

Alexander Macomb Historical Award
Organization



Year Award Given: 2007

Awarded to: Selfridge Air National Guard (SANGB)
Harrison Township, Macomb, MI

Nominated by:

Presented Where: Mt. Clemens Bath City Festival

Presented By: Macomb County Historical Commissioners

Selfridge Air National Guard Base was selected for this honor because of their dedication to preserve and maintain current military support for the community, state, and nation along with preserving the history of this almost 100 year old military installation. SANGB is a joint Department of Defense installation with tenant units from the U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Navy, U.S. Army, and U.S. Coast Guard. The base is named after 1LT Thomas Etholen Selfridge, a graduate of West Point, who died after the test plane he was flying in with Orville Wright crashed.¹ Founded in 1917, the base is used as a training center for United States Military personnel in both peace and war times.

In 2007, when this award was presented, BG Michael Peplinski, commanding general of the base at the time accepted the award from the Macomb County Historical Commission. The award ceremony included a fly-over of jets that were stationed and flew out of Selfridge.

To assist with the preservation of the base's rich history, the Michigan Air Guard Historical Association (MAGHA) and the Selfridge Military Air Museum were formed in 1975.² The museum is host to many wonderful exhibits and events.

Information Resources: Former Macomb County Historical Commissioners Karl Mark Pall / June 2015,
Donald W. Green and Raymond G. Glime / Aug 2015

¹ History of Selfridge Air National Guard Base and the Selfridge Military Museum, <http://www.selfridgeairmuseum.org/aboutus.html> (accessed February 12, 2016)

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