

# THE INTERNATIONAL ARMED FORCES COUNCIL

***This is also  
Military Spouse  
Appreciation Day.***



***Advanced  
Registration  
Only***

**EXTENDS AN INVITATION TO ACTIVE, RESERVE AND  
RETIRED MILITARY OFFICERS, WARRANT OFFICERS *and*  
GUESTS TO ATTEND THE 58<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL**

**INTERNATIONAL ARMED FORCES NIGHT DINING-OUT**

**FRIDAY 12 MAY 2017**

**Bar Opens: 1830 Hrs., Dinner 1930 Hrs.**

**American Polish Cultural Center**

**2975 E. Maple Road**

**Troy, Michigan 48083**

**GUEST SPEAKER**

**LTC CHARLES KETTLES**

**Medal of Honor Recipient**

***Additional information  
is available at web site:  
[www.IAFNC.org](http://www.IAFNC.org)***

## **HISTORY OF THE INTERNATIONAL ARMED FORCES NIGHT**

The first International Armed Forces Night was organized in 1960 by officers of the 2451<sup>st</sup> AC&W Squadron RCAF (Aux) under Wing Commander Robert Norwood as a means to further solidify the excellent rapport which had been created with the US Military forces during the Squadron's short history. The basic aim was to expand on the goals of the recently established International Freedom Festival. Upon demise of the 2451<sup>st</sup> in 1962, a way was explored by squadron members to continue these relationships with officers of the US Naval Air Station, Grosse Isle, and other US Training sites. An International Armed Forces Night was sponsored, first by the squadron members and the next year with US forces acting as hosts; thus the alternating leadership for this unique activity was developed. Beginning in 1965, all armed forces were included and the event was given its current name. In 1984, the 25<sup>th</sup> International Armed Forces Night drew a record number of officers from the military services of both countries. During the military down-sizing of the 1990's, and especially with the inactivation of Michigan's 70<sup>th</sup> Division in 1996, the event was much diminished. In 1999, however, in cooperation with the WW II 2<sup>nd</sup> Polish Corps Association, the event drew over 550 attendees. This very popular event, always the best party of the year, enables the officers of two great nations and many allied representatives, to join in an activity, completely unique in our knowledge, which promotes the friendly relations of their countries, and the professional cooperation of their military units.