

# Military Moms face special challenges

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Michigan Military Moms founder Susan Klotz of Allen Park was this year's honorary Farmington Memorial Day parade marshal, recognized for her work in forming the group that provides support to mothers of Michigan servicemen and women.

United States armed forces. "I wanted to talk to other moms who are going through the same thing I'm going through," Klotz said. "Moms who understand what it's like to have a son or daughter in harms way, or one who could be sent into harms way."

Klotz, whose son Marc is an air traffic controller at Luke Air Force Base in Phoenix, Arizona, said military moms see things differently than others.

"We watch the news in a different way, and we view world events in a different way than

others," she said. "Things that other people pay little attention to could have an impact on the lives of our sons or daughters."

She started asking around, and an original group of eight women began meeting at Big Boy's in July of last year.

Today 175 moms claim membership in the group, with sons and daughters in all five military branches.

"A lot of people try to understand what we go through," said Peg Krueger, a Michigan Military Moms member from Canton, "but these people real-

ly understand because they're in the same situation."

Michigan Military Moms, she said, was an important source of support while her son David was fighting along side fellow Marines in Iraq.

"He saw a lot of action," she said, "but they fought hard and fought well." As of last week, David was safe back in the States - and his mom can breathe a little easier.

Michigan Military Moms meets the second and fourth Thursday of each month at the American Legion Hall in Dearborn.

# Legion names Memorial Day parade winners for 2003

The following were parade winners as determined by the 2003 judging committee:

- Best Unit: Michigan Military Moms
- Best Adult Color Guard: VFW Dunham Ray Post #2645
- Best Float, Youth: Girl Scouts NSU 33
- Best Mounted Group: 1/2 ton truck
- Best Youth Group, Boys: Cub Scouts Pack 231
- Best Youth Group, Girls: Girl Scouts Troop 263
- Best Marching Unit: Moms Club (Amy Douglas)
- Most Outstanding Vehicle: Fire Department Rescue 4/E4
- Best Marching Group, Youth: Girl Scout Troop 1986
- Lead Band: Farmington Harrison High School Marching Band
- Outstanding Military Unit: American Legion

# Longacre House membership meeting is scheduled

The Longacre House, Inc. membership will hold an organizational meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 10.

During the meeting members will discuss and consider appointing an interim Board of Directors, for the purpose of reorganization.

The Longacre House was founded in the community in the 1960s by the Spicer family, with the understanding that it be run as a non-profit community house, by a board of directors elected from House membership.

The House receives no finan-

cial assistance from any local government and relies on memberships, community contributions and events as its sole source of income.

Memberships are available at several levels, including some accompanied by special discounts. For more informa-

tion or to become a member, contact Executive Director Denise Tawya, (248) 477-8404.

The membership meeting will be held at The Longacre House, which is located at 24705 Farmington Road, between 10 and 11 Mile Roads.

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