Intelligence Strategy, which directs

military components to adopt AI technologies to maintain an advantage over potential adversaries. For traditional Guardsmen, who balance civilian careers with military service, the technology offers an opportunity to increase efficiency without adding to an already demanding workload.

“The technology itself is not going away, so it is time to get comfortable with it,” said Marine Corps Lt. Col. John ‘Jack’ Long of the Office of Naval Research. “Like it or hate it, our job as leaders is to recognize the enemy gets a vote.”

Long emphasized that AI is not a replacement for human decision-making but a tool to enhance performance. “You are not going to lose your job to the calculator,” he said. “But the engineer that uses the calculator to do calculations faster is going to be more efficient than the engineer who is doing math by hand.”

Participants began the course with a foundational overview of artificial

intelligence, tracing its origins back more than a century. In the late 1950s, the U.S. Navy developed one of the earliest learning machines, known as the Perceptron, a five-ton computer capable of rudimentary pattern recognition. The history lesson underscored a key theme of the course: AI is not new, and it is not sentient.

“Don’t be scared of the technology,” Long told the group. “This is just another in a long line of technologies that get developed and incorporated into warfighting.”

Speakers stressed that modern generative AI systems are only as effective as the inputs they receive. Poor data or vague prompts lead to poor results, a limitation leaders must understand before relying on AI-enabled tools. Instructors also explained the difference between “human-in-the-loop” systems, which require human oversight, and fully automated systems — emphasizing that ethical judgment and command authority remain firmly in human hands.

“The name ‘AI’ gets people to come in and be potentially nervous or scared,”



Michigan National Guard Army and Air members, along with Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs personnel, attend the Senior Leader Artificial Intelligence Course at Camp Grayling, Michigan, Monday, Jan. 12, 2026. (Photo by Maj. Megan Breen)

said Dr. Jeffery Hunter Johnson of the Air Force Research Laboratory. “Check your assumptions at the door.” The course introduced leaders to [GenAI.mil](https://www.genai.mil), a Department of War–approved generative AI platform launched in late 2025 and designed to handle controlled unclassified information. Johnson said the technology could help leaders remove administrative obstacles that distract from core responsibilities. “What is keeping you from doing the part where we are leveraging your expertise, your intelligence, your passion?” Johnson said. “Let’s move that out of the way.”

Stephanie Townsend, digital adoption lead at Air Force Materiel Command, described AI as an “energy management” tool that allows leaders to redirect time and focus toward mission-critical tasks. Tasks that once took hours — such as drafting reports or summarizing information — can

often be completed in a fraction of the time with AI assistance.

Despite its potential as a force multiplier, instructors cautioned that AI cannot replace the human elements of leadership. The technology cannot mentor service members, build unit cohesion, or make ethical decisions in complex situations. Adoption, they said, must be deliberate and led from the top.

As the digital landscape continues to evolve, Michigan National Guard leaders left the course with a shared message: artificial intelligence is not a future concern, but a present reality — and leadership in the modern force requires learning how to use it responsibly and effectively.

**“If your leadership does not believe in the technology, it is not going to trickle down,”**

**-Dr. Jeffery Hunter Johnson**

# SHOTS FROM AROUND THE STATE

## ON TIME AND ON TARGET

U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Nicholas Bousquette, fuels management journeyman, 127th Logistics Readiness Squadron, fuels flight, Michigan National Guard, removes liquid oxygen from a 50-gallon issuing tank to a beaker at Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Michigan, Nov. 2, 2025. The blue liquid oxygen is pressurized oxygen that is cooled to minus 297 degrees Fahrenheit, turning it into a boiling liquid that must warm and turn to gas before Airmen can test its purity. (U.S. Air National Guard Photo by Airman 1st Class Jacob Hessen)



## MICHIGAN MARINE IN ACTION

U.S. Marine Corps Cpl. Zachariah Ferraro, a combat photographer with Marine Corps Combat Service Support Schools, and a native of Michigan, posts security during a training event for a Marine Corps Martial Arts Instructor Course at Camp Gilbert H. Johnson, North Carolina, Dec. 18, 2025. The MAIC certifies Marines to instruct and monitor Marine Corps Martial Arts Program training and advance Marines in the program while testing and strengthening their decision making, warfighting, and leadership skills. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. Zachary Candiani)



## "FINI" FLIGHT

U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Bart Ward, an A-10C Thunderbolt II aircraft pilot, assigned to the 107th Fighter Squadron, Michigan Air National Guard, is sprayed by his sons to celebrate his final A-10 mission at Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Michigan, Nov. 1, 2025. Deemed a "fini" flight, a pilot's final mission is honored in a tradition dating back to World War II. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by 1st Lt. Elise Wahlstrom)



## MAINTENANCE MEETS PARTNERSHIP

Service members from the Republic of Sierra Leone Armed Forces tour the Michigan Army National Guard's Combined Support Maintenance Shop (CSMS) in Lansing, Michigan, during a State Partnership Program engagement in December 2024. The visit provided an opportunity to observe maintenance operations, fleet management, and sustainment processes while strengthening military-to-military cooperation between Michigan and Sierra Leone. (Photo by 1st Lt. Paige Bodine, Michigan National Guard)

## TWO-TIME WINNERS

U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Jacob Wedemeyer, an aircraft armament systems specialist with the 127th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Michigan Air National Guard, secures munitions during the annual load crew competition at Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Michigan, Dec. 6, 2025. Wedemeyer led his team to its second victory, reinforcing combat readiness and lethality while earning bragging rights. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Nicole Erb)





# FLY, FIX, FIGHT.

## MICHIGAN AIRMEN FLY, FIX TO READY FOR FIGHT

Story by: Senior Master Sgt. Dan Heaton

As part of the Michigan Air National Guard's 127th Wing drill weekend, Airmen flew and fixed aircraft to ready for the fight at Selfridge Air National Guard Base Jan. 9-11, 2026.

Gen. Kenneth S. Wilsbach, Air Force Chief of Staff, laid out the "Fly, Fix, Fight" motto to Airmen in his first message to the force Nov. 3, 2025, outlining his leadership priorities.

"Our shared purpose is simple and enduring: to fly and fix so we are ready to fight. At our core, we fly and fix aircraft. It is the heart of who we are and what we do," Wilsbach said. "Every Airman, no matter their specialty, contributes to the generation of airpower to support the joint fight. From the flightline to the cockpit, from logistics to networks, every part of

our Air Force delivers combat power. Together we afford our Nation the ability to deter aggression and when necessary, to fight and win."

Over the weekend, KC-135 Stratotanker and A-10 Thunderbolt II aircraft flew. Scores of maintainers fixed aircraft and, at a medical "rodeo," upwards of 900 Airmen verified they were up-to-date with routine medical requirements, ensuring they continue to be qualified for duty. On Jan. 10 alone, a dozen A-10s launched from the base to take part in a training exercise at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Arizona and five KC-135 Stratotankers took off, participating in a variety of missions and training sorties.

Meanwhile, in a KC-135 hangar, a trio of junior Airmen worked on fixing a hydraulics actuator on the port side wing of one of the large refueling aircraft. It is the small things that allow

the larger mission to happen.

"This was written up as a problem, a small hydraulics leak and we want to get this aircraft back into service," said Staff Sgt. Charles Travis, who works in the hydraulics shop of the 191st Maintenance Squadron. The 191st Airmen are the "Fix" part of the equation.

On a chilly Saturday, with a little snow flying outside, Senior Airman Lucas Bulac and Airman 1st Class Cameron White worked inside a hangar on the KC-135, troubleshooting the problem and fixing the aircraft – getting it ready to fly and, if necessary, to contribute to the fight.

Bulac and White are both traditional members of the Michigan Air National Guard, serving generally about one weekend per month and a couple of weeks of active duty per year. When

not in uniform, Bulac is a full-time student at Oakland University, where he is studying criminal justice. White works in the food service industry and is planning to return to school himself. Travis, who was supervising Bulac and White, serves full-time at Selfridge.

Bulac has been with the Michigan Air National Guard for about three years, White for two. Travis served as an F-15 Eagle maintainer in the active-duty Air Force before joining the Michigan ANG several years ago.

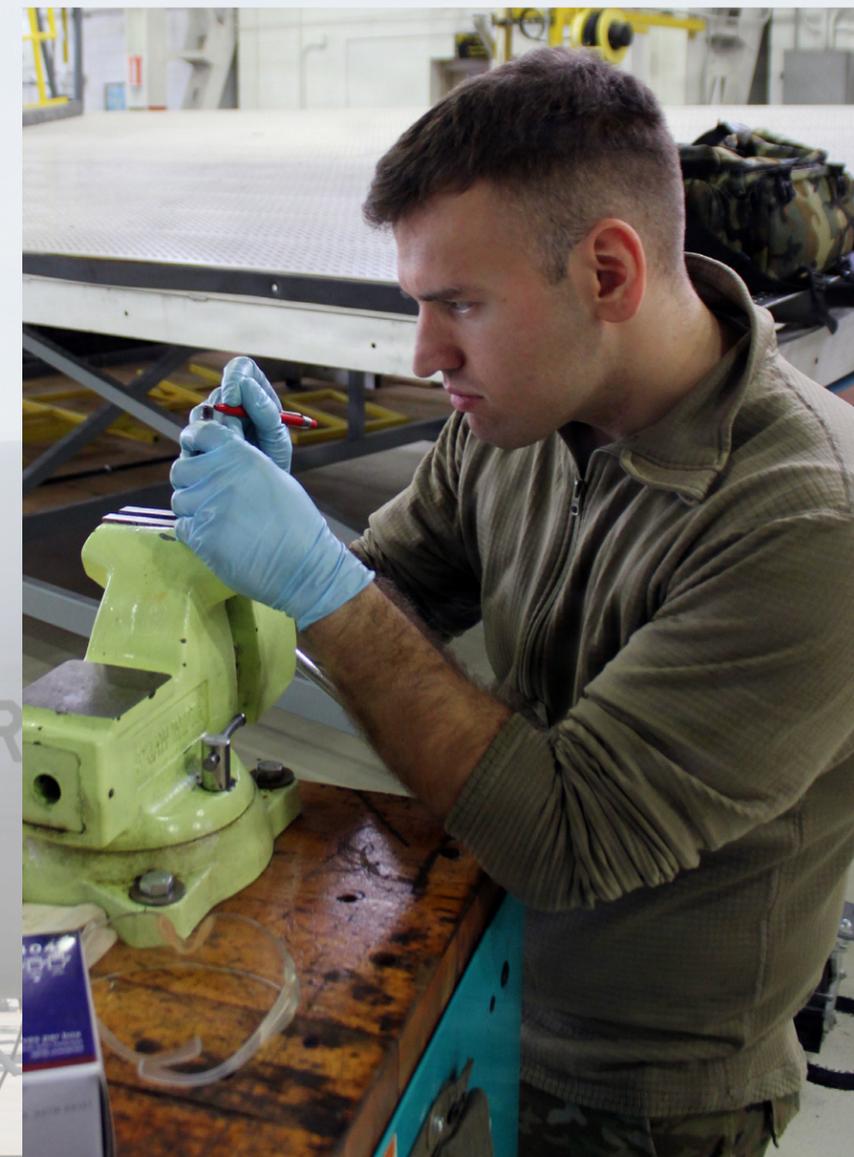
"I like working on the aircraft because it is always something challenging, something you put your hands on, but you also have to use your brain to figure out," Bulac said.

Bulac and White are both in skills upgrade training, so the small write-up on the KC-135 provided an opportunity for them to hone their own skills, while also performing a needed "Fix" on an aircraft.

"This is a core task for them and it gets this aircraft back in the fight," Travis said.

For White, the larger part of the task was obvious.

"This is the mission today: fix this problem, so we are ready to go. It is as simple as that," he said.



# MICHIGAN NATIONAL GUARD BENEFIT FUND: CONTINUING TO GROW

Story by: Capt. Benjamin Larson

LANSING, MI – More than a decade ago, Michigan took a bold step in recognizing the sacrifices and aspirations of its citizen-soldiers. On July 1, 2014, then-Governor Rick Snyder signed into law Public Act 259, officially establishing the Michigan National Guard State Tuition Assistance Program — better known as MINGSTAP. This initiative was a game-changer, offering tuition assistance to members of the Michigan National Guard pursuing higher education or vocational training at in-state institutions. Since its inception, MINGSTAP has quietly but powerfully transformed lives. For over 11 years, it has empowered thousands of Guard members to reach personal and professional milestones, helping them move seamlessly from military service to meaningful careers.

But in 2023, the program took another important leap forward. On May 20, Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed Public Act 33 into law, amending the original legislation to extend MINGSTAP benefits to the dependents of Guard members. It was a move that many saw as long overdue — a recognition that service to country often involves the entire family. “This signals Michigan is serious about supporting military families who have made significant sacrifices on behalf of our state and nation,” said U.S. Army Maj. Gen. Paul D. Rogers, adjutant general and director of the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

The numbers speak volumes. To date, over 7,000 service members and approximately 400 family members have benefited from MINGSTAP. While these numbers look great on paper, they also represent real opportunities: a daughter attending her first year of college debt-free, a spouse gaining technical skills for a new career, a Guardsman finishing a degree and getting promoted. In a time when the cost of education continues to rise, MINGSTAP stands out as a practical and heartfelt investment in the people who serve and those who stand beside them. Michigan has made it clear that the state values its military families, not just in words, but in action.

“MINGSTAP has been an amazing tool for our Airmen and their families,” said Master Sergeant Sarah Descamps of the Michigan Air National Guard’s 110th Wing. “It offers a unique opportunity for Airmen to go to continue their civilian educa-



1st Lieutenant Molly Gonzalez and her son Dallas. Photo courtesy of 1st Lt. Gonzalez

tion supporting both their civilian and military careers.”

Throughout her career Master Sgt. Descamps has seen the positive effects that MINGSTAP has had on retention, and with the addition of support for family members, she noted that retention rates in Airmen with spouses and children have increased.

In September of this year, the Michigan Legislature introduced several bills to adjust MINGSTAP funding. Signed into law in December, Public Act 31 of 2025 created the Michigan National Guard Member Benefit Fund that continues MINGSTAP funding and provides funding for childcare assistance and TRICARE premium reimbursements for eligible Michigan National Guard service members. Under this new law the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs has established the Michigan Member Benefits Program to oversee all three programs. More information about the program, including eligibility requirements, restrictions and application processes, can be found online at Michigan Member Benefits Program.

“I’m incredibly proud to see our elected representatives identify and support the evolving needs of our service members as they continue to serve our state and nation,” said Maj. Gen. Rogers. “MINGSTAP has helped numerous service members and their families achieve educational and career goals while continuing to serve and it is my hope that these new programs for childcare and healthcare will have that same effect.”

## Childcare Assistance Program

To be eligible for the Childcare Assistance Program, the service member must have a dependent child 12 and under; be a single Soldier or Airman or a dual-military family and simultaneously drilling; and provide documentation that they have completed Advanced Individual or Technical Training. Title 10 or Title 32 AGR service members are not eligible for childcare assistance. This stipend will pay \$60 per day, per dependent for weekend drills and annual training, up to a maximum of 39 days each year. For dual military drilling at the same drill period, only one member may submit for assistance. Service members with children enrolled in the Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMB) may submit an exception to the policy (ETP) waiving the age criteria.

Childcare concerns are one of the biggest issues raised by members of the MING as most childcare centers aren’t open over weekends, and if they are, rates are higher than normal. Relying on family and friends can be a challenge as well. First Lieutenant Molly Gonzalez of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 126th Infantry Regiment relies on a nanny to care for her one-year-old son Dallas during drill and annual training.

“I don’t have family close by, and my childcare center isn’t open on the weekends and doesn’t provide overnight care,” 1st Lt. Gonzalez said. “Luckily, I’m able to hire a nanny to watch Dallas when I’m away for training. This past year I spent around \$3,000 for this alone.”

Unfortunately, for many service members spending \$3,000 or more a year on childcare to attend training isn’t possible. Both Master Sgt. Descamps and 1st Lt. Gonzalez have had subordinates tell them that they’re choosing to end their service because of the challenges and costs associated with childcare.

## TRICARE Premium Reimbursement Program

To qualify for TRICARE Premium Reimbursement, the service member must be uninsured; the service member’s employer does not provide insurance; in traditional (non-full time) Michigan National Guard status; enrolled in and has paid for TRICARE coverage; not eligible for enrollment in employer-sponsored medical insurance through their own civilian employer; not eligible for enrollment in a spouse’s medical insurance program; not eligible to be enrolled on a parent’s health plan (for example, because they are age 26 or older on the first day of the month, or the parent’s plan does not offer dependent coverage, or the service member does not meet the plan’s dependent eligibility criteria); not enrolled in any other medical coverage that would duplicate the program’s benefits; has completed Advanced Individual or Technical Training; and are not eligible for Medicaid. This bridging program provides a reimbursement of up to the service member’s monthly member-only portion TRICARE premium for TRICARE Reserve Select Member only and TRICARE Dental member-only, for eligible Michigan National Guard traditional (M Day/DSG drill status) service members enrolled in member-only TRICARE coverage. Family coverage is not reimbursable. Reimbursements are paid only to the service member. The current cost for TRICARE Reserve Select Member only is \$57.88 monthly and \$8.65 monthly for TRICARE Dental.

Uninsured or underinsured service members within the Michigan National Guard raise a concern for unit readiness when called upon to deploy. To deploy, a service member must meet certain medical readiness standards as established by the U.S. Army or U.S. Air Force and unlike their active-duty counterparts, members of the National Guard do not have access to military treatment facilities. By covering TRICARE premium costs, the State of Michigan is ensuring that Soldiers and Airmen can receive both routine and emergency medical care.

“Having our State Legislature recognize that the costs of childcare and health insurance are an issue for the Guard and work to fix it is encouraging,” Master Sgt. Descamps said.

As the program continues to grow, the Michigan Member Benefits Program remains a model for how states can tangibly support those who protect and serve. With continued support and strong leadership, the future looks promising — not just for today’s service members, but for the next generation as well.





## MVAA Recognizes Mettle Ops as a Gold-level Veteran-Friendly Employer

DETROIT, Mich. - The Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency (MVAA) awarded Mettle Ops with the Gold-level Veteran-Friendly Employer (VFE) award, at the Mettle Ops office on Tuesday, Nov. 18. This honor recognizes their commitment to veteran recruitment, training and retention in their hiring process. Mettle Ops, a woman-owned and service-disabled veteran-owned small business, specializes in enhancing legacy systems with innovative technology in the national defense industry.

"We are warfighters," said Jonathan Harms, executive officer at Mettle Ops and U.S. Navy veteran. "We incubate innovation to improve soldier lives. We have a high obligation to the American warfighter, our people and our place on this earth."

In March 2018, Mettle Ops joined the VFE program at the Bronze-level and achieved Silver in Sept. 2025. Since then, Mettle Ops has established a tailored onboarding process of U.S. military veterans that provides translation of military experience to company roles, introductions to veteran support programs and connection to internal veteran mentors. The healthcare coverage Mettle Ops offers includes continues benefits for employees activated for Michigan National Guard and Reserve service, giving them and their families the peace of mind that they will be supported during military duty. Mettle Ops maintains an 83% veteran retention rate through affinity groups, veteran-to-veteran mentorship and regular recognition to foster community, support and career growth. In Aug. 2025, Mettle Ops joined the MVAA's Veteran Connector program to actively connect veterans to resources, benefits and opportunities within the company and through trusted partners. The dedication Mettle Ops has for its veteran and service member employees and the initiatives they have implemented earned them the VFE Gold-level status in Oct. 2025.

Veteran-Friendly Employer program:

MVAA recognizes employers that commit to military veteran recruitment, training and retention practices by awarding those employers Gold, Silver and Bronze-level status as Veteran-Friendly Employers. MVAA's Veteran-Friendly Employer program helps qualified organizations recruit



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and retain top veteran talent while providing others a road map to improve their recruitment efforts.

MVAA will assist employers as they develop and improve their efforts to recruit and retain high-quality veteran candidates. Employers who meet the criteria will be publicly recognized and allowed to use the Gold, Silver and Bronze Michigan Veteran-Friendly Employer logo to market themselves to potential veteran applicants.

If your organization would like to be recognized as a Veteran-Friendly Employer, please review the criteria and fill out the Veteran-Friendly Employer Application and submit it. For more information, email [MVAAStrategy@michigan.gov](mailto:MVAAStrategy@michigan.gov).

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## EMERGENCY AID AS WINTER CONDITIONS PERSIST

LANSING, Mich. - In the wake of recent severe winter weather, the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency (MVAA) encourages veterans and their families to explore available emergency assistance through the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund (MVTf). The MVTf provides emergency financial aid to eligible veterans experiencing unforeseen financial emergencies.

"As winter descends upon us, shelter, heat and electricity take on even greater significance. The MVTf has a proven track record of providing timely assistance to veterans and their dependents facing situations where they are unable to sustain these potentially life-saving necessities," said MVTf Director Lindell Holm. "We encourage those facing financial emergencies who are eligible to apply for assistance to contact their county veteran services office to begin an application."

The MVTf was created by the state Legislature in 1946 to help wartime-era veterans with a \$50 million corpus that has since grown to about \$75 million. The Emergency Grant Program is intended to help veterans overcome an unforeseen situation causing a temporary or short-term financial emergency that a grant will resolve and for which the applicant can demonstrate the ability to meet future expenses. Emergency expenses may include utility bills, home repairs, rent and mortgage assistance, etc.

Beginning December 2021, the MVTf Board of Trustees expanded services to peacetime veterans aged 65 and older to offer financial counseling and emergency aid. Like its Emergency Grant Program for wartime-era veterans, the MVTf's 65+ Peacetime Program allows veterans who served in a peacetime era, have at least 180 days of active duty service and were discharged under honorable conditions to apply for emergency assistance.

Applications for assistance are reviewed and decided upon by local committees of veterans appointed by the MVTf Board of Trustees. The seven-member board is appointed by Governor Gretchen Whitmer and has constitutional authority over the Emergency Grant Program expenditures and policies. Since its inception 79 years ago, the MVTf has approved more than 650,000 applications for emergency assistance for veterans and their dependents who were in financial crisis.

In addition to providing emergency financial assistance, the MVTf collaborates with community partners, such as GreenPath Financial Wellness, Inc., to provide financial education and debt management programs for veterans. These services can help many veterans who are struggling to manage their finances or overcome crippling debt. The goal is to help veterans gain financial stability.

To learn more about the MVTf, please visit [Michigan.gov/MVTf](http://Michigan.gov/MVTf).

To apply for emergency funds from the MVTf, veterans or their loved ones should contact their local county veteran services office or call 1-800-MICH-VET (1-800-642-4838) for the contact information.

Veterans interested in the free financial counseling can call GreenPath Financial Wellness, Inc., at 1-800-550-1961.

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2LT MICHAEL FITCH

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2LT MARCIN PUCZYLOWSKI

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SMS GREGORY ATKINS

MSG WILLIAM ALLEN

MSG RYON BARTHA

MSG TYLER BARNES

MSG BENJAMIN BOWERMAN

MSG JUSTIN CUMMINGS

MSG DOUGLAS DAVIDSON

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TSG MATTHEW JARECKI

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TSG JESSICA PERSAILS

TSG REBECCA LOUBERT

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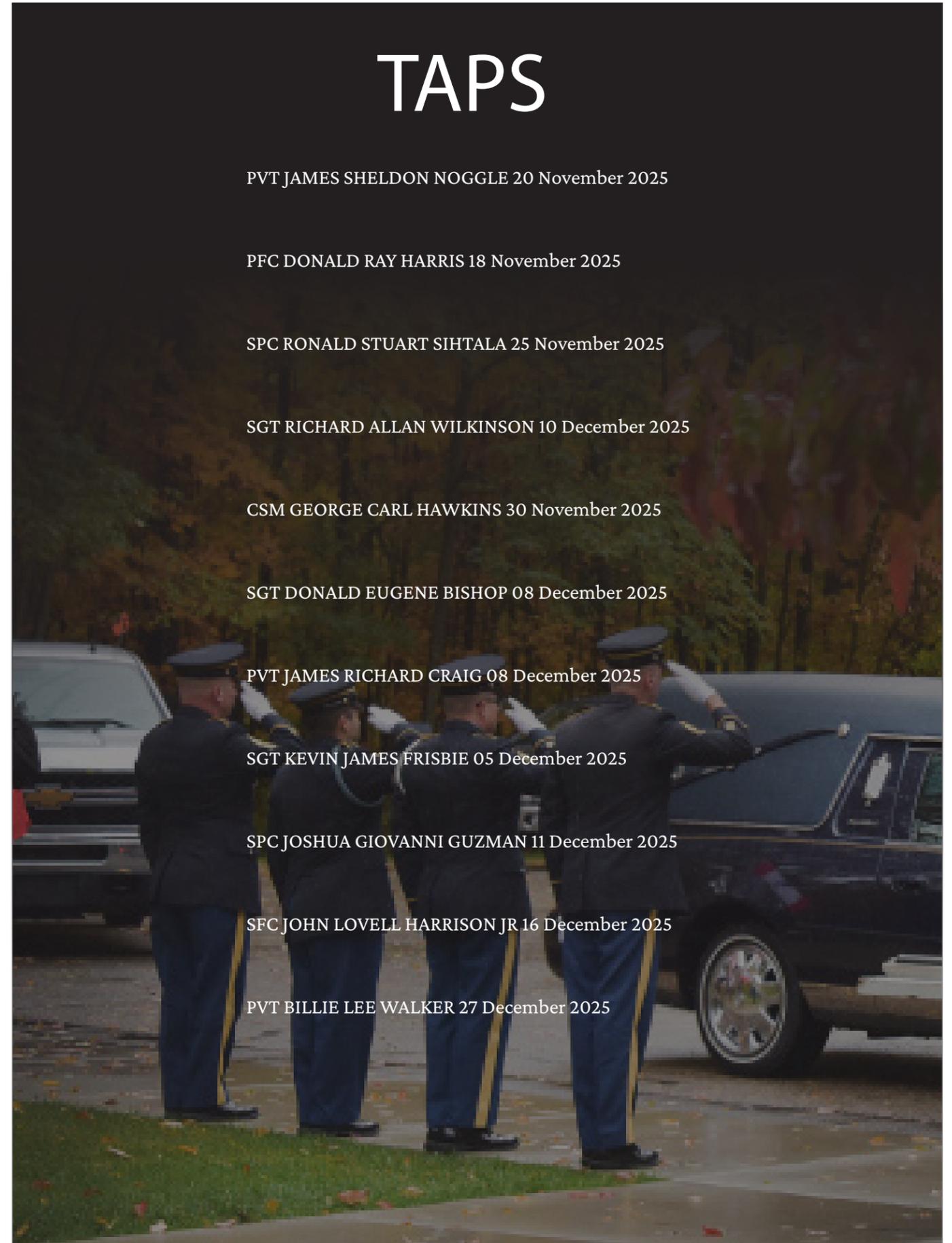
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# FUTURE EVENTS

## MVAA'S WOMEN VETERANS CONFERENCE

9-11 April 2026  
Sheraton Grand Rapids Airport Hotel

## GOVERNOR'S 20

13-16 April 2026  
Fort Custer Training Center

## MIARNG BEST WARRIOR

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29 April- 03 May 2026  
Fort Custer Training Center

## SELFRIDGE AIR SHOW

28-31 May 2026  
Selfridge Air National Guard Base

## NORTHERN FORGE 26-2

30 May- 05 June 2026

## STATE ANNUAL TRAINING

29 May- 12 June 2026

## NORTHERN STRIKE 26-2

1- 15 August 2026

Wolverine Guard 26-1



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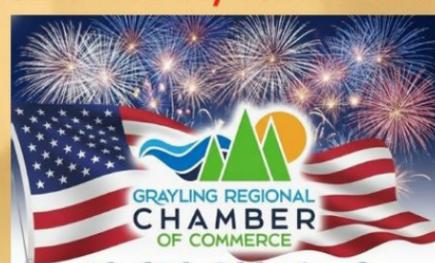
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## MVAA'S WOMEN VETERANS CONFERENCE IN GRAND RAPIDS

LANSING, Mich. - The Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency (MVAA) will host the 4th Women Veterans Conference Apr. 9-11, 2026, in Grand Rapids. This premier event for women veterans is dedicated to honoring their service, fostering meaningful connections and empowering them for their future. Registration for the Women Veterans Conference will open in February 2026.

"Michigan's more than 44,000 women veterans have walked a path distinct from that of their male peers," said Erika Hoover, MVAA mental health and suicide prevention manager. "It's essential that we honor the women who have served, those who continue to serve, and all who stand behind and support women veterans and service members throughout our state."

This conference theme is Sisters in Service: Thriving Beyond the Uniform. Throughout the three-day event, attendees will explore their shared history while cultivating personal growth and strengthening connections to help women veterans thrive in both their personal and professional lives.

Sponsorship opportunities for the conference will impact the lives of Michigan's women veterans. For more information on becoming an event sponsor, review the [sponsorship packet](#). Swag bags will be provided to conference attendees. Organizations wishing to provide items to include in bags will need to provide 200 items by COB Monday, March 16. To become a sponsor or donate items, contact Erika Hoover

at [HooverE2@Michigan.gov](mailto:HooverE2@Michigan.gov). MVAA's Women Veterans Conference Save the Date with five animated women

Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency - The MVAA is the central coordinating agency, providing support, care, advocacy and service to veterans and their families. As a state agency, MVAA works to identify and break down barriers veterans face in employment, education, health care and quality of life, to make Michigan a great place for veterans and their families to call home. More information about MVAA is available at [Michigan.gov/MVAA](http://Michigan.gov/MVAA) or by reading our [FY25 Annual Report](#).



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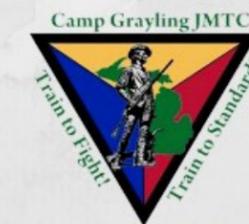
## 5th Annual NORTHERN STRIKE 5K Run|Walk|Ruck

NGAM charity event raising funds for  
Camp Grayling USO & NGAM's Leadership Scholarship.  
All donations are 501(c)(19) tax deductible.



**NOTE: REAL ID OR OTHER FEDERALLY COMPLIANT IDENTIFICATION  
REQUIRED FOR ENTRY CHECK MICHIGAN.GOV/SOS FOR DETAILS.**

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\$40 Entry Fee if registered by July 1st (\$50 after)  
Check-in starts at 7:30am  
Camp Grayling Parade Field  
\*Shot Gun Start\*



SUNDAY  
2 AUG 2026  
9:00AM

**NGAM**



The first 150 registered participants will be guaranteed a free medal and shirt. Prizes for top finishers and most patriotic. Professional Timing Company will be used.

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**MUST PRE-REGISTER AT  
NORTHERNSTRIKE5K.ITSYOURRACE.COM**  
(FOLLOW OUR EVENT PAGE ON FACEBOOK FOR UPDATES)  
CONTACT: [JENNIFER.A.CAVERSON.CIV@ARMY.MIL](mailto:JENNIFER.A.CAVERSON.CIV@ARMY.MIL)





# 4th Annual Fort Custer "Defender" 5K

**SATURDAY 02 MAY 2026**  
**7:00AM Registration / 9:00AM Start**  
**\$35 Entry Fee**  
**Fort Custer Education Center**  
**Augusta, MI**

**Military Vehicle Display - Fort Custer Museum**

Information & Registration @  
<https://runsignup.com/Race/MI/Augusta/FortCusterDefender5K>  
(OR SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER)



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## ATTENTION OFFICER CANDIDATE SCHOOL ALUMNI!



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SUBMIT YOUR INFORMATION

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We are collecting names and basic information of officers who attended Officer Candidate School to build a comprehensive alumni network and establish a Hall of Fame that honors service, leadership, and lasting contributions. This effort preserves our shared history, strengthens connections across generations of officers, and ensures outstanding achievements are formally recognized for years to come.





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# \$1,000

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Share your personal or unit news and associated photos (with captions please) to [ng.mi.miarng.list.pao@army.mil](mailto:ng.mi.miarng.list.pao@army.mil).

Keep operational security in mind and ask permission when taking photos of other people and equipment. We distribute material all over the world so yours might just be the next global feature story! Never fear, to bend our ear, with event descriptions, unit accomplishments, training photos, armory changes, any news that impacts the Soldiers, Airmen, families and friends of the MING. Please do your part to steer us in the right direction and tell the Michigan National Guard story.



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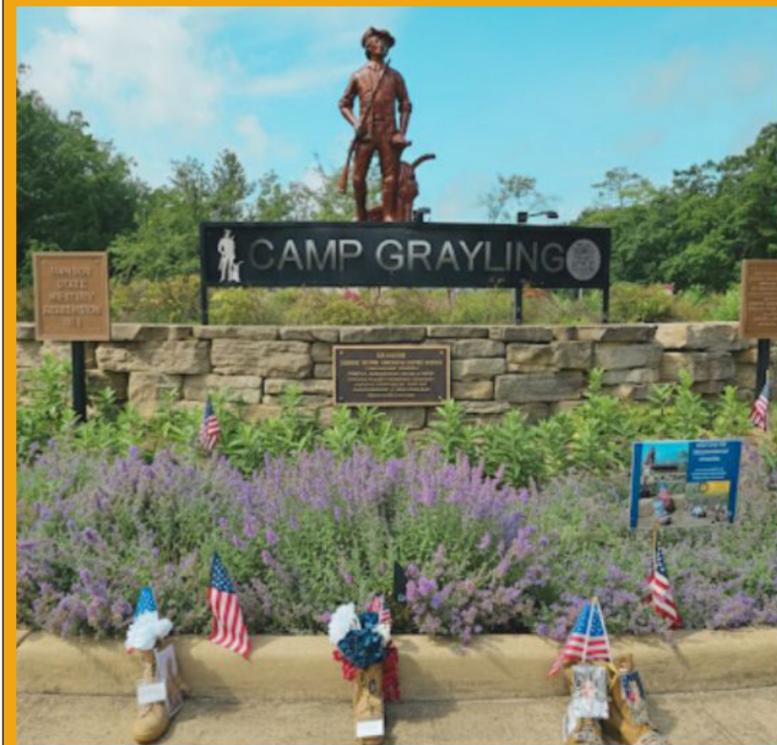
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# 3rd Annual Boots on the Ground Heroes Memorial at Camp Grayling

Opening Ceremony July 11 at 11am  
Camp Grayling front entrance  
Boots will be displayed and  
Open to the Public July 11-Aug 2

## FREEDOM ISN'T FREE REGISTER A TRIBUTE BOOT

Please join us in honoring the fallen. This memorial recognizes service members and veterans from all branches who are no longer with us. Open to all survivors and families. Honoring all military heroes (not limited to combat deaths).

FOR MORE DETAILS CONTACT:  
Beth Ann Amy 989.372.4313  
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Families  
of the Fallen*



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