

BANGOR COMMUNITY FIRE DEPARTMENT



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Fire Chief – Derek Babcock



Dear Residents, Visitors, and Business Owners,

The Bangor Community Fire Department is pleased to present and sponsor the Annual July 4th Fireworks Spectacular. This year's fireworks show will be held on Friday, July 4th, 2025, at the Bangor High School. For the past many years, the Bangor fireworks have proven to be one of the best shows in the area.

Help Us Light Up the Sky in 2025!

We're reaching out to ask for your support in making this year's fireworks display a spectacular success. Your **monetary donation** will directly help cover the costs of the fireworks and ensure that our community can once again come together for a celebration to remember.

Thanks to your past generosity, we've been able to host wonderful events that bring joy and unity to our town. We're hopeful that **businesses, organizations, and individuals** will continue that tradition by contributing again this year.

Every donation—big or small—brings us one step closer to another unforgettable night under the stars. **Please consider giving today to help us make the 2025 celebration the best one yet!**

To donate, please mail a check to:

The Bangor Community Firefighters Association
417 W. Arlington St.
Bangor, MI 49013

Please include "Fireworks Donation" in the memo line.

Donations may also be made in person at the fire station,
Monday-Friday, from 8:00-4:00.

With your help, we can ensure this year's community-wide July 4th celebration includes a spectacular fireworks display.

Please help us continue this magnificent annual tradition!

Thank you for your support.

Derek Babcock

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Fire Chief



We are a recognized 501c3 organization so all donations are tax-exempt

TICKETS - \$40
MEAL + COMEDY SHOW



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DOOR OPENS: 5 PM
SHOWTIME: 7 PM

SHOWTIME



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NIGHT OF COMEDY

A COOL NIGHT OF FUN WITH
BOBBY HENLINE

ODD FELLOWS HALL - 235 W MONROE ST - BANGOR, MI

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A FUNDRAISER MEAL AND SHOW BY FORGING FORWARD, BOBBY HENLINE COMEDY, AND
BANGOR COMMUNITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

SSG Bobby Henline (Ret)

Motivational Speaker, Actor, Songwriter, Poet, Model,
The Well Done Comedian

BIO

Henline is a 4-tour Iraqi War Veteran, Retired Army Staff Sergeant, Purple Heart Warrior, last serving with the 82nd Airborne Division.

A veteran of Desert Storm by age 19, serving with 1st Cavalry Division, Henline was inspired to re-enlist in the Army after the attacks on America on September 11, 2001. He deployed to Iraq three more times, twice with the 82nd Airborne Division and once with the 3rd Armored Cavalry regiment. He spent 14 years in the Army.

While on his fourth tour in Iraq, three weeks after his arrival, an IED blast blew up his Humvee – April 7, 2007, is a day he will never forget. The four soldiers with him did not survive.

As Henline stumbled out of the wreck, a human torch, he was extinguished by the soldier he had replaced in the Humvee. With burns covering almost 40% of his body, fractured bones in his face, and his head burned to the skull, Henline was put into a medically induced coma for two weeks and flown back to the States. During his initial six-month hospital stay, Bobby remained upbeat, positive, and relied on humor to get him through each day. Putting nurses in headlocks, trying to keep other wounded soldiers' spirits up by telling them jokes, his humor caught the attention of his occupational therapist. She challenged him to go to an open mic night and try his hand at comedy, making him promise with a pinky swear. He kept his promise, and that experience started a new chapter in his life.

Comedy is the salve that Bobby uses to keep his post-traumatic stress, anxiety, and panic attacks at bay, and allows him to share his story and healing with others using a positive, funny, inspirational approach. Today, Henline continues his quest to make people laugh in a variety of venues as "The Well Done Comedian." His professional comedy includes performances at *Brad Garrett's Comedy Club*, *Laugh Factory*, and *Hollywood Improv* to name a few. Henline's story and lived experiences have been featured in film, print, and electronic media, including the documentaries *Healing Bobby*, *Comedy Warriors: Healing Through Humor*, and *Surviving Home*. He has been featured on CNN, PBS KET, NPR, Today.com, and Time.com; Time Magazine, People Magazine, The Huffington Post, Guideposts, and Readers Digest; as well as television, radio, and podcasts from around the world.

His movie experience includes *Sophie and the Rising Sun*, *MBF: Man's Best Friend*, and more. He shares that his "15 seconds of flame" was playing Pyro Paulie in Showtime's hit series, *Shameless*.

His other experience includes modeling, writing poetry, and songwriting.

Henline and his wife Jamie co-founded Bravo748 Military and Law Enforcement Speakers Bureau, an organization that invests in Veterans and First Responders who are speakers and entertainers with a mission of giving back to their communities through their experience, training, stories, comedy, music, and more. He and Jamie also started a non-profit Forging Forward, The Bobby Henline Foundation, to create and host positive and meaningful experiences for active duty and veteran military and first responders, and their families, and Gold Star families.

As a Motivational Speaker/Inspirational Comedian, Henline is comfortable speaking with one person or 1,000's. He collaborates with and performs for organizations to inspire soldiers, veterans, first responders and their families, spreading his message of life, love, joy, and resilience; he visits middle and high schools across the country to inspire young people; and speaks at for profit and not-for-profit organizations sharing his story of resilience, hope, and healing.



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SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FOR THE *A.B.B. JOINT FIRE BOARD*

The meeting starts at 7:30 PM

January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025

Second Monday of the Month

January 13, 2025

February 10, 2025

March 10, 2025

April 14, 2025

May 12, 2025

June 23, 2025 (4th Monday to close out budget year)

July 14, 2025

August 11, 2025

September 8, 2025

October 13, 2025

November 10, 2025

December 8, 2025

These meetings are handicapped accessible, persons requiring auxiliary aids and services, or accommodations should contact, in writing or by telephone, Derek Babcock, Fire Chief

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