

## BLUE STAR LOCATIONS IN MICHIGAN

Dedications 1-90; compiled in June 2017. Numbers assigned are by chronological date of dedication. Locations coincide with numbers in Michigan Blue Star Directory, revised in 2017

### Michigan's Old and Valued Blue Star Memorials (1947-1950) # 1-11

- 1 **Niles**, MI Originally placed at the junction of US31 and US33 at the MI/IND border. Since then progress changed this area, and the marker remained located between Ontario and Bertrand Streets, at the entrance to Burger King. In August 2009 Niles GC donated the marker to the Veteran's Collection at the St Joseph Museum, next to the Niles Administrative Building on Main Street.
- 2 **South Haven**, MI Original location at a roadside park near Lake Michigan. Remains of the foundation with the plaque intact read, "Sponsored by Village Garden Club of Detroit." It was discovered in August 2003 and was completely restored through the cooperative efforts of local citizens. Dedication of restored marker on 9/19/09 along with a new Blue Star Marker at the cemetery on the Blue Star Highway adjacent to the Fire House and Police Station.
- 3 **Saugatuck**, MI Located at its original location. Take exit 36 from I-196. Go one mile south on US 31. It is in a small roadside picnic area across from the Saugatuck RV Resort. Originally sponsored by the "Junior Daisyfield Garden Club-Mason. Dedication 09-03-1954
- 4 **Muskegon**, MI Original location was 10 miles north of Muskegon at Roadside Park. A pipeline was installed, the park was abandoned, and the marker was lost. Local club President Marilyn Swanson placed a Letter to the Editor in the Muskegon Chronicle seeking information. Within four days the marker was found, renovated, and rededicated on 11/12/09.
- 5 **Traverse City**, MI Lost Marker. Roadside area (US 33...133) five miles south of Traverse City, just past McCrea Hill Rd on the east side of Highway 37 (old 31). Roadside area abandoned. Michigan Blue Star challenged a search in Jan 2010, but there was no response.
- 6 **Hart**, MI Located along US 31, south of Ludington. Lost marker. No garden clubs.
- 7 **Elk River**, MI Located along US 31 near Elk River. Lost marker. Loraine Mattern searching with garden club 12/6/10.
- 8 **Mackinaw City** MI Originally placed a short distance from US 31. With the rerouting of the highway, the memorial was relocated to its current site at the Michigan Travel Information Center, also known as the Wallace D. Nunn Center, southeast of the bridge on N. Colet St (old US 31) just north of old US23.
- 9 **St Ignace** MI Originally placed in the median of a four-lane highway, N side of the bridge, then Hwy 2, now Hwy I-75. It has been relocated to the Mackinaw Straits Rest Area and Information Center, located just after crossing the bridge on the east side of the northbound lane at the first exit. Blue Star chair visited in August 2009. Missing screws in post; surface needs restoration. Tree limbs trimmed for visibility. No garden club available in the same district to adopt the memorial.
- 10 **Sault St Marie**, MI Original location at the junction of US 2 and M 129 in Chippewa County in the Upper Peninsula. Lost marker. No garden clubs.
- 11 **Grosse Ile**, MI. Originally dedicated 11-11-1950, at the intersection of Horsemill and Meridian Rds. It was relocated to 8840 Macomb St, the VFW Building, in 1994. The marker was moved again in 2016 when the VFW closed. A rededication was held on 10-10-2016. The marker is now located in the Free Bridge Garden.

### Michigan's Blue Star Memorials dating from 2000

- 12 05-29-2000 Club of Little Gardens, Three Rivers. Located in the SW corner of M131 in Three Rivers Cemetery.
- 13 05-18-2003 Allen Park Late Bloomers GC. Located in Champagne Park (corner of Champagne and Pelham Rd.
- 14 05-26-2003 Little GC of Tecumseh. Located in Brookside Cemetery, M50, Union Street.
- 15 10-13-2003 Mt Pleasant GC. Located at the Veterans Memorial Library, 301 S University Avenue.
- 16 05-31-2004 Burr Oak GC. Located in the Township Cemetery near unknown soldier mound.
- 17 06-09-2004 Hartland Home and Garden Club. Located in the Hartland Cemetery. Exit US23 at M29, go north on Hartland Rd.
- 18 07-03-2004 Dundee Diggers GC. Located in the triangle in the center of Dundee off US23 at junction of M50.
- 19 11-11-2004 Four Seasons GC, South Lyon. Located at the star in McHattie Park, 300 Dorothy St.
- 20 05-17-2005 Clare Rest Stop on US 127.
- 21 05-21-2005 Taylor GC. Located at the Veterans Memorial Garden in Priebe Plaza, 23515 Goddard Rd.
- 22 05-30-2005 Adrian GC. Located at Memorial Park on Church St behind the Post Office.
- 23 08-14-2005 Allen Park Late Bloomers GC. Located at Veterans Memorial Park, corner of Southfield Rd and Outer Dr.
- 24 11-11-2005 Milan GC. Located in Wilson Park at the Veterans Memorial near Ford Lake.
- 25 05-07-2006 Meeks Mill GC. Constantine. Located at American Legion Post 223. N.US131.
- 26 06-11-2006 Mason County GC. Ludington. Located at Mason County Courthouse.
- 27 05-28-2007 Town and Country GC. Dowagiac. Located at Riverside Cemetery, Riverside St.
- 28 05-28-2007 Friendly GC of Lake City. Located in Miltner Park on the W side of M66 near downtown.
- 29 06-10-2007 Swan Creek GC. Carleton. Located at VFW 4093. 700 Carleton at Rockwood Rd
- 30 06-16-2007 Sherwood GC. Located at Sherwood Township Cemetery, N Main St (Athens Rd)
- 31 07-31-2007 Loch Alpine GC. Dexter. Located at Webster Township Hall, 5665 Webster Church Rd.

- 32 06-14-**2008** Edens GC. Monroe. Located at the Veterans War Memorial Park on N Custer.
- 33 06-14-2008 Lakeshore of Lexington GC and Port Sanilac GC. Located at Horatio S Earle Park on M25 and Washington Rd between Lexington and Port Sanilac on Lake Huron.
- 34 09-10-2008 DeWitt Millennium GC. Located in the Veterans Garden at DeWitt Cemetery.
- 35 09-19-2008 Brighton GC. Located at Mill Pond on SW side of Main St.
- 36 09-27-2008 Meridian GC. Okemos. Located outside the Meridian Township Municipal Building, 5151 Marsh Rd.
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- 37 05-16-**2009** Pinckney GC. Located at the Putnam Township Square.
- 38 05-16-2009 Carnegie GC. Paw Paw. Located at 129 S Kalamazoo St.
- 39 06-25-2009 Dearborn GC. Located at Clock Tower Plaza, 22100 Michigan Library.
- 40 09-12-2009 Across the Fence Post GC, Laingsburg and Perry GC. Located at the Woodbury Rest Area on WI-69, between exits 98 and 105.
- 41 09-19-2009 South Haven GC Rededicated a restored old marker. Dedicated new marker Adjacent to Lakeview Cemetery.
- 42 08-02-2009 Muskegon GC. Located at the Great Lake Naval Memorial and Museum, 1346 Bluff St.
- 43 11-10-2009 Niles GC. Located at Donovan Smith Memorial Park, South 11<sup>th</sup> and Main at the entrance to the city.
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- 44 05-08-**2010** Pleasant Ridge GC. Located on the corner of Woodward and Wellesley.
- 45 05-15-2010 Spirit of the Woods GC. Manistee. Located at Veterans Memorial park, 173 Memorial Dr.
- 46 05-24-2010 Fort Custer National Cemetery. Augusta. Located at 15501 Dickman Rd
- 47 06-11-2010 The Sturgis GC. Located at Memorial Park, corner of US 12 and Centerville Rd.
- 48 06-14-2010 Landscapers GC. Portage. Located at Veterans Memorial Park, 101-399 Library Lane.
- 49 09-11-2010 Grand Ledge GC. Located at the entrance to Island Park on W River St.
- 50 09-11-2010 MaMeNeSewong GC. Traverse City. Located at Grand Traverse Pavilion 1000 Pavilion Circle.
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- 51 05-14-**2011** Meeks Mills GC. Constantine. Located at American Legion Post 138. 600 E US 12, White Pigeon
- 52 05-21-2011 Wyandotte GC. Located at Bishop Park.
- 53 06-24-2011 White Cloud GC. Located at Veterans Corner.
- 54 07-08-2011 Livonia GC. Located at Dolphin Park, 5 Mile Rd, east of Farmington Rd.
- 55 08-27-2011 Green Thumb GC. Union City. Located at Veterans Park, 191 N Broadway.
- 56 09-11-2011 Eaton Rapids GC. Located in Memorial Park.
- 57 10-10-2011 Garden Club of Greater Lansing. Located in Frances Park.
- 58 11-11-2011 Thornapple GC. Hastings. Located on the Courthouse lawn downtown.

- 59 05-28-2012 Breckenridge Evening Blossoms GC. Located at Ridge Lawn Cemetery, 300 Pine St.
- 60 06-03-2012 Elk Rapids GC Located in Rotary Park.
- 61 07-04-2012 Colon GC. Located in Colon Community Park, 200 W Colon Rd.
- 62 07-14-2012 Lowell Showboat GC. Located on Main St at the Riverwalk in downtown Lowell
- 63 07-15-2012 Marshall GC. Located in Carver Park Garden, corner of Exchange and E Michigan Ave.
- 64 07-20-2012 Farmington GC, N Farmington GC, Hill and Dale GC, Located in Memorial Park at Grand River and Oakland.
- 65 09-11-2012 Williamston Red Cedar GC. Located at Old Mill Park near the gazebo, N Putnam at High Street.
- 66 09-22-2012 Holland GC and Kent GC. Ceremony at Holland Civic Center. Located at I-196E Rest Area, #58 E bound.
- 67 05-11-2013 Great Lakes National Cemetery. Holly. Located at 4200 Bedford Rd.
- 68 05-17-2013 Rainbow Lakes GC. Perrinton. Located at Fulton Township Hall, 3425 Cleveland Rd.
- 69 09-20-2013 Mason Sycamore GC. Located at Rayner Park, 738 E Ash St.
- 70 09-21-2013 Saline Stone and Thistle GC. Located at Saline District Library, 555 N Maple Rd.
- 71 11-11-2013 Howell GC. Located at Howell City Hall, 1211 W Grand River Avenue.
- 72 05-03-2014 Lotus GC. Monroe. Located at the Sawyer Homestead, 320 E Front St.
- 73 05-25-2014 Wayne GC. Located at the Veterans Plaza, 3737 S Wayne Rd.
- 74 06-09-2014 Midland Garden Council: Chemical City GC, Midland GC, Evergreen GC, Great Lakes GC, The Little GC. Located at the Dow Diamond Stadium, 825 E Main St.
- 75 06-14-2014 Hillsdale GC. Located at Memorial Garden, 29 N Howell St.
- 76 09-15-2014 Owasso GC. Located at Fayette Square, 100 W Oliver St.
- 77 09-18-2014 Petoskey GC. Located at Pennsylvania Park near the gazebo.
- 78 06-10-2015 Wayne GC. (2<sup>nd</sup> memorial) Located in the median of Michigan Ave, US 12 at the east entrance to Wayne.
- 79 06-14-2015 Garden Club of Pentwater. Hart. Located at the Oceana County Courthouse. 100 S State St.
- 80 07-04-2015 Buchanan GC. Located at the gazebo garden, 107 W Front St.
- 81 09-19-2015 Chula Vista GC. Plainwell. Located in Sherwood Park along the Kalamazoo River.
- 82 09-19-2015 Chula Vista GC. Otsego. Located in a triangular median across from Memorial Park at S Farmer and Washington Sts.
- 83 11-11-2015 Westwood GC. Kalamazoo. Located at the Veterans memorial in Riverside Cemetery.

- 84    05-29-2016    Shoreline GC. Stevensville. Located at the Lincoln Township Library, 2099 W John Beers Rd.
- 85    06-06-2016    The Military and Space Heroes Museum. Frankenmuth. Located at 1250 Weiss Rd.
- 86    06-11-2016    Stepping Stones GC. Onaway. Located at the Onaway Courthouse and City Hall, 20774 State St.
- 87    07-31-2016    The Friendly GC. Traverse City. Located in the Botanic Gardens in Barns Park.
- 88    08-10-2016    Big Rapids GC. Located in Holland Park, 325 N State St.
- 89    09-10-2016    Caro GC. Located in the Botanic Garden on N Hooper St.
- 90    10-22-2016    Sweetwater Evening GC. Acme. Located in Bayside Park, US 31 N (south of US 31 and M72 intersection).
  
- 91    09/09/2017    North Farmington GC, Farmington Hills. Located at the Heritage Park, 24915 Farmington Rd, Farmington Hills.
- 92    09/16/2017    Blue water GC, Port Huron. Located at the Pine Grove Park, 928 Military St, Port Huron.
  
- 93    05/20/2018    Quality Thyme GC, Kalkaska. Located at the Kalkaska Recreational Area Trail, 3267 Valley Road, Kalkaska.
- 94    05/28/2018    Rockford GC, Rockford. Located at the Garden Club Park, 43 River St. Rockford.
- 95    07/08/2018    Looking Glass GC, Wacousta, MI. Located at the Wacousta Cemetery. 13471 Wacousta Rd.
- 96    07/27/2018    Tri-Cities GC, Grand Haven. Located at Waterfront, 101 Harbor Dr, Grand Haven.
- 97    11/11/2018    Charlevoix Area GC and Charlevoix Evening GC. Located at East Park, 300 E Bridge, Charlevoix.

**GOLD STAR DEDICATIONS**

- 01    07/27/2018    Tri-Cities GC, Grand Haven. Located at Waterfront, 101 Harbor Dr, Grand Haven.