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October 27, 2016 | Chelsea, MI | Chelsea District Library (CDL) is pleased to announce the 2016 Veterans Day observance in partnership with the City of Chelsea and American Legion Post #31 Chelsea on Friday, November 11. Local veterans and the public are encouraged to join us for these free events, starting with a Tribute to the Fallen in Veterans Park at 1pm, where Chelsea Mayor, Jason Lindauer, will introduce this year's speaker, Mike Favre.

Mike Favre joined the army in 1989 and participated in ground combat during Operation Desert Storm, for which his task force received the Citation for Valorous Unit Award. He also received the Combat Infantry Badge and the Personal Letter of Tribute from Congress amongst other awards for his service. Favre was honorably discharged in 1992 and went on to earn a Masters in Education in Sports and Recreation Administration. He has served as Strength and Conditioning Specialist on the United States Olympic Committee and has received many awards, such as 2011 NSCA Collegiate Strength & Conditioning Coach of the Year. Favre is currently the Director of Olympic Sports Strength & Conditioning at the University of Michigan and resides with his wife, Bridget, and three children in Chelsea, MI.

Following this tribute, our veterans, their families, and members of the public are invited to reconvene at the Chelsea Comfort Inn at 2pm for the presentation *The Music of WWI*. John Hauger, a collector of antique records and phonographs, will discuss how music was used to influence popular opinion during the Great War. In addition, a motorcycle from the era, a rare 1911 Flanders 4 first built by the Flanders Manufacturing Company here in Chelsea, will be on display courtesy of the Chelsea Historical Society. Light refreshments will also be provided.

This presentation also concludes the *WWI Centennial: Strong Foundations, New Possibilities* project that included the display of enlarged WWI era photographs throughout downtown Chelsea. This project was funded in part by Michigan Humanities Council, an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities and Washtenaw Area Convention and Visitors Bureau through the Community Tourism Action Plan.

For more Information call the City of Chelsea, (734) 475-1771 or the Chelsea District Library (734) 475-8732.

About Us: Chelsea District Library is not-for-profit organization whose mission is to provide equal access to quality resources that serve the lifelong cultural, educational and informational needs and interests of all people. The Library currently serves 15,100 residents in the Chelsea district – City of Chelsea plus Dexter, Lima, Lyndon and Sylvan townships and more than 20,000 individuals visit the Library each month. For more information visit chelseadistrictlibrary.org