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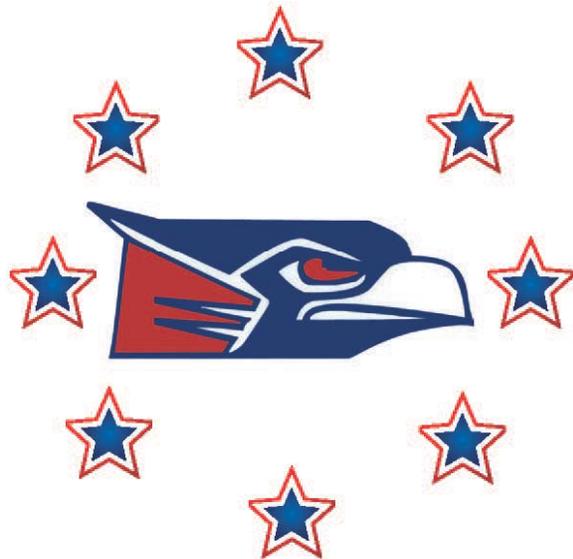
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Charlotte vs. Portland: Victory 4 Veterans

This fall's game between Charlotte High School and Portland High School will benefit Michigan Freedom Centers.

The first annual Charlotte vs. Portland **Victory for Veterans** benefit football game will be held **Friday, September 14th at 7:00pm** at the Charlotte Public Schools' Schultheiss Athletic Complex to benefit the Michigan Freedom Centers (<https://www.mifreedomcenter.org>). The mission of the Michigan Freedom Centers is to provide a welcome and friendly respite to traveling military members, veterans, and their families. To date, they have served over 440,000 active military personal, their dependents, and veterans. The Freedom Centers retain their relaxed, home-like atmospheres that embrace and meet the need of traveling service members and their families, through generous monetary and in-kind donations. The Charlotte High School Varsity Football Team is proud to be able to "Serve Those Who Serve Us".



Commemorative t-shirts will be sold leading up to the game at both schools (during lunch and at after school events) with the net proceeds benefitting the Michigan Freedom Centers. Both teams will wear special, commemorative jerseys resembling camouflage fatigues. As part of the fundraising effort, the jersey sponsorships were sold for \$100 each to individual contributors in recognition of an active duty soldier or veteran. Those names will be worn on the backs of the jerseys during the game. Following the game, the players from each team will present their game worn jersey to their sponsors in an on-field ceremony. Each soldier's name will be read, along with a brief history of their service.

Leading up to the start of the game, fans will have the opportunity to see military vehicles and visit with representatives from the different military branches. There will also be a signed Mark Dantonio football that fans will have a chance to win. The pre-game events will include a Presentation of Colors, followed by the National Anthem performed by the Charlotte High School Marching Band.

Individuals wishing to make a donation can mail a check payable to Charlotte High School, 378 State St, Charlotte, MI 48813. Attention to: Jeff Finney, Victory for Veterans.