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TRIBUTE TO THE FALLEN

VETERANS PARK 1:00PM

**Join Retired U. S. Air Force Lt. Col. Dr. Creg Carpenter,
Melissa Johnson Representing the City of Chelsea,
and Local Veterans**

Dr. Creg Carpenter joined the U.S. Air Force in 1998 as an Attending Staff Orthopedic Surgeon at Wright Patterson Medical Center. He later served as Chief of Adult Reconstructive Surgery at Wilford Hall Medical Center and was deployed as an Orthopedic Surgeon during Operation Iraqi Freedom at Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar. Dr. Carpenter graduated from the Wayne State University School of Medicine in 1992. He works in Chelsea, MI and specializes in Orthopedic Surgery and Orthopedic Sports Medicine. Dr. Carpenter is affiliated with St. Joseph Mercy Chelsea Hospital and St. Joseph Mercy Ypsilanti.



VETERANS DAY

EVENTS ARE FREE AND
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

TRIBUTE TO THE FALLEN | 1:00PM

Veterans Park | Corner of M-52 and Sibley Rd.

Veterans are invited to attend a ceremony paying tribute to all who served and sacrificed in war. Join retired U. S. Air Force Lt. Col. Dr. Creg Carpenter, Melissa Johnson representing the City of Chelsea, and local veterans for a tribute to the fallen. Veterans are encouraged to wear uniforms.

1:00PM – Posting of Colors | Welcome

1:15PM – Opening remarks, retired U. S. Air Force Lt. Col. Dr. Creg Carpenter

1:45PM – Retiring of Colors, transfer to Chelsea Village Conference Center for Veterans Ceremony and Story Hour (see below)

VETERANS CEREMONY | 2:00PM

Chelsea Village Conference Center | 1645 Commerce Park Dr.

Join us for a Moth-style storytelling hour, in partnership with Fisher House Michigan*, as local veterans share personal stories from their service in the military to the transition into civilian life.

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

2:15PM - Opening remarks | Melissa Johnson, representing the City of Chelsea
She's a Grand Old Flag | Recorded performance by South Meadows Elementary School Third Grade Students

Veterans Story Hour | Local retired veterans U. S. Army Lt. Col. Michael Wise and U. S. Army Sgt. Justin Godfrey [*Please see back page for information about today's speakers.*]

**Fisher House Michigan provides temporary accommodations for veterans, military personnel and their families while the veteran is receiving medical attention at the VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System. With over \$800,000 of \$4 million raised, the first Fisher House in Michigan will break ground in 2018. www.fisherhousemichigan.org.*

VETERANS STORY HOUR

CHELSEA VILLAGE CONFERENCE CENTER | 2:00PM

PUBLIC WELCOME



Join us for a Moth-style storytelling hour in partnership with Fisher House Michigan. Retired veterans U. S. Army Lt. Col. Michael Wise and Sgt. Justin Peter Godfrey will share personal stories from their service in the military to the transition into civilian life.



Lt. Col. Michael Wise

Retired U.S. Army Lt. Col. Michael Wise served for over 20 years in the active duty Army in various leadership positions throughout the U. S., Europe, and the Middle East. He served in Germany at the end of the Cold War and deployed to Operation Joint Endeavor in Bosnia-Herzegovina in 1996. Later, he deployed to Baghdad, Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom with a follow-up assignment as a command and control communications expert for a counter-insurgency training team preparing U.S. Army units for deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan. He is a graduate of the Command and General Staff College in Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas and currently serves as Assistant Director of Military and Veteran Services at Eastern Michigan University.



Sgt. Justin Peter Godfrey

Justin Peter Godfrey was born June 4, 1984 in Flint, MI. He served eight years in the U. S. Army as an infantryman; scout/sniper; and as an infantry team leader, instructor, and recruiter.

He is a writer, philanthropist, singer, composer, producer, entrepreneur, dancer, servant, student, teacher, a child of The Living God, and a lover of all things good, true, and righteous.

Justin's career pursuit is to be a co-laborer with The Holy Spirit as sculptors of glory-filled atmospheres; and to reveal the love of God to the world—through music, film, writing, and expressions of every kind.

“The military shaped me, but The Lord and I did not allow it to define me. The stories I have accumulated over eight years are outrageous, inspiring, infuriating, hilarious, and even general; and I am happy to share them all with those who ask—though I am partial to telling them in their entirety, which means some less savory details, though they will be totally free of obscenities and cursing.”