



2021 SPEAKERS PROGRAM

29 June 2021

Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementia

More than six million Americans are living with Alzheimer's disease. Over 11 million Americans provide unpaid care for people with Alzheimer's or other dementias. One in three seniors dies with Alzheimer's or another dementia. It kills more than breast cancer and prostate cancer combined.

The Alzheimer's Association Michigan Chapter helps local families dealing with dementia. Whether diagnosed with Alzheimer's, caring for someone who has, or wanting to be better informed about the impact of Alzheimer's in your community, they have resources and training available.

A representative from the Michigan Chapter will bring us up to date on the battle against Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia and answer our questions about this tragic disease.

6 July 2021

Operation Injured Soldiers and Brave Hearts Estate, Pellston, MI.

About 400,000 veterans living today are recipients of the Purple Heart for wartime combat related injuries. Many of them and tens of thousands of other veterans are experiencing or have experienced PTSD, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. Most tragically, though, is that 18 veterans, both men and women, are committing suicide every day!

Societal factors related to veteran suicide include social connection and isolation, and health and well-being.

Operation Injured Soldiers provides recreation opportunities to wounded military veterans of all eras as a "Thank You" for their service, and to aid in their recovery from physical and emotional injuries sustained during conflict deployments.

Brave Hearts Estate is a 238-acre ranch that was donated to Operation Injured Soldiers by a patriot and generous supporter of our injured veterans. Opened in the spring of 2015, Brave Hearts serves as a place for veterans and their families to relax and enjoy time away in a country setting.

Caretakers Mike and Paula Brown will tell us about the Operation Injured Soldiers program and the Brave Hearts Estate, located in Pellston, MI.



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Camp Grayling National All-Domain Warfighting Center (NADWC), Grayling, MI.

Pillars of the President’s National Security Strategy include: Protect the American People, the Homeland, and the American Way of Life; and Preserve Peace Through Strength. Towards those ends, the United States must retain a ready force for which training is most critical.

Just a few miles down I-75 from Bay View is Grayling, MI, home of the Michigan National Guard’s Camp Grayling.

Camp Grayling is a premier, full-spectrum, four-season joint training center that provides year-round, customer-focused training support and high-quality facilities to enable military commanders and civilian leaders to meet their unit readiness requirements. Established in 1913, it consists of 147,000 acres that span over three counties of maneuver area, state-of-the-art ranges, and modern support facilities. It is the largest National Guard training center in the country and the largest military airspace complex east of the Mississippi River.

COL Scott L. Meyers, Commander, NADWC, will give provide an overview of Camp Grayling, the nearby Alpena Combat Readiness Training Center, and the many Army and Air Force annual training exercises that take place there.

27 July 2021

Michigan Climate Action Network (MiCAN)

Climate change is clearly a threat to Little Traverse Bay, Bay View’s front yard.

Michigan and the Midwest region are already experiencing the impacts of climate change, and they are expected to worsen in the next several decades. For example, a new low ice cover record was reached in the Great Lakes in January 2021.

National Geographic Magazine’s December 2020 “Saving The Great Lakes” issue lead story states, “One of the world’s largest sources of surface freshwater is in trouble. Environmental stressors such as climate change, invasive species, toxic chemicals, agricultural pollutants, and coastal development are degrading the ecosystem. Lakes Erie, Ontario, and Michigan are most at risk.”

The Michigan Climate Action Network (MiCAN) consists of 70 organizations and 30,000 individuals working to build and mobilize a powerful grassroots movement in the Great Lakes state to call for clean energy solutions that will put Michigan on a path to climate stability and climate justice. They support citizen actions that bring urgency and advance progress to slow climate change.

Kate Madigan, Director of MiCAN, will provide details of MiCANs organization and program initiatives.