



# News Briefs

March 2015

## From the Director



As we finish up this final week of March, we are in the full swing of the budget process as well as working towards the creation of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. As this is a tremendous time of change for our department, I recognize that a certain degree of concern comes with this.

While I'm sure many of you have read the Governor's Executive Budget Recommendation, and have noticed changes in the versions proposed by the House and Senate recently, I'd like to reassure you that the budget process is working as it is intended to. We are currently working closely with the legislature to address concerns they have within the budget.

As I've stated before, the creation of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services is not to

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look for ways to cut our current funding levels. Governor Snyder and myself have made no recommendation to increase or decrease our current funding levels for the department based on this consolidation. Our primary focus is on improving service delivery to our residents, not on eliminating positions.

On that note, I'd like to take a moment to touch on recent announcements we've made regarding the new department. This month, we released a high level organizational chart for your review. We've also continued to collect feedback through the Employee Engagement Feedback Form through the end of this week, Friday, March 27. And I continue to visit with employees both in Central Office and at our local offices to collect your thoughts and concerns. I have to commend you on your candidness and thoughtfulness as we've worked through this process.

With the Executive Order going into effect on April 10, I want you to rest assured that I will not stop collecting that valuable feedback at that time. We are planning additional ways to get your ideas including surveys, employee roundtables, visits, meetings and more. Communicating with you as employees remains one of my top priorities as we move forward and new details become available.

My hope is to have our department consolidated with the Department of Human Services fully by October 1 so that we may kick off the fiscal year with a fresh start. Given the response I've seen so far, I'm pleased to say that I think we are well on the path to do so. I encourage you to continue to provide your input in any way possible, and thank you for the work you do every day that has allowed us to be so successful. I am optimistic that the creation of the new Michigan Department of Health and Human Services is an opportune time to build upon those success and truly improve the health, safety, and self-sufficiency of our residents moving forward.

**- Nick**

## **March is National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month**

### **Get Screened for *Colorectal Cancer!* There Are Several Screening Options – Including Simple Take Home Tests**

Colorectal cancer is the nation's second-leading cause of cancer-related deaths for men and women combined. Yet it can be detected or found at an early stage.

If you are age 50 or older or have a family history of colorectal cancer, make sure you get screened for colorectal cancer. There are several screening options available including simple take home tests.

Many health insurance plans cover lifesaving preventive tests. Check your plan to find out the details of what is covered. Use your health benefits to get screened for colorectal cancer. There are simple, affordable tests available for colorectal cancer screening. Just get screened.



Adults age 50 and older should be regularly screened for colorectal cancer, but many people aren't getting tested because they feel fine and don't believe they are at risk for colorectal cancer.

They don't understand that there are options for testing, or they don't think they can afford screening.

Colorectal cancer screening options include stool-based tests and colonoscopy – both are effective at finding cancer. Through proper colorectal cancer screening, doctors can find and remove hidden growths (called "polyps") in the colon, before they become cancerous. Removing polyps can prevent cancer altogether.

In Michigan, in 2015, the American Cancer Society estimates there will be 1,670 deaths from colorectal cancer; the number of new cases of colorectal cancer is estimated at 4,190.

According to a November 2014 Michigan Department of Community Health report on colorectal cancer screening among Michigan adults aged 50 years and older, an estimated 71 percent of Michigan adults aged 50 years and older reported appropriate colorectal cancer screening in 2013. The cancer section at the MDCH has joined other state and national organizations by taking a pledge to improve colorectal cancer screening to 80 percent by 2018. The goal is to ensure that all people are aware of the screening options available and then take steps to be screened by talking with their doctor.

Colorectal cancer risk increases after age 50. However, if you have a family history of colorectal cancer or pre-cancerous polyps, talk with your doctor about starting testing before age 50. Many cases of colorectal cancer have no symptoms, especially early on, when it can be more effectively treated.

For more information about the tests that are available, resources for uninsured people or colorectal cancer prevention, visit [www.michigan.gov/cancer](http://www.michigan.gov/cancer).

## MichiVan Informational Events



**Interested in ridesharing?**

**Not sure what it is or how to participate?**

**Did you know state employees are eligible for a pre-tax payroll deduction for their commute in MichiVan?**

Representatives from MichiVan Commuter Vanpools (the State of Michigan's vanpool program) and CATA Clean Commute Options will be on site hosting various informational events at each state building throughout 2015. Please see the locations, dates and times below to find your building.

All events are scheduled from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Stop by anytime during these hours to find out more about saving money on your daily commute.

*Did you know vanpoolers can park for free at any 10-hour meter in Lansing?*

What are you waiting for? Start saving on your commute today!

**March 31:** Constitution Hall - Atrium Cafeteria  
**April 7 and 8:** G. Mennen Williams Building - Lobby  
**April 14 and 15:** Cadillac Place – Former Showroom  
**April 21:** Hannah Building - Lobby

If you don't see your building yet, don't worry. More events will be scheduled throughout the year.

For more information about MichiVan, visit:

[http://www.michigan.gov/mdot/0,1607,7-151-9615\\_11228-166587--,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/mdot/0,1607,7-151-9615_11228-166587--,00.html).

## Teen Driver Safety Brown Bag



Teen Driver Safety-YOU can map their success! Do you know a teen driver or someone who is about to become one? Are you as ready as they are to begin their driver education program? There are great tools and resources developed to help you to help them safely navigate this important process. A brown bag session is being offered to anyone who would like to learn and understand more about working with your novice driver on Monday, June 8 from noon to 1:00 p.m.

This is your own time, not a work hour. Please feel free to bring your lunch! This learning session will be held in Conference Centers A, B and C of the Capitol View Building. Since space is limited, it will be offered to those who register on a first come, first serve basis. To sign up, please e-mail Laura Rowen at [RowenL@michigan.gov](mailto:RowenL@michigan.gov) to confirm your interest, and Laura will let you know if you have a space reserved.

# Brown Bag

## The Lockbox

### Using or sharing the department's data for research? There may be extra requirements needed to protect it!



When you hear the phrase: “human research subject,” you might think of someone receiving an experimental treatment for cancer, or filling out a research survey. What you might not think of is someone with a birth certificate, an immunization record, or an insurance claim. But people are often research subjects simply because they have one of those records. Health, financial, legal, and other records are used for research every day. When records used for research are from private, identifiable sources, the individuals whose records are involved are human research subjects.

It is important for you to know that if you use our department's nonpublic, identifiable records for research, or if you share records with someone else for use in research, you have special obligations to protect those records. In addition to privacy and confidentiality laws that are a part of our normal operations, there are regulations specific to protecting human research subjects and data about human research subjects. Institutional Review Board (IRB) review and oversight is an important part of those regulations. The IRB determines if proposed research is designed ethically and in accordance with federal regulations and institutional policy. Research that involves human subjects cannot be conducted without prior IRB review and approval.

If you plan to use the department's records for something outside of normal operations, or if you receive a request for data from an external entity, you should determine if the proposed use might be research. Common research examples include: research evaluations required by a federal grant, research conducted by a student intern for a thesis, research performed by a contractual partner, or research performed by an unaffiliated university professor. Many other circumstances include research, and if you ever have a question, you should consult with a member of the IRB or the IRB administrative office at [mdch-irb@michigan.gov](mailto:mdch-irb@michigan.gov) or 517-241-1928.

If you are conducting research or sharing data for research from identifiable records, then you should familiarize yourself with human research protections through the Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) Program training course at [www.citiprogram.org](http://www.citiprogram.org). This training is required if you will submit an application to the IRB or will be the primary investigator on a research project. You can find information about the IRB application process and required forms by visiting [www.michigan.gov/irb](http://www.michigan.gov/irb).

For research involving records about human subjects, the focus of the IRB review process is on how the privacy of the human subjects is to be protected and how the confidentiality of their records will be maintained. Common privacy protections include informed consent for the use of data in research or a justification for why such consent is not possible. Common confidentiality provisions include data use agreements, plans to de-identify information, and plans to store information securely. For guidance, please contact a member of the IRB or the IRB administrative office. You can contact the IRB Administrator, Ian Horste, at [horstei@michigan.gov](mailto:horstei@michigan.gov) or 517-241-0806.

### Greener Children's Activities - Let's Build a Greener Generation

Adults aren't the only ones who can practice environmental responsibility, kids can, too! Passing down environmentally friendly behaviors to the next generation can be rewarding and fun. Kids learn by example, so being a good role model is a good place to start. Include the whole family in your home greening activities—the more hands on, the better! Here are a few ideas on how to make kids' activities greener and how to make green activities more kid friendly!

- **Recycling:** Some communities require recyclables be sorted prior to disposal. Set up bins in your home or garage where recyclables can be sorted. Use this as a teaching moment about where all of our trash ends up. Have your children take charge of sorting the recyclables. If your community does not require sorting, kids can still learn about recycling by learning how to separate recyclables from the trash bin.
- **Gardening:** Kids can learn a lot about the environment by taking care of a garden. Different activities can include planning the garden, preparing the soil, planting seeds, watering plants, pruning plants, pulling weeds, and harvesting vegetables. Kids will learn what plants need to stay healthy, and what environmental factors contribute to healthy gardens. Garden activities can also teach kids about where fresh local food comes from, and encourage other healthy behaviors.
- **Enjoy the outdoors:** Incorporate nature into family activities and experience nature at its finest. Positive personal connections to nature can help produce future environmental stewards. To start, find your local nature center and explore! Here are three in the Lansing area: Fenner Nature Center, Woldumar Nature Center and Harris Nature Center. Not in the Lansing area? The Department of Environmental Quality has a list of nature centers by area.
- **Crafting:** Kids have big imaginations. Reuse old household items like clothing, jars, buttons, plates, and recyclables. There is often no need to purchase large amounts of store-bought crafting supplies. Anything can be created with a pair of scissors, glue, and creativity!

Engaging kids in green behaviors starts with you. Introduce green behaviors at a young age, and encourage green activities throughout childhood and young adulthood. Together we can create a greener and healthier generation!





## Countdown to ICD-10: The Clock is running!



The deadline for ICD-10 implementation is a little more than six months from the compliance deadline date. As the Healthcare Industry enters the final phase of ICD-10 implementation and prepares for the “Big Change” of ICD-10, MDCH is also in preparation for the successful ICD-10 transition for providers and MDCH associates. The industry has been preparing for the coding change for the past several years in preparation for the implementation date of October 1, 2015.

ICD-10, which will replace ICD-9 code sets and update ICD-9 terminology, consists of two parts: (1) ICD-10-CM for diagnosis coding for all claims, and (2) ICD-10-PCS for procedure coding on inpatient hospital claims. MDCH has been updating its systems, processes, policies and procedures in preparation for processing provider ICD-10 claims and has completed the necessary tasks to update its systems. For the past several years, MDCH has been engaged in active provider outreach and testing to ensure provider readiness.

A subset of MDCH’s implementation readiness plan includes training MDCH associates. The Awareness and Training Team has been conducting monthly trainings to the Provider Relations section in preparation for provider questions specific to ICD-10 implementation. In 2013, an ICD-10 Awareness and Training Module was distributed to all MDCH Associates, and recently was redistributed as a refresher. An upcoming Module with greater details and greater complexity will be distributed in May, 2015 to MDCH associates whose work requires more extensive ICD-10 involvement. All MDCH associates are encouraged to visit the ICD-10 webpage for additional helpful ICD-10 resources at [www.michigan.gov/5010icd10](http://www.michigan.gov/5010icd10). Click ICD-10.

Please contact us at by email with questions at [mdch-icd-10@michigan.gov](mailto:mdch-icd-10@michigan.gov) .

Michelle Miles, MDCH Medicaid Provider Liaison  
ICD-10 Awareness & Training Team, Project Lead



## ***Developing Cultural Competency from the Inside Out***

The 2014 Health Equity Survey results indicated a widespread interest in health equity related training. The Health Disparities Reduction and Minority Health section is pleased to offer a Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS) workshop entitled ‘Cultural Proficiency: Developing Cultural Competency from the Inside Out’.

This engaging session provides a framework for understanding cultural competency development as an ongoing process of personal, organizational and community change. This two-day session provides a supportive and challenging learning environment in which participants learn about the complexities of race, gender, class and other differences and the connections between health disparities and health inequities. Several tools and frameworks will be provided to assist participants in applying what they learn to their roles as public health workers at the personal, interpersonal, institutional and cultural levels.

Individuals interested in participation may choose one of the following dates:

- May 21-22 – location - MDOT**
- August 27-28 – location - MPHI**
- September 24-25 – location - TBD**

Registration information may also be found at [www.michigan.gov/minorityhealth](http://www.michigan.gov/minorityhealth) or by contacting Veronica Williams at 313-456-4355 or [Williamsv10@michigan.gov](mailto:Williamsv10@michigan.gov).



▶ Employee Engagement Survey  
Poster Contest Winner

▶ Take Our Daughters and Sons to  
Work Day

○ Performance  
Management

○ Employee  
Engagement

○ Service/Process  
Optimization

○ Change  
Management

# Workforce *Transformation*

## MAKING MDCH A BETTER PLACE TO SERVE THE STATE OF MICHIGAN



From left: Jim Bowen, MDCH Director Nick Lyon, Kate Stojisih, Lieutenant Governor Brian Calley, and Cynthia Green-Edwards

Congratulations to **Kate Stojisih** (Medical Services Administration) for creating the winning poster in the Employee Engagement Poster Contest. All State of Michigan employees were asked to help market the 2015 Employee Engagement Survey by designing a poster that would encourage employee participation. Kate's poster was chosen as the winner out of 39 poster designs. On March 13, Kate was presented with a signed poster from Lieutenant Governor Brian Calley and MDCH Director Nick Lyon. Thank you, Kate, for your participation in the contest and congratulations!

### Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day is moving to August!

In past years, MDCH has participated in national Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day in April. Based on feedback we received, we will be celebrating this event in August this year so that children won't have to miss a school day to participate. The event date and more information will be announced soon.

Email Nikki Wood at [WoodN4@michigan.gov](mailto:WoodN4@michigan.gov) to feature a co-worker in next month's *Kudos Korner*.

**Please Welcome Our New MDCH Employees**



**Jonathan Breems**

From: Red Cross

Working: Policy and Planning/Access to Care/Analyst

Hobbies: Reading, Sports and Traveling



**Erica Bacon**

From: Champion Disability Advocates

Working: Public Health/WIC Division/Analyst

Hobbies: 3 year old son



**Sarah Davis**

From: DHS/Children's Trust Fund

Working: Public Health Administration/Bureau of Family Maternal and Child Health/Specialist

Hobbies: Travel, Volunteer dog rescue, spending time outdoors



**Kayrie Strawn**

From: Air Force/Internal Auditor

Working: Operations/Office of Audit/Auditor



## Kimberly Thelen

From: Fowler

Working: Operations/Student Assistant

Hobbies: Piano, running, 5Ks and half-marathon



## Cara Alspaugh

From: Contractor/Provider Enrollment

Working: MSA/Medical Benefits Reviewer

Hobbies: Children, yellow lab and listening to music



## Michele Fox

From: GI Practice

Working: MSA/Medical Benefits Reviewer

Hobbies: Enjoy spending time with friends & family, reading, boating and sports



## Tara Sprague

From: Claims Analyst

Working: MSA/Medicaid Benefits Reviewer

Hobbies: Reading, Writing and playing with 2 dogs



## Jared Welehodsky

From: Fowler

Working: Operations/Student Assistant

Hobbies: Piano, running, 5Ks and half-marathon



## Julia McLane

From: Maximus

Working: Operations/Student Assistant

Hobbies: I play the cello, hike, and travel



## Matt Lori

From: State Representative

Working: Executive Office/State Assistant Administrator

Hobbies: Crocks & Jugs



## LaToya Scott

From: Michigan State University Graduate School

Working: PH/Bureau of Family, Maternal & Child Health/Analyst

Hobbies: Volunteer @ Sexton High School Cheer team



## Gayle Shipp

From: Oakland County Health Dept.

Working: PH/Bureau of Family, Maternal & Child Health/Consultant

Hobbies: Shop, relax and travel



## **Kourtney Marx**

From: Bureau of Labs Contract position

Working: PH/Bureau of Labs/Infectious Disease/Laboratory Scientist

Hobbies: Hunting, fishing, ASCP Certified Molecular Biologist



## **Jade Jennings**

From: DCH Student Assistant/Medicaid Payments Division

Working: MSA/Medicaid Payments Division/Analyst

Hobbies: Tennis, concerts, video games



## **Shawna Gamble**

From: DHS/Eligibility Specialist

Working: PH/Bureau of Family, Maternal & Child Health/Analyst

Hobbies: Spending time with family



## **Cameron McKenney**

From: MPHI, Michigan State

Working: MSA/Integrated Programs Management/Analyst

Hobbies: Michigan State sports

### **Promotions**

Effective February 15, Kristie Ferris, Departmental Analyst E, Children's Special Health Health Care Services, Customer Support Section, Region 1 Unit, Public Health Administration

Effective March 1, Sandra Lane, State Administrative Manager 15, Children's Special Health Health Care Services, Customer Support Section, Public Health Administration

Effective March 2, Veronica Carr, Auditor Manager 14, Fenton Regional Audit Office

Effective March 15, Karen MacMaster, State Division Administrator 17, Division of Health, Wellness and Disease Control, Public Health Administration

### **Transfers**

Effective March 15, Jacqueline Foster, GOA E, LTC Reimbursement and Rate Setting, Bureau of Medicaid Operations, MSA

### **Reassignments**

Effective March 1, Tammy Savage, Departmental Analyst A, Policy Implementation Section, Medicaid Payments Division, MSA

Effective March 1, Mark West, State Administrative Manager 15, LTC Reimbursement and Rate Setting Section, Bureau of Medicaid Operations, MSA

### **Recall**

Effective March 16, Rhonda Thompson, General Office Assistant 8, Team 2, Exceptions Support Unit, Problem Resolution, Enrollment Services Section, Bureau of Medicaid Care Management and Quality Assurance

Effective March 30, Mitra Ahmadpour, Departmental Analyst E, Children and Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorders

### **Name Change**

Previous Name: Lynae Somers

New Name: Lynae Witaifi

### **Departures**

Effective February 14, Michelle Hedin, Departmental Analyst, Contract Management and Customer Service

Effective February 27, Josh Johansen, Student Assistant, Vital Records and Health Data

Effective March 6, Jane Du Frane, Departmental Manager 14, Public Health/HIV Comm. Partnership Prevention

Effective March 6, Brett Groenleer, Departmental Technician E9, MSA/Other Insurance Claims Unit



## Remembering Our Extended MDCH Family Who Are in the Military



Many of our finest men and women are bravely serving our country at this time. Please remember to keep them and their family members in your thoughts and prayers as we hope for their safety. Names in **red** are new additions. Names in **blue** are status changes.

### **Jarod Page**

Army National Guard Reserve, Cadet  
ROTC Program, University of Southern Florida  
Son of Carol Griffin, Center for Forensic Psychiatry

### **Eric J. Reason**

U.S. Army, Staff Sergeant  
Fort Richardson, Alaska  
Nephew of Marti Campbell, CFP

### **Shane D. Fockler**

U.S. Marine Corps, Staff Sergeant,  
MAG29, MALS29, Aviation Supply and Logistics,  
Supply Management Division, Audit Branch  
Marine Corps Air Station New River, NC  
Son of Rick W. Fockler, Accounting Division,  
Accounts Payable

### **Gordon Bloom**

U.S. Marines, Lance Corporal, Company C, 1st BN,  
24th Marines (Reserves)  
Nephew of Steve Betterly, Office of Services to the  
Aging

### **Tom Brussel**

U.S. Army, Sergeant 3-1 Brigade 125th Base  
Support Battalion  
Afghanistan  
Son of Pauline Brussel, State Facility and  
CMHSP Reimbursement Section, Revenue and  
Reimbursement Division

### **Dennis Hansen**

U.S. Marine Corps, Reserve, Sergeant,  
Reserve Status  
Grand Rapids, MI

### **Joseph Hansen**

U.S. Marine Corps, Reserve, Sergeant,  
Reserve Status  
Grand Rapids, MI  
Sons of Carol Hansen, Medical Services  
Administration, Home and Community Based Waiver  
Services Section

### **Thomas M. Tylutki**

U.S. Navy, Private  
Stationed on USS Ronald Reagan  
Son of Lisa Tylutki, CFP Ann Arbor and Tom Tylutki,  
CFP/MCO President

### **Walter E. Phillips**

U.S. Army Reserve, Captain, 373rd Medical  
Company, Dental Services  
Dr. Phillips is a Dentist at CFP

### **John M. Durden**

U.S. Air Force, Senior Airman  
McConnell Air Force Base, Andover, KS  
Son of Eugenia "Lyn" Wigginton, Customer Services  
Division

### **Lejuan Bowens**

U.S. Army, Sergeant, Fort Bragg, NC  
Serving second tour in Iraq  
Nephew of Tammy Wright, Domestic Service Aide

**Alan C. Burwell**

U.S. Air Force, Captain  
Air Force Test Pilot School  
Flight Test Engineering Student  
Edwards Air Force Base, CA

**Robyn L. Burwell**

U.S. Air Force Reserves, Captain  
Space Planner  
9th Space Operations squadron  
Vandenberg Air Force Base, CA  
Son and Daughter-in-law of Alyson Rush, Behavioral  
Health and Developmental Disabilities Administration

**Brad Walker**

U.S. Army, Master Sergeant, Civil Affairs,  
Fort Bragg, NC  
Arrived safely home April 26, 2014!  
Son of Jilaina Walker, Third Party Liability

**Jeffrey S. Penfield II**

Michigan Army National Guard, PFC, Grand Ledge,  
MI 2nd Detachment, B Company, 351st Aviation  
Support Battalion  
Brother of Angela Crank, BHP, Health Regulatory  
Division, Allegation Section

**Michael Vincent Schneider**

U.S. Army, Specialist  
501st Medical Unit, Fort Campbell, KY  
Just Returned from 2nd tour in Iraq  
Son of Steve Schneider, CFP

**Michael F. Weber, Jr.**

U.S. Marine Corps, Private First Class  
Serving in Fallujah, Iraq  
Son of Michael Weber, Corrections, St. Louis

**Miguel Sanchez**

Army National Guard Master Sergeant  
Returned from Afghanistan in October 2012  
Husband of Stephanie Sanchez,  
Division of Immunization

**Steven W. Fetner Jr.**

U.S. Army, Specialist, MP  
Stationed in Fort Jackson, GA

**Michael J. Fetner**

U.S. Army, Private  
Rigger stationed at Fort Benning, GA  
Grandsons of Dianna Rigato, Information Specialist,  
CHSCS Family Center-Detroit

**Steven Wilberding**

U.S. Army Reserves, Lieutenant Colonel  
Desert Storm Veteran  
Returned from Afghanistan  
Brother of Jessica Grzywacz, Division of Chronic  
Disease and Injury Control

**Korey Waters**

Michigan Army National Guard, Specialist  
1462nd Transportation Company, Howell, Michigan  
Returned from serving his 1st tour in Kuwait in Dec.  
Son of Kathleen Schultz, Accounting Assistant,  
Medicaid Support Section

**John L. Hopper**

Michigan Army National Guard  
Charlie Battery, 119th Field Artillery  
Brother of Lana Ashley, Environmental &  
Occupational Epidemiology

**Destiny Marie Jackson**

U.S. Army Warrent Officer  
Fort Campbell, KY, Deploying to Korea

**Kelvin Jackson**

U.S. Army First Sergeant  
Fort Campbell, KY, Deployed to Afghanistan

**Christopher Larkin**

U.S. Army First Sergeant  
Fort Campbell, KY, Deployed to Afghanistan

**Gege Daniell Larkin**

U.S. Army Specialist  
Fort Campbell, KY  
Daughters and Sons-In-Law of Gloria Hernandez,  
FSS-12, Center of Forensic Psychiatry, Ann Arbor

**Daniel Rose**

U.S. Air Force, Airman 1st Class  
Elmendorf Air Force Base, Anchorage, Alaska  
Son, of Mary Guild, R.N., CPC Program Integrity  
Section

**Patricia Brooks, RN**

U.S. Army Reserves Nurse Corps, Captain  
322nd Medical Company, Southfield, MI  
Registered Nurse Manager, Hawthorn Center

**Ryan S. Robinson**

U.S. Marine Corps, Corporal  
Military Police  
Beaufort/Parris Island, South Carolina  
Son of Donna Seegert,  
CFP/Cosmetologist



**Andrew Wright**

U.S. Marine Corps, Lance Corporal  
Camp Lejeune, NC  
Deployed to Afghanistan

**Philip Newell**

U.S. Army, Private E-2  
Camp Casey, South Korea  
Son & Son-In-Law of Lisa Feltman, LMSW, Medical/  
MPRI Social Worker, Gus Harrison Correctional  
Facility (ARF)

**Kailey Snyder**

U.S. Navy, Lieutenant  
Naval Support Activity Mid-South  
Millington, Tennessee  
Niece of Rachel A. Schumann, Ph.D., RN  
Vision Program Consultant

**Chazere Miller**

U.S. Army, Sergeant, A Co. 2-27 Inf. 3rd BDE  
Wounded Warrior  
Returned from Afghanistan  
Stationed in Hawaii

**Theodore Tucker**

US Army, Specialist, Aviation Co. 1SB  
Fort Lewis, Seattle, WA  
Sons of Valerie Smith, CSHCS Family Center

**Joshua Tisdale**

U.S. Air Force, Staff Sergeant  
Returned from Afghanistan  
Nephew of Felicia Tisdale, Departmental Technician,  
Reimbursement Department , Walter Reuther  
Psychiatric Hospital

**Jeremiah T. Williams**

U.S. Marine Corps, Corporal  
1st Battalion, 6th Marines  
Stationed in Jacksonville, North Carolina  
Returned from Afghanistan  
Son of Rebecca Williams, Accounting Department  
Walter P. Reuther Hospital

**Dan Launt**

Michigan Army National Guard, 1st Lieutenant  
C Co BSTB, 86th IBCT (MTN)  
Wyoming, MI  
Son of Dena Launt GOA  
Kalamazoo Psychiatric Hospital

**Dylan C. Fackler**

U.S. Army  
82nd Airborne  
Fort Bragg, North Carolina  
Son of Samantha Fackler, Caro Center, Nursing

**Douglas Pedersen**

LCPL  
U.S. Marine Corps  
Marine Expeditionary Force (MEF),  
Special Operations Training Group  
Camp Hansen,  
Okinawa, Japan  
Son of Kathleen Haines, Behavioral Health and  
Developmental Disabilities Administration

**Kevin Sutton**

Michigan National Guard  
68 W Health Care Specialist  
8th Medical Command, Detroit  
Brother-In-Law of Angela Minicuci, Communications  
Director

**Nathaniel Taylor**

U.S. Air Force, Airman 1st Class  
Fuel systems maintenance  
Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida  
Son of Claudette Taylor, Activity Therapy Department  
Walter Reuther Psychiatric Hospital

**Seth R. Honsinger**

CHIEF Electronics Technician Submarine (SS)  
U.S. Navy  
Stationed at Naval Submarine Base, Groton,  
Connecticut  
Son of Janet Honsinger, Caro Center, Health  
Information Services

**Alexander Robinson**

U.S. Army, Private First Class  
82nd Airborne Division  
Fort Bragg, NC  
Son of Jeanette Robinson, MSA

**Jenna Bruxvoort**

U.S. Army, Specialist  
2nd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division  
Fort Bragg, North Carolina

**Nick Millwood**

U.S. Army, Sergeant  
4th Brigade, 73rd Cavalry Division  
Fort Bragg, NC  
Cousin and Brother-In-Law of Virginia Ganzevoort,  
Lifecourse Epidemiology and Genomics Division

**Franz Rademacher**

U.S. Army, Lieutenant Colonel  
West Point Military Academy, West Point, NY  
2 tour Korea and 1 tour Iraq  
Brother of Mary Rademacher, RNM1  
Kalamazoo Psychiatric Hospital

The background of the page is a faded, waving American flag. The stars are visible in the upper left, and the stripes of red and white extend across the rest of the page.

**Derek Leppek**

USAF Michigan Air National Guard, Staff Sergeant  
127th Civil Engineering Squadron, Selfridge  
Air National Guard Base, MI  
Maintenance Mechanic, Hawthorn Center

**Zachary Bryant**

U.S.Army, Private  
1st Battalion, 3rd Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard)  
Fort Myers, VA  
Son of Jennifer Bryant, Registered Nurse Manager,  
Hawthorn Center

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