

Michigan District The Long Rifle



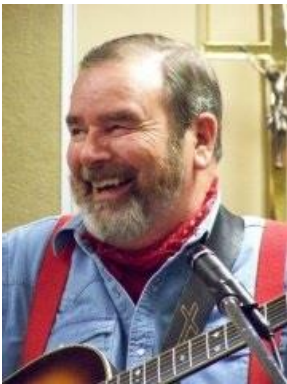
Information about Royal Ranger Events in Michigan

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Pastor Jack Graduates to Great Reward



Pastor Jack Williams (age 76) passed away Friday, April 20, 2018 at his home in Lachine, Michigan.

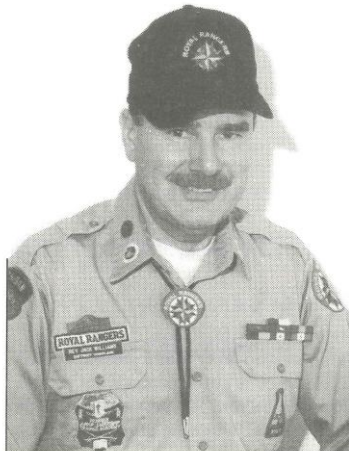
Pastor Jack served faithfully in the Royal Ranger ministry for many years. He held staff positions as the Northern Section Commander, District Chaplain, District Trails Coordinator and as Michigan District Commander [2000 – 2002]. He enjoyed this ministry and was an enthusiastic supporter of Reaching Boys for Christ. He has left a great legacy in the Michigan District and Royal Rangers.

John Jay Williams was born in Farmington Hills on September 6, 1941 to the late Gerald and Mary (Mohr) Williams and married Donna Stoddard on January 19, 1973. Jack worked as a police officer for the Pontiac and Farmington Hills departments before moving to the

Alpena area in 1974. He was ordained in the Assemblies of God Michigan District and pastored at the Beaver Lake Community Church for 38 ½ years until his retirement in 2012. Following his retirement, Pastor Jack was known for his Pickin-for-People ministry raising money for numerous food pantries. In 2016, Pastor Jack began serving Huron Shores Fellowship. Jack served on numerous community organizations, with the one closest to his heart has been serving as chaplain for Alpena County Sheriff's Department.

Surviving are his wife Donna; four children, Gretchen (Fiancé Jason Pardieke) Williams, Mary (Tim) Stoinski, John (Heather) Williams, Heidi Williams; 16 grandchildren.

A memorial service was conducted at Huron Shores Fellowship in Alpena on Saturday, April 28, 2018.



Michigan RR Leaders Conference

On April 13-14 our 2018 Michigan RR Leaders Conference was conducted at Greater Lansing AG.

About 50 leaders attended representing 15 outposts across the state. It was a great time of fellowship, training and inspiration. Friday night was a time of food (BBQ dinner), fellowship and worship.

On Saturday we offered a series of breakout classes to help outposts grow. Also in Saturday agenda was a National RR presentation, strategies for effective devotions and outpost sharing.

The feedback on the conference was overwhelming positive and we plan to offer a conference next year and expand our outreach and training. Special thanks to Greater Lansing AG for a being a great host and many other leaders who conducted vital classes.



2018 Summer Adventure Camp



FRONTIER CAMPFIRE

August 2 - 5

Our summer Royal Ranger adventure begins on **August 2-5** in Gaylord at **Lost Valley** Camp.

We will continue with our frontier theme, featuring '**Frontier Campfire**' which represents the warmth of fellowship, passion and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

In this camp we will enjoy frontier games and crafts, as well as hawk & knife competition, team archery tag, skeet shooting and field games. The lake will be open for swimming, boating and fishing. In addition, we plan to have a full camp community meal (pig roast). Join us for a great time of fun and fellowship. More details will follow!



Junior Leadership Training Camps (JTC, AJTC) will be held at Lost Valley Camp and moved to just prior to 2018 SAC – **July 30 to Aug 1**. Boys finishing 5th grade and older are eligible for this camp. Visit michrr.com for information and forms.

Most Awesome Overnighter & Field Day



The Metro Section is sponsoring it's annual Overnighter & Field Day event on **June 1-2** at Real Life Farm in Canton.

This is a great event for younger boys and parents. The Real Life Farm offers a great site for games and activities, but the best part may be the great variety of animals. **Farmer Don** has rabbits, chicks, kittens, miniature goats and sheep as well as many other animals to pet and feed.

The cost is only \$15 which includes activities, meals, event patch and awards. Attenders can opt for the Friday night camping and Saturday Field Day, or just attend the Saturday Field competition. **This event is open to all ranger groups and their siblings.** If you bring a non-ranger friend – they attend for free!

Upcoming Event Reminders

May 18-20 FCF Spring Trace, Beaverton, MI

May 18-20 NRMCM, Hartford, IN

June 1-2 RK/DR Field Day with Overnighter, Real Life Farm, Canton, MI

July 13-14 Metro Merit Camp, Real Life Farm, Canton, MI

July 16-20 FCF National Rendezvous, Eagle Rock, MO

July 30 – Aug 1 JLTA Camps, Lost Valley, Gaylord, MI

Aug 2-5 Summer Adv Camp, Lost Valley, Gaylord, MI

BABY BLUES

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