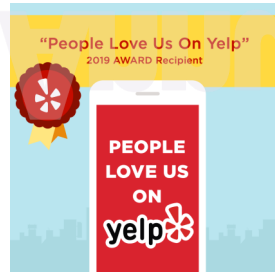


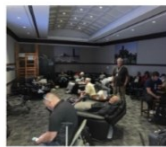
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Serving Those Who Serve Us

2019 Annual Report



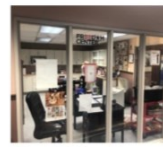
80 Shifts
4 Centers
1 Mission



DTW McNamara Terminal
(Near Gate A43)



DTW North Terminal
(Near Gate D17)



Detroit Military Entrance
Processing Station



Lansing Military Entrance
Processing Station



694,891

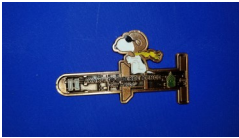
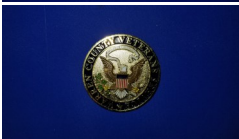
*Guests served
from all over
world since 2011*



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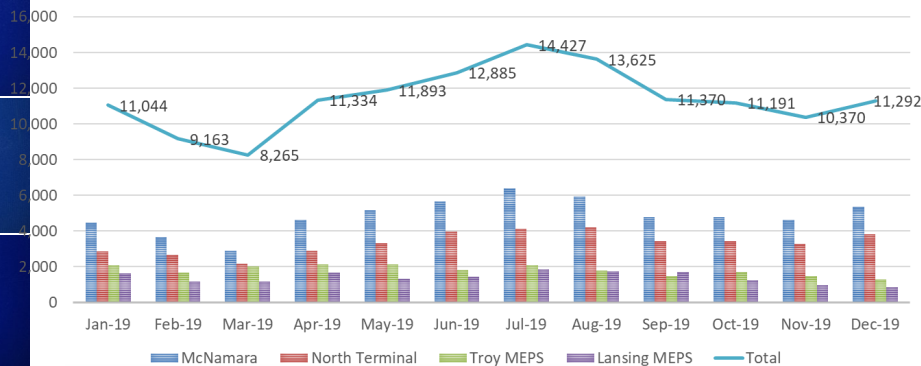


Our Guests

Our mission is to serve those who serve us in the military. Our centers are open to active duty personnel and veterans from U.S. and Allied Military forces including Gold Star and Blue Star family members.



Since 2011, we have served 694,891 guests!



Share Your Story



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As a Navy Wife I can attest to the amazing center at the Detroit Metro airport! Not only are they amazing to members of our armed forces but to spouses and their families as well. The seating areas were comfortable and there was no shortage of snacks, which was essential on those 12 hour layovers.

Share this review: [Flag review](#)



136,859 Guests Served in 2019



Our Community

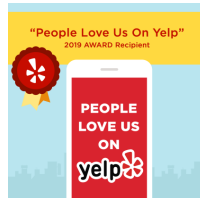
The mission of the MI Freedom Center is a team effort that features partners all across the State of Michigan. Our community engagement not only helps to let military families know about our services, it also helps to advise the organizations in our community of the needs we have to better serve our guests.



Together, we ensure that our guests know that the people of Michigan stand behind them and their service!



Our Recognitions



Our guest reviews on Yelp! Earned us the 2019 "People Love Us Award" from Yelp!

Charity watchdog Guidestar gave the Michigan Armed Forces Hospitality Center a Gold Seal of Transparency for our disclosures to non-profit donor community.



The Internal Revenue Service re-affirmed our tax-exempt non-profit status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Federal Tax Code.

We earned a "2019 Partnership Award" from the Wayne County Airport Authority for our efforts in support of its receipt of #1 ranking in customer satisfaction.



We earned "Rookie of the Year" recognition from Delta Air Lines and American Cancer Society for our enthusiastic support of their annual Relay for Life fundraising event.



Chairman's Message



2019 marks the eighth consecutive year of operation for the Michigan Armed Forces Hospitality Center and its associated military lounges known as Michigan Freedom Centers. However, it has been a full decade since the seeds were first planted which lead to the establishment of a permanent military lounge at the Detroit Metropolitan Airport (DTW). This story begins in December 2009. At that time Delta Air Lines and Northwest Airlines were in the final phases of merging their operation. Part of this process involved familiarizing former NWA employees with Delta procedures and policies.

Early that month one of the DTW based Customer Service Managers, Paul Krystyniak, was at the Delta Headquarters for training. During his visit to the Atlanta International Airport he noticed that Delta Air Lines was operating a military lounge in Concourse B, located inside the secure passenger terminal area. He learned that it was a Delta tradition (for the past four decades) to provide a military lounge, during the month of December, for active and retired military travelers and their families.

Upon returning home he proposed opening a similar facility inside the DTW/ McNamara Terminal where Delta operated. His suggestion was posted on the Company "newswire" which was emailed to all Delta employees in DTW. A few days before Christmas, Paul and a handful of Delta employees showed up at 6 o'clock in the morning and launched the experiment.

This was a spontaneous and unscripted endeavor. Nothing like this had ever been attempted in DTW. There were no procedures, no schedules, no rules.

The operation was governed by two, simple guidelines:

1. Do the right thing.
2. If in doubt, refer to rule #1.

That first day Paul brought a single sign which was placed in the passageway outside of the door. It pointed towards the open door and informed traveler's that they were passing the entrance to the "DTW Military Lounge". That was the only signage, referring to the Military Lounge, in the entire terminal. At that time there were no PA announcements inviting veterans to visit the military lounge. As they did in Atlanta, Delta donated beverages, inflight snacks, plastic cups, napkins and a tub of ice. Periodically, employees dropped of holiday treats and a selection of fresh fruit. That was the extent of the "supply chain".

In keeping with common practice at other military lounges a sign-in book was placed on the desk near the entrance. Sometimes there was an off-duty Delta employee who welcomed the visitors. Most of the time it was a self-serve operation. For the next two weeks the facility was open from 6am until 9pm. Surprisingly, after 14 days of operation there were more than 1400 names in the guest book!

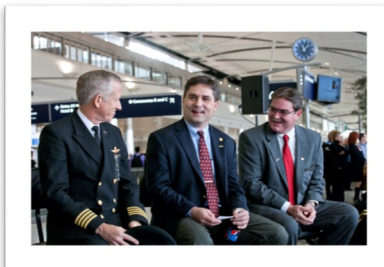
A seed had been planted. But it wasn't until a year later that it began to bear fruit.





History of MAFHC

The grand opening of the DTW McNamara Terminal Freedom Center was held on November 11, 2011.



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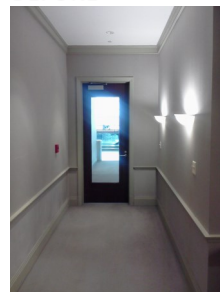
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HUMBLE BEGINNINGS

Our first Freedom Center started in a re-purposed Delta conference room next to gate A43. It took a team effort by Delta Air Lines, the Wayne County Airport Authority, our donors, our volunteers, and our board members to give it life and provide our guests with a "Thank you for your service" on steroids.

BEFORE



AFTER



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DTW Centers

Our two Freedom Centers at Detroit Metro Airport (DTW) provide a quiet respite for active duty and retired military personnel plus their families during their travels.

The hours of operation for both DTW centers are 6am-10pm every day. Volunteers fill five shifts each day to keep our doors open.

McNamara Terminal Freedom Center

Located near gate A43

Open since November 1, 2011



58,283 Guests Served in 2019

North Terminal Freedom Center

Located near gate D17

Open since December 18, 2015



40,154 Guests Served in 2019





MEPS Centers

Military Entrance Processing Stations are joint service centers responsible for assessing the physical qualifications, aptitude and moral standards of new recruits. Our MEPS Centers provide hospitality for new recruits and their families.



The hours of operation for both MEPS centers are 7am-2pm every day. Volunteers in each of these centers fill five shifts per week to keep our doors open.

Troy Freedom Center

1172 Kirts Blvd, Troy, MI 48084

Open since 2015.



21,684 Guests Served in 2019

Lansing Freedom Center

120 E Jolly Rd, Lansing, MI 48910

Open since 2014.



16,738 Guests Served in 2019

Administrative Office

In 2019, we moved our administrative office from Lansing, to Troy.

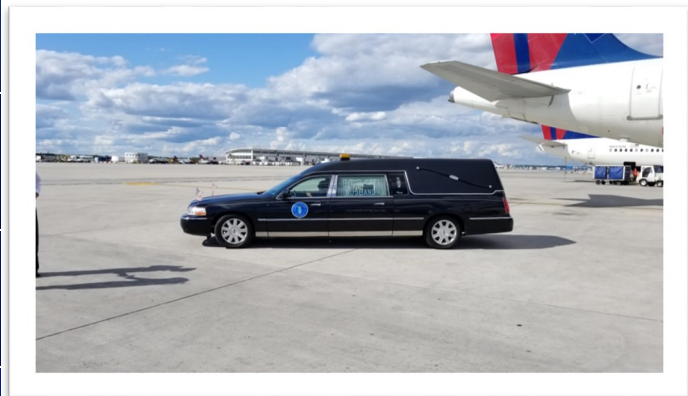
755 W. Big Beaver Road,
Suite 200
Troy, MI 48084-4925
(313)744-7507

Care Team

One of the services we provide for military families is that of caring for the friends and family of fallen heroes arriving via plane at Detroit Metro Airport. We do not often promote these services out of respect for the families, but they are an important part of our mission to serve those who serve us. We have a dedicated team equipped with tissues, snacks, and drinks for family and friends of the fallen hero. Our Care Team, which includes a chaplain, often responds on less than 24 hour notice to an email from Delta Air Lines or Dover AFB specifying the arrival of a Fallen Soldier at Detroit Metro Airport along with flight and gate information.

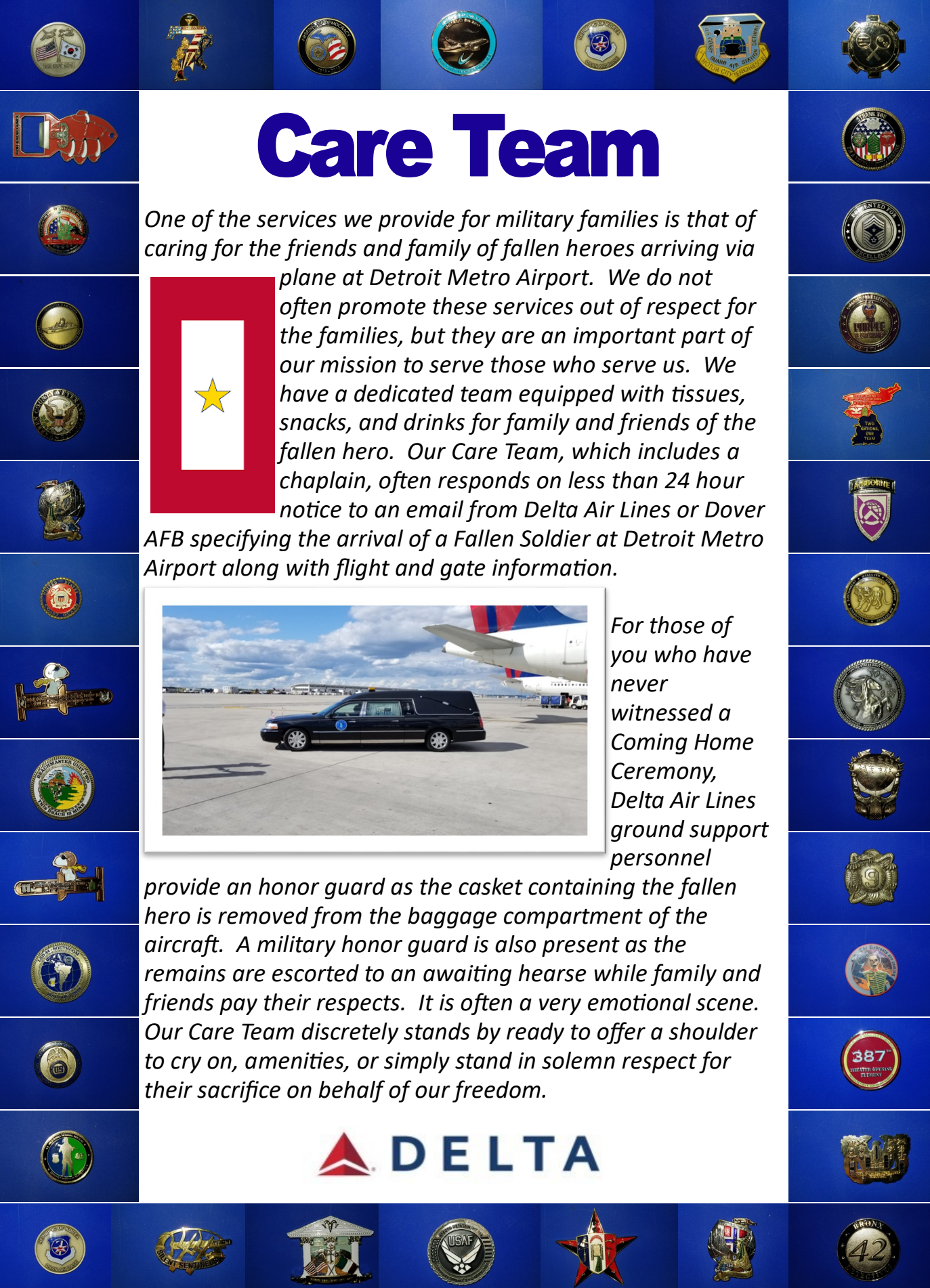


For those of you who have never witnessed a Coming Home Ceremony, Delta Air Lines ground support personnel provide an honor guard as the casket containing the fallen hero is removed from the baggage compartment of the aircraft. A military honor guard is also present as the remains are escorted to an awaiting hearse while family and friends pay their respects. It is often a very emotional scene. Our Care Team discretely stands by ready to offer a shoulder to cry on, amenities, or simply stand in solemn respect for their sacrifice on behalf of our freedom.



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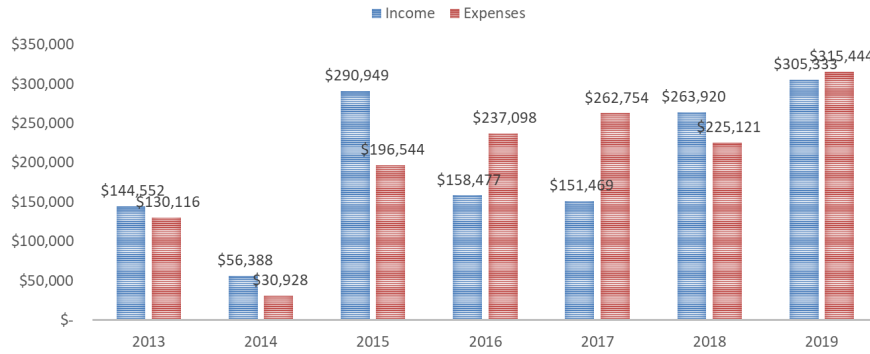
Challenge Coins

You may have noticed that the theme of this year's Annual Report is the "Challenge Coin". Challenge coins are a military tradition that recognize meritorious service. Every year, our Freedom Centers receive dozens of challenge coins from our guests. In 2019, Wayne County Airport Authority CEO, Chad Newton, approached us with the opportunity to put these challenge coins on display throughout the airport as artwork that honors the service of those who serve or have served us in the military. As a result of his efforts, DTW visitors can now see these works of art with a story at specially designed and built displays distributed throughout the McNamara and North Terminals.

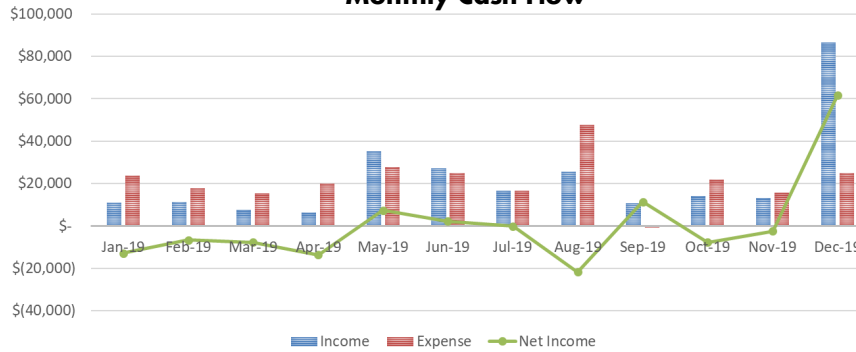


Our Financials

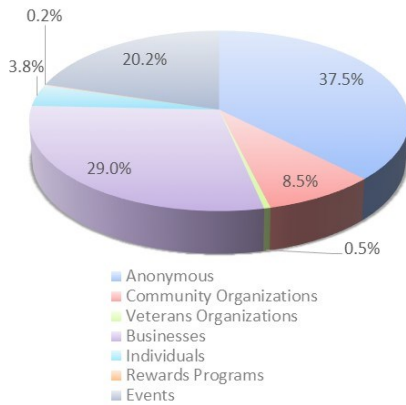
Historical Form 990 Filings*



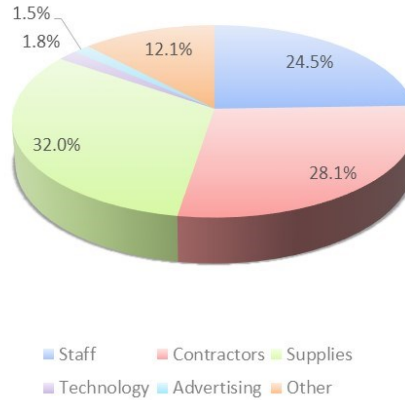
Monthly Cash Flow



Income Sources



Expenses*



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Operational Improvements

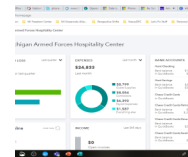
With four centers, 80 shifts, over 200 volunteers and a tax-exempt status we need to maintain, we are well past the days when all we have to do is follow the simple rules shared by Our Chairman:

1. Do the right thing.
2. If in doubt, refer to rule #1.

While we do still follow these rules, we also need to be efficient stewards of our resources and communicate effectively with our growing body of supporters. In this spirit, we have made quite a few operational improvements over the past year.

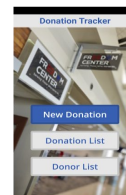
Online Accounting Software

Perhaps the most significant change to our operations is that all our accounting is managed via QuickBooks. It allows us to automate many tasks that had been labor intensive including payroll and tax filings and improves transparency with Board.



Technology Improvements

Microsoft has provided us with free licenses on the Office365 collaboration platform. This platform also enables development of code-free smart phone apps that help us better manage donations and other core functions.



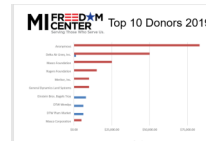
Volunteer Appreciation

Volunteers are the lifeblood of our operations. This year, we were able to hold a long overdue picnic as a token of our appreciation for their invaluable service. Plus, thanks to a grant from Masco Corporation, we were able to distribute MI Freedom Center shirts to each volunteer.



Board Operations

Board operations have been much improved to focus upon business fundamentals such as fundraising, government filings, policies, and risk management. Remote meetings are now managed via video conference provided by Office365 platform.



Plus much more....

Our Reach

We are currently the best kept secret in Michigan. Despite having cared for over 690,000 guests, we can only communicate with 3,002 supporters.

These communications range from letting military families know about our services, event notifications, donation wish lists, or simply updates on the status of our operations.

Please help us expand our reach by letting your personal and professional networks know about the work that we do. Encourage them to “Like” our Facebook Page, subscribe to our email list, follow us on Twitter, or subscribe to our YouTube channel.

Links to all of these options and more can be found on our website at MIFreedomCenter.org.



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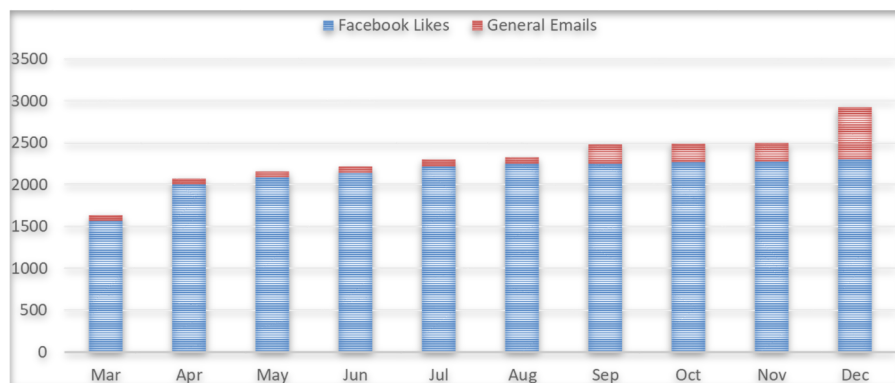
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SPREAD THE WORD!

Our Volunteers

We would not be able to keep our doors open for 80 shifts every week without our truly dedicated group of volunteers. They continually contribute their smiling faces to weary travelers and nervous recruits. They keep our facilities stocked and tidy. They do whatever they can to ensure that our guests understand that we truly appreciate their sacrifices on behalf of our freedom.

200+
Volunteers

Thank you to all who volunteer in support of our mission!

"Serving those who serve us"



John Adams
Chingon Addison
Julie Allison
Richard Alzor
Gary Anderson
Paula Anderson
Martha Anthony
Julie Aze
Roger Aze
Alex Backlund
David Baker
Linda Baker
Ronald Bator
Jim Beckwith
Molly Beckwith
Andrew Biazonich
William Biazonich
George Biazonich
George Booth
Brandy Boyce
Roy Brewington
Dianne Brown
Arthur Bulter
Carolyn Butler
Raymond Butters
Charles Campbell
Candy Carothers
Frankie Carter
Michael Carter
Sara Chapman
Cathy Chermack
Debra Clark
Karen Cobb
David Coffman
John Cook
Brian Crawford
Robert Cunningham

Deborah Davis
James Davis
Russell (Darryl) Davis
Deborah Day
Beth DeSarno
Linda Dewalle
Jennifer DeWitt
Karen Dietrich
Margaret Dillard
James Dillaha
Suzanne Dillaha
Suzanne Droege
Darryl Druz
Craig Druz
Ronald Egnore
Glenda Enriquez
Susan Evans
Rhonda Fador
Dennis Farmer
John Fillos
Doreen Finkes
Richard Filman
Stephan Fincher
Jeanette Franal
Mary Fries
Dawn Fritz
Lawrence Galbraith
Kathleen Galucha
Karen Gardner
Jay Goldstein
Carilyn Gordon
Anne Clark
Barne Grardis
Lori Grandot
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Steve Gornale

Donald Green
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Debrae Harmon
James Harshbick
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Nanette Heidt
Kirsty Hickson
Kathleen Hickey
Steven Hoang
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Rosemary Huber
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Shirley Jafal
Catherine Jenkins
Janet Johnson
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Thomas Kutz
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Kevlyn Laska
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Patrick Leibold
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Glenn Lendon
Traci Lennick
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Johanne Miller
Karen Miller
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Eric Moore
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John Noone
Mary O'Hara
Doris O'Sullivan
Roseanne O'Sullivan
Ellen Parent
Judy Peterson
Suzanne Pegguske
Michael Petrosillo
Bosidar (Bob) Petrovic
Marva Pathway

Karyn Teadt
Cynthia Tenik
Brenda Tenenack
Michelle Tru
Luzmila (Carmy) Van Duam
Karen Wasche
Anthony (Tony) Weller
Sharon Waske
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Theodore Sowards
Beatrice Szymanski
Robert Szymanski
Cheryl Syval

Active Duty + Veterans

80 Shifts
4 Centers
1 Mission



Golf Outing



Our 2019 "Tee It Up For Freedom" golf outing was held on August 2 at Lake Forest Golf Club in Ann Arbor.

INCOME:	\$21,208
EXPENSES:	\$10,594
NET INCOME:	\$10,613

3RD ANNUAL "TEE IT UP FOR FREEDOM" GOLF OUTING

Thank you to all of the sponsors and volunteers for this event!

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Serving Those Who Serve Us

Proceeds will go to fulfill our mission to serve those who serve us!

PARK WEST GALLERY

Special Thanks to Golf Outing Chair
Janina Perrot-Jacobs
Mike Perrotto, Jim Daniels, Brian and Lori Gerhardt

www.MIFreedomCenter.org

In 2019, we started the tradition of offering commemorative challenge coins at our annual Tee It Up for Freedom Golf Outings. The 2019 coin designed by Doug Waite honored the military service of Apollo 11 astronauts Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin, and Michael Collins on the 50th Anniversary of the Moon Landing.



Premier Sponsor



Since opening our doors in 2011, Delta Air Lines has donated \$269,535 in monetary and in-kind donations in support of our mission to serve those who serve us. Their support goes well beyond financial support, though. In fact, many of our volunteers are Delta Air Lines employees—flight attendants, baggage handlers, gate agents and more. Delta Air Lines is our partner in

our Care Team services for fallen heroes. We can often be seen teaming up on community events such as the American Cancer Society Relay for Life and Toys for



Tots Karaoke event at the McNamara Terminal during the Holidays. After a year of working together to make our world a better place for



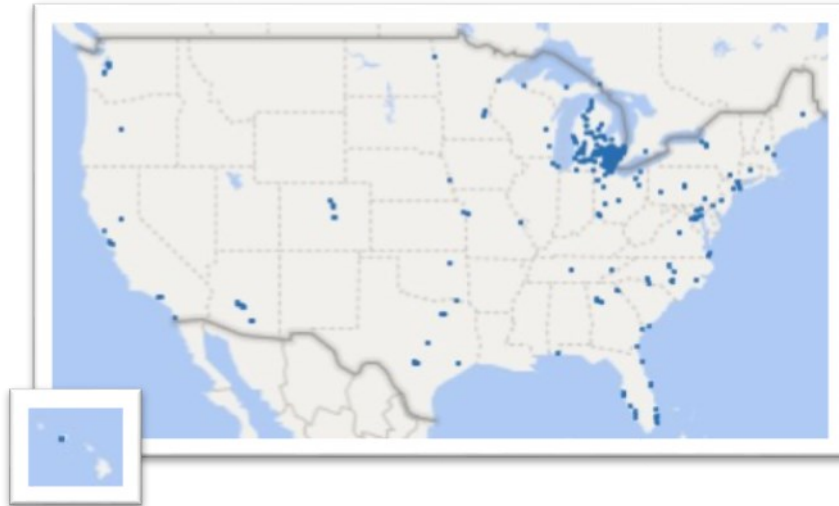
our guests, it is always an honor to cap the year off

with a Holiday Military Salute where, together, we honor the service of our men and women in uniform.



Our Donors

Our donors help to make our mission to serve those who serve us possible with their monetary and in-kind donations of all sizes. Since 2019, a total of 797 donors from 38 different states have supported our mission. 213 were active contributors in 2019.



The average donation in 2019 was \$729 while the median contribution was \$103. Starting in 2020, we will honor the **Top 10* Donors** in the past year as well as since our beginning by proudly displaying the following plaques in each of our centers.

Top Donors		
Since 2011	2019	
The Petersen Companies	Anonymous	
Delta Air Lines, Inc.	Delta Air Lines, Inc.	
Anonymous	Masco Foundation	
Masco Foundation	Wendell & Doris Rogers Foundation	
Masco Corporation	Meritor, Inc.	
Meritor, Inc.	Einstein Bros. Bagels Troy	
Einstein Bros. Bagels Troy	DTW Plum Market	
General Dynamics Land Systems	DTW Wendys	
Wendell & Doris Rogers Foundation	National Defense Industry Association	
DTW Wendys	McNaughton-Gunn	
DTW Plum Market	Masco Corporation	
694,891	# Guests Served	136,859

* Due to ties, more than 10 may be listed for each category

						
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	Masco Foundation	The Suburban Collection	Mark Sutton			
	Rogers Foundation	A.L. Post 374	A.L. Post 231	New Boston		
	Meritor, Inc.	Mayall Foundation	Melvin Harbaugh			
	Einstein Bros. Bagels	VFW 334 North Oakland	Troy	Detroit Tigers & Ilitch Holdings		
	DTW Plum Market	Steve Everitt Mortgage	Free Star Financial Credit Union			
	DTW Wendys	Livonia Jeep Chrysler	Catholic Youth Organization			
	Masco Corporation	NAC Controls	Christopher Werner			
	NDIA	Cindy Kane-Huacuja	Constance Zeiter			
	McNaughton-Gunn	Susan Rehse	Kenneth Wade			
	Facebook	A.L. Post 332 Wm B Lutz	Sam Misuraca			
	Nestle	Travis Realty, Inc.	Lambert Pfeiffer			
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	General Dynamics Land Systems	K of C Assembly 7418	Fenton Association	Applied Fitness Solutions		
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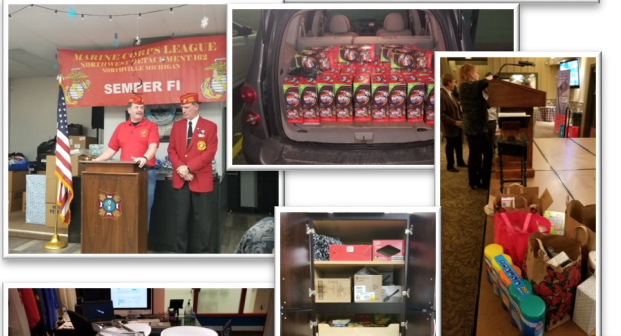
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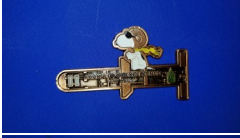
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Our Staff

**Dave Duey, Director of Operations
(Full-time)**

Dave is responsible for managing our supplies, facility and security matters for our DTW and Troy centers. In addition, he is responsible for coordinating the volunteer schedules for the Troy center.



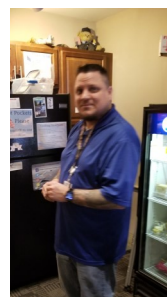
**Sarah Bufford-Wallace, Lansing MEPS
Coordinator
(Part-Time)**



Sarah is responsible for managing our supplies and facility matters at the Lansing MEPS. In addition, she is responsible for coordinating the volunteer schedules for the Lansing center.

**Matt Garris, DTW Coordinator
(Part-Time)**

Matt is responsible for managing our largest group of volunteers who staff the DTW centers at the McNamara and North Terminals.



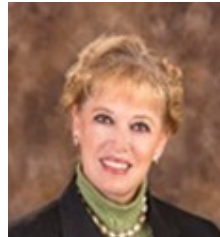
**Len Rose, DTW Operations Support
(Volunteer)**



Len is our MAFHC "NCO" (non-compensated officer) who, now that he is retired, volunteers 100% his time and energy in support of our mission. Len has been with the MAFHC since the beginning.

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Howard Ambinder March 30, 1946 - August 5, 2019



Long-time MAFHC volunteer Howard (Howie) Ambinder, 73, passed away suddenly on August 5, 2019 due to complications from quadruple bypass surgery in Florida, where he and wife Nancy retired last year. He was laid to rest with his brothers-in-arms at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, MI. Howie proudly served his country in the Vietnam War and spent his life volunteering and fundraising in the community as well as MAFHC and was recognized on the Governor's Honor Roll in 1995. Howie also was Co-Chair of the Freedom Center Golf Outing in 2018 and was nicknamed 'Howitzer' for his unending quest to compel businesses to become sponsors. No one could say no to this gentle man who was so dedicated to anything military or veteran-related. Genitti's in Northville said this: *"We get so many requests for donations but must turn down most of them. Your Howie walked in our door and within 2 minutes we knew we had to give him anything he wanted. I have never seen someone with so much passion about his cause!"* Three years ago Howie browsed several art fairs and craft shows collecting over 100 sculptures, paintings, and works of art created by military members and veterans to be used for a future fundraising event.....ALL of these pieces were donated. Howie truly had a zest for life and is loved by so many for his kindness, sense of humor, generosity, and love of others. He leaves us with a favorite saying: *"Loved ones and good friends are like the stars – you don't always see them but you know they are always there....."*



Jim Harshfield

July 26, 1950 - November 10, 2019



Captain James B. Harshfield succumbed to a very aggressive cancer on November 9th following a brave five month fight leaving behind his devoted son Charles "Charlie Oscar" Harshfield, many friends, associates and navy shipmates. His dedication to service extended to his regular shifts as a Freedom Center volunteer.



Captain James B. Harshfield USN (Ret) was born July 26, 1950 in Evansville, Indiana. He moved with his family to Michigan as a youth and eventually graduated from Grand Valley State University in 1972 with a degree in Geology. Shortly after graduation he entered flight training in Pensacola, Florida earning his Navy "Wings of Gold" as a Naval Flight Officer in April 1973. Assigned to Patrol Squadron Twenty-Two home ported at Barbers Point Hawaii he flew maritime patrol missions on the Lockheed P-3 "Orion" aircraft out of Japan, the Philippines and throughout the Indian Ocean achieving the designation of Patrol Plane Mission Commander. Captain Harshfield left active duty in 1976 affiliating with the Naval Air Reserve first based at Chicago's Naval Air Station Glenview and later at Naval Air Facility Detroit (NAF) aboard Selfridge ANGB where he continued to fly "Cold War" patrol missions against the Soviets on the P-3 but now, throughout the Atlantic Ocean and Mediterranean Sea with Patrol Squadron Ninety-Three (VP-93). On a track of ever increasing responsibility, he was ultimately named as the squadron's Commanding Officer in 1991. In the following years he was assigned to command and deployed with other significant Naval Reserve units aboard NAF Detroit until he retired in 2002.



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Fundraising

More Ways to Support Our Mission

Donate supplies and other materials

Since we operate in secure facilities, material donations are not as easy as dropping them off at our centers. Please call us at (313) 744-7507 or email us at info@mifreedomcenter.org to coordinate a pickup of supplies.



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Endowment Fund

The Board began preparations to launch an Endowment Fund campaign in 2019. The goal is to raise \$6M. A \$6M corpus invested with a yield of 5% means that our roughly \$25,000 per month in operational expenses could be paid from interest without touching the principle balance. The Endowment Fund would significantly improve our financial stability and allow us to direct even more resources towards improving our guest experience. If you are interested in supporting this campaign, please contact us at (313)744-7507 or info@mifreedomcenter.org.

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