

## **Give the Gift of Life to One of Our Own**

Lansing Post Commander F/Lt. Detrich Speights has been quietly and privately fighting a life-threatening illness. He needs a new kidney.

Without finding his own donor, First Lieutenant Speights has been told he's facing a 3 - 5 year wait on the general donor list.

The best-case scenario is for him to be paired with a live donor, as it allows for a faster transplant and provides the best long-term outcome much like we saw when [Tpr. David Burr donated part of his liver](#) [Tpr. Christopher Boven](#) in 2019. Trooper Burr's gift of life came after dozens of department members and others volunteered for the screening to donate.

The MSP family can help F/Lieutenant Speights in his search. Potential donors are urged to contact Michigan Medicine at 1-800-333-9013, even if you believe you are incompatible. That's the first step and it's simple – provide First Lieutenant Speights' first and last name to the call center employee who'll collect demographic and health-related information to submit to a donor coordinator. They'll take it from there.

You can also visit the [University of Michigan Transplantation Center's webpage](#) to complete the kidney transplant donor form.

If you have questions, please contact [Ms. Heather Luebs](#) at 517-243-6947.