



Notes from the Board



Well, it's been an exciting month!

We had a terrific event with George Luz Jr – about 90 people came out to hear his stories of the men from Easy Company. He was an excellent presenter and the audience was engaged – a great night indeed!

In the past few weeks representatives of the memorial have spoken at the state conferences for the American Legion and AMVets, hosted a display at the VFW conference and spoke to the Vietnam Veterans, Chapter 9. We are always proud to partner with other veteran organizations who share our common goal of honoring our veterans.

We are also thrilled to announce that Mark Hackel, Macomb County Executive, has joined our team as an Honorary Board Member. We thank Mark for recognizing the value of this project, and the importance of honoring such a special generation of people who changed the world on every level. We are proud to partner with him and look forward to his involvement.

These are exciting times for The Michigan WWII Legacy Memorial.

Onward and upward!

Debi Hollis, President



Capital Campaign Update

We would like to thank our latest sponsor, the Rock Shoppe in Plymouth, who is donating all the boulders for the War in Words, which will surround the core memorial with quotes representing the larger war. Marco and Helena Scappaticci, owners of the Rock Shoppe, tell why they support The Michigan WWII Legacy Memorial:



“The legacy of an outstanding generation of Michiganders is one for which we have both respect and appreciation. Our contribution of the boulders you need for your project is our way of recognizing the debt owed by so many to so few and to offer a tribute to their resolve to victory in a global conflict which they neither provoked nor wished. “

We would also like to thank an anonymous individual donor who added \$25,000 to his original contribution, making him a named sponsor. We are thrilled at the generosity of this individual along with Helena and Marco.

Education Coalition Formed



I remember my parents telling my sister and I stories of when they were growing up during "the War." Rationing, blackouts, civil defense drills and relatives going off to fight were realities that affected their childhood and formed their adult life. Children watched their parents meet the challenges of living in tumultuous times through ingenuity and sacrifice. The country pulled together knowing that working for the common good of our nation and world was the path to victory. Lessons learned by the Greatest Generation were handed down and helped shape the minds and hearts of subsequent generations.

We have much to learn from their legacy and it is to that end that the Education Coalition has been formed. Headed by Molly Gale, curriculum specialist from the Warren Consolidated School District, the group is made up of instructors from all over the state, including Todd Simon (Waverly High School, Lansing), Susan Eggleston (Japhet School, Royal Oak), Caleb Lagerway (Holland Christian High School, Holland), Geoffrey Wickersham (Groves High School, Birmingham), Steve Mrozek (Army Airborne historian and classroom speaker) and Mary Weaver (retired curriculum director for the Saginaw Public Schools).

The goal of the Education Coalition is to develop lessons and experiences focusing on memorial elements for classrooms and visitors that will challenge and inspire people of all ages to use individual and collective resources to make their communities and the world a better place. We can't wait to see what they develop!

Judy Maten, Board liaison to the Education Coalition

*Teacher and Education
Coalition chairperson
Molly Gale shares her
thoughts on working with The
Michigan WWII Legacy
Memorial as chair of the
Education Coalition.*



Register Now for The Victory Gala Saturday, October 12

The Victory Gala is the annual fundraiser for The Michigan WWII Legacy Memorial, raising needed operating and construction funds.

The event will be held on Saturday, October 12 at the GM Heritage Center in Sterling Heights. With over 81,000 square feet, the Heritage Center features over 165 historical vehicles on display. It is a showstopper on its own, but wait, there's more!

Be sure to wax up the charge cards for our fabulous live and silent auctions. Bid on such items as rounds of golf at some of the best courses in the state. Have the Chicken Shack food truck at one of your special events. Invite a group of your closest friends for a tour of Pewabic Pottery or for an elegant pop-up dinner. There will be home furnishings, historic memorabilia, experiences and more to bid on.

A strolling dinner catered by Two Unique Catering, fabulous drinks and The Victory Awards will round out the evening.

Be sure to invite friends and family.



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As mentioned above, *Educating Generations* is an important goal for the Memorial project. The values, lessons and stories infused in every element of the memorial will provide the basis for more in-depth study. Why study the war today? No singular event has so dramatically altered the course of history than this war. Technology and medicine, global economies, civil rights, industrial expansion, women's rights and America's cultural landscape were all influenced by the war and remain relevant in our lives today. Michigan played a pivotal role, and the time has come to tell the stories of those who served our country on the battlefields and at home.

We need your help.

Please visit our website to learn how you can take part in this historic project – whether through an automatic monthly donation or through gifts of stock or a one-time donation. Naming opportunities are available, as well. Please contact Debi Hollis to discuss options. All gifts are tax-deductible.

Passing on the values of the *Greatest Generation* is one of the best ways to honor their service and sacrifice. Please join us in supporting The Michigan WWII Legacy Memorial. Thank you!

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