



### Sixth Annual Charity Bike Ride

The Corporal Christopher Kelly Willis Foundation (the Willis Foundation) is pleased to announce the Sixth Annual 2011 Warrior Ride in conjunction with Ryan, the leading tax services firm in North America. This year the Riders will journey by bicycle 260 miles from Mount Pleasant to Paw Paw, and through Kalamazoo and then on to the Fort Custer National Cemetery where Corporal Willis is buried. They will continue to the Battle Creek military base where a reception for the riders, families, guests, and service people from the base will be held. This year's ride takes place Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>.

The Willis Foundation ([www.willisfoundation.net](http://www.willisfoundation.net)) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization based in Kalamazoo. The foundation was formed in honor of a beloved Marine, Corporal Christopher Kelly Willis USMC, and provides **Great Rewards for Great Warriors**. Previous rides generated proceeds in excess of \$16,000, \$20,000, and \$19,000, \$30,000, \$40,000 respectively and provided service members and their families with vacation trips, tickets to professional sporting events and other gifts for their service to our great nation; along with providing educational supplies to a local elementary school in Iraq. The mission of the Sixth Annual Charity Bike Ride is to continue to perpetuate the memory of Corporal Christopher Kelly Willis by fostering and contributing to the welfare of those things in life he loved and cared for the most, children and the United States Marines.

**College Scholarship Program:** The majority of the funds raised through this year's charity bike ride will be used in continuation of a trust fund in honor of those service members who gave the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our great nation. Specifically, the Willis Foundation has established scholarship program for the benefit of children who have lost their parent (or whose parent has been permanently disabled) in combat. Please see the Foundation's website for more information on this program. These children have also given the ultimate sacrifice – please help the Willis Foundation in securing their future.

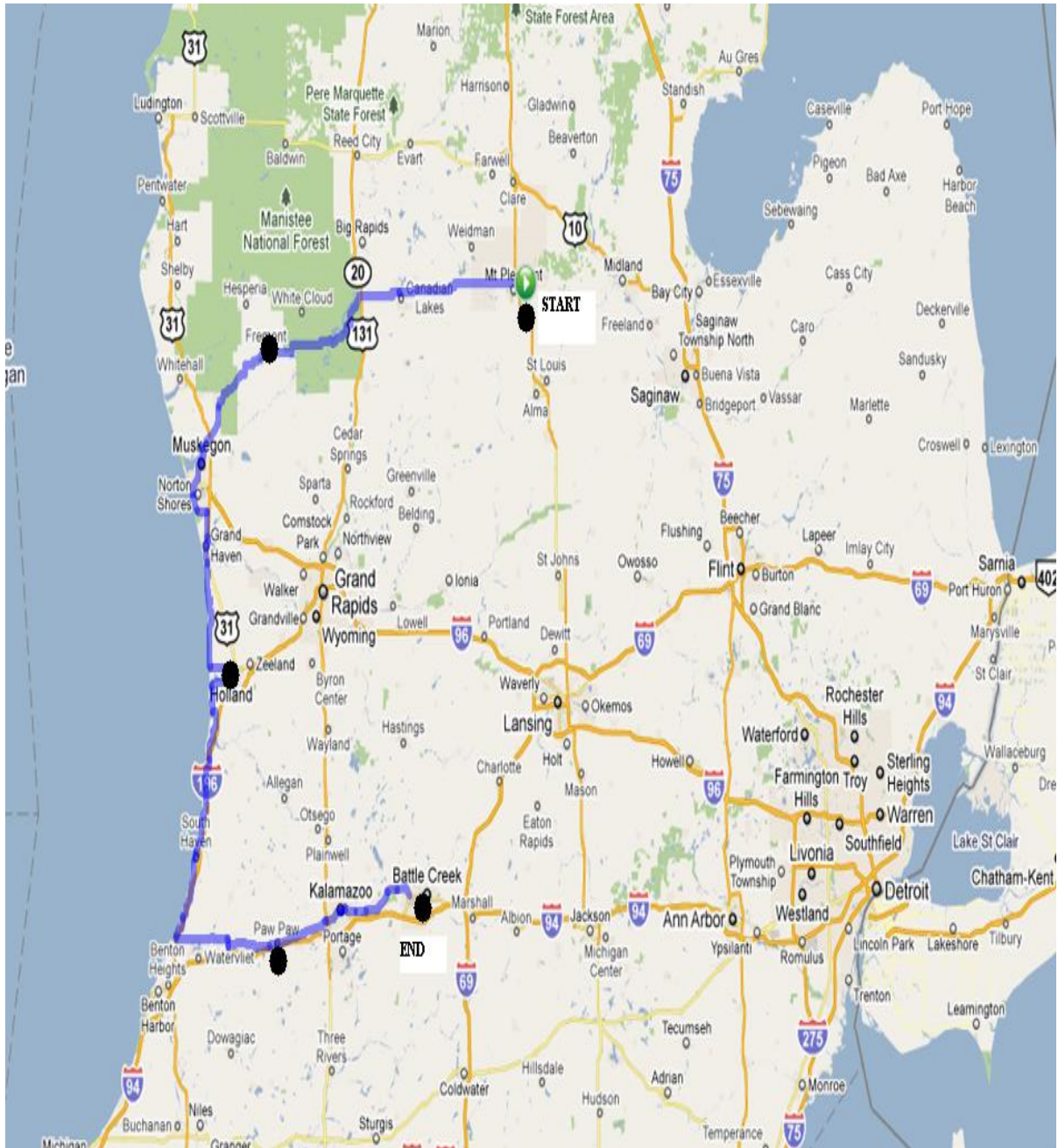
Your support of .25 cents per mile (\$65), or a flat fee donation of any denomination, will again allow the Willis Foundation to continue on with its mission. Our goal this year is to raise \$50,000. Sponsorship levels are listed below as follows:

Rank	Sponsorship Amount
Private	\$25 - \$100
Corporal	\$101 - \$200
Gunnery Sergeant	\$201 - \$499
Master Gunnery Sergeant	\$500 - \$1,000
Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps	\$1,001 - ????





## Route of Bike Ride 2011



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