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TRIBUTE TO THE FALLEN VETERANS PARK 1:00PM

Join SPC Mike Favre, Mayor Lindauer, and local Veterans

Mike Favre joined the US Army in August 1989 and was attached to 1st platoon, Bravo Company, 1 Battalion, 41st Infantry Regiment, 2nd Armored Division forward in Garlstadt, West Germany. When Iraq invaded Kuwait in August 1990, his Brigade was mobilized as part of Task Force 1-41, 3rd Brigade, 1st Infantry Division.

They entered Iraqi territory on February 15, 1991 and by war's end on March 3, destroyed 35 enemy tanks, 8 APC's, 8 artillery pieces, and captured over 200 Iraqi soldiers despite 24 WIA's, 5 KIA's and the loss of 3 Bradley Infantry Fighting Vehicles. Mike has received a number of awards for his service, including the Citation for Valorous Unit Award presented to his task force for "extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy," the Combat Infantry Badge, and the Personal Letter of Tribute from Congress among others. Mike was honorably discharged in 1992.

Mike holds a Masters of Education in Sports and Recreation Administration from Temple University. He served as Strength and Conditioning Coach for the Arizona Diamondbacks, La Salle University, the Scottish Institute of Sport, and for the United States Olympic Committee. He worked with eight Olympic medalists and five World Championship medalists along with the historic 2007 world champion Greco-Roman wrestling team.

Since 2009, Mike has been the Director of Olympic Sports Strength & Conditioning at the University of Michigan where he was recognized as the 2011 NSCA College Strength and Conditioning Coach of the Year and received the inaugural Maize and Blue Driving Change award by the University of Michigan Athletic Department in 2012. He currently resides with his wife, Bridget, and three children, Lindsay, Liam, and Matthew in Chelsea, MI.

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EVENTS ARE FREE AND
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

TRIBUTE TO THE FALLEN VETERANS PARK | 1:00PM

Veterans are invited to attend a ceremony paying tribute to all who served and sacrificed in war. Join SPC Mike Favre, Mayor Lindauer, and local veterans for a tribute to the fallen. Veterans are encouraged to wear uniforms.

1:00PM – Posting of Colors | Welcome
She's a Grand Old Flag performance
by South Meadows Elementary School Third Grade Students

1:15PM – Opening remarks, SPC Mike Favre

1:45PM – Retiring of Colors, transfer to Chelsea Comfort Inn

VETERANS CEREMONY CHELSEA COMFORT INN | 2:00PM

Commemorate Veterans Day by experiencing the music of World War I. The summer of 1914 was calm and idyllic, but an assassination in Sarajevo would drag many nations into a war unprecedented in world history. Radio was still a few years off as a source of public entertainment, but the phonograph was in its heyday and songs were composed to encourage people to join the war effort as well as to protest it. Join us to review a little history of The Great War, hear some of these records, and remember the artists who made them.

2:00PM - Arrival of guests | Light fare and refreshments served

2:15PM - Opening remarks | Music of WWI





In Flanders Fields

by Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae

May 3, 1915

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.*