



OFFICE OF VETERAN AFFAIRS

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN-DEARBORN

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On President's Day, February 19, 2019, the University of Michigan-Dearborn's Office of Police and Public Safety commissioned a newly constructed flag pole in front of the Public Safety building. Keeping the theme of President's Day, the University's Interim Chief of Police and Director of Public Safety, Tim Wiley envisioned a patriotic event.

At 12:00 noon, the first standards were raised on the pole to the sound of the Star Spangled Banner, sung by University student, Garret Schwartz. The colors team included two students enrolled in the University's Army Reserve Officer Training Program, three Officers from Police and Public Safety, and one member from Operations and Maintenance, all who served in the US Armed Forces. Adding a patriotic flare, the Sons of the American Revolution, wearing period correct uniforms of the Revolutionary War, provided a patriotic and picturesque backdrop that captivated spectators' interest near and far. The dedication included dignitaries and veterans from the campus and the local community. University Administrators, Faculty, Staff and Students were in attendance.

The occasion included a special guest speaker, Mr. Dennis Scanland, who was designated as the 2018-2019, City of Dearborn's Veteran of the Year. Mr. Scanland was invited to speak about the National Ensign and how it symbolizes the sacrifices of those who fought to defend it.

The City of Dearborn's Veteran of the Year honoree is chosen based on how they have served others, especially veterans in the Dearborn community, and beyond. Mr. Scanland was chosen as the 2018-2019 Veteran of the Year by his peers (previous Veterans of the Year) who are members of the Dearborn Allied War Veterans Council. Mr. Scanland served in the United States Air Force from 1966 through 1970.



Photographed (left-right)
Back Row: Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) former President Rod Wilson, SAR Commander Norm Palmer, SAR Commander Gerald Burkland, SAR Blue Water Chapter President Gary Pastiva, and the City of Dearborn Heights Councilman Bill Bazzi.
Front Row: City of Dearborn Councilwoman Leslie Herrick, SAR Metro Detroit Chapter President Joe Williams, SAR State President Jim Petres, Interim UM-Dearborn Police Chief Tim Wiley, and the City of Dearborn Veteran of the Year Dennis Scanland.

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