



Notes from the Board



As we enjoy the last month of summer, we are grateful for the continued community support we are seeing. We have three upcoming fundraisers that individuals are hosting for us, along with The Victory Gala in October. Our Veteran Advisory Council members are eager to help and we are working on plans to keep them very busy. We are excited by the energy and enthusiasm people are sharing with us and look forward to our final path to victory.

Onward and upward!
Debi Hollis, President

Project Update



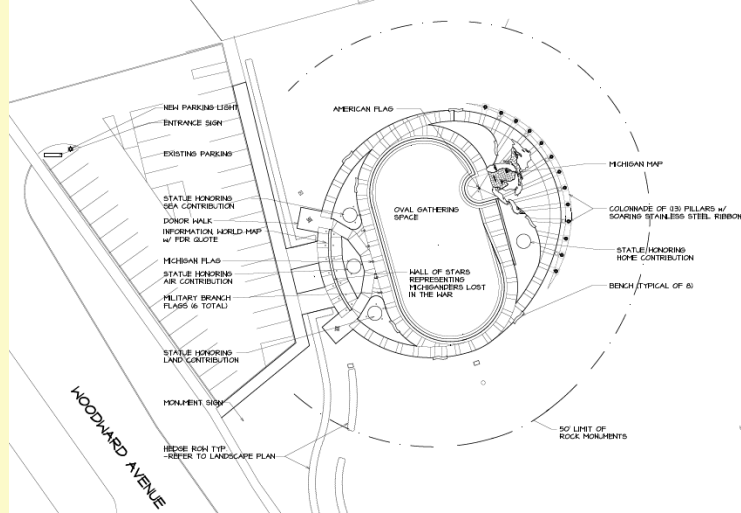
Imagine strolling through The Michigan WWII Legacy Memorial in Royal Oak's Memorial Park (how appropriate) on a beautiful Michigan fall day. The English oak trees that ring the site are in their fall glory. The elements of the memorial tell the Michigan story of the warfront and home front. While you can't take this walk today, you can get an idea of what it will be like by viewing the 3-D animation on our [website](#).

Much has been completed and work continues to move forward to make the memorial a reality. Our goal is to celebrate the dedication later in 2020, at the 75th anniversary of the end of the war. The actual construction of the memorial will take about 6 months of onsite work from the time of groundbreaking.

The initial design concept was completed (shown at right), by Moiseev-Gordon & Associates, Inc., which allowed for estimating the cost for the memorial and for getting approval from the City of Royal Oak. The land usage and long term maintenance agreement have been signed with the city. There is already a paved lot at the site off of Woodward, which will provide parking for visitors

to the memorial. The ring of English Oak trees have been in place for years at the site.

The recent design work for the memorial has focused on completing the site plan. This involves site work details such as determining the topography of the site, drainage, footings, etc. Soil boring tests have been completed. The design has been reviewed with Royal Oak city engineering. One full-sized statue is ready for casting with another not far behind.



Your financial or in-kind donations are critical to the completion of the project as envisioned. Thank you for your support.

John Maten, Vice President/Project Manager

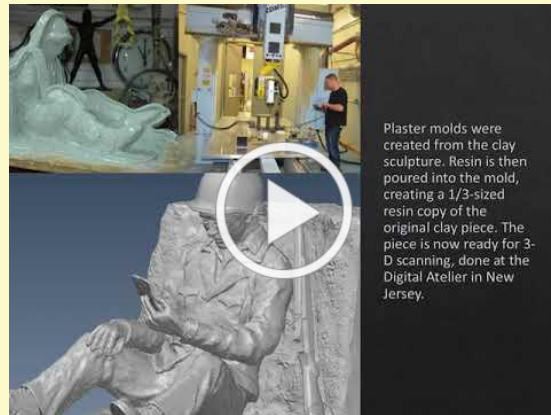
"Joe" Prepares for Full-Sized Casting

From Concept to Bronze: Learn the Story of Creating "Joe"

There are nine life-sized sculptures that create the Land, Sea and Air scenes for The Michigan WWII Legacy Memorial.

The first of these sculptures, affectionately known as "Joe", is being prepared for full-sized bronze casting.

Watch the video on the right for "Joe's" step-by-step process from sketch concept to finalizing for casting.



Novi Sedona Taphouse Dine Out for Charity

The Novi Sedona Taphouse, located in the 12 Oaks Mall shopping center, has named The Michigan WWII Legacy Memorial as their designated charity in the August Dine Night Out for Charity event.

During lunch or dinner you get a choice of the 8 oz. Black Angus Flat Iron Steak for only \$7 (normally \$18.95) or the 7 oz. Grilled Salmon for only \$10 (normally \$17.90). Sedona Taphouse will donate \$1 from each sold to our organization.

This is a great way to beat the heat of the dog days of summer, enjoy a tasty meal and help a great cause. While you are waiting for your dinner to arrive, you can even register for The Victory Gala. See details in the article below.



[Visit Novi Sedona Taphouse Website](#)

Have You Registered for The Victory Gala?

Join us for our annual fundraiser and be sure to bring your friends!

Saturday, October 12, 2019
GM Heritage Center
Sterling Heights

The event includes access to the GM Heritage Center's 81,000 square feet of historical automotive displays, including 167 vintage and concept vehicles, a strolling dinner catered by Two Unique Catering, live and silent auctions, and The Victory Awards.



The Heritage Center is not open to the public. Here is your chance to view some beautiful cars as we raise money for The Michigan WWII Legacy Memorial. Help us spread the word and be sure to invite your friends for this wonderful event!

[Click here for more information and to register](#)

Remember Your Loved One in The Victory Gala Program Book

Would you like to honor a member of your family with an ad in The Victory Gala program book? Send us a jpeg photo of your family member along with a short note and we will create a remembrance for your loved one. Costs for ads are as follows:

- **Full Page**, Color (Size: 7 1/2" wide x 10" long) \$ 250
- **Half Page**, Color (Size: 7 1/2" wide x 4 3/4" long) \$ 150
- **Quarter Page**, Color (Size: 3 1/2" wide x 4 3/4" long) \$ 100
- **Business Card**, Color (Size: 3 1/2" wide x 2" long) \$ 50
- **One line remembrance**, 100 characters \$ 20

Deadline to submit a remembrance ad is Monday, August 26. Please send jpeg photo file and text to: judy.maten@michiganww2memorial.org. Checks for the full amount can be mailed to: The Michigan WWII Legacy Memorial, P.O. Box 237, Royal Oak, MI 48068.



Your Gift Will Make a Difference



As you have seen in the images and articles above, a great deal of effort has gone into designing and building the components that, when completed, will showcase stories of ingenuity and teamwork, service and sacrifice. It will be a place where you will find inspiration, a place for quiet reflection, a place to gather with family and friends to celebrate the freedoms that we have today.

Your gift today will make a difference.

Your donation to The Michigan WWII Legacy Memorial will support the work that is required to begin the on-site construction phase, as well as to continue the production of the artistic elements described above. It is our goal to dedicate the memorial in fall of 2020 to coincide with the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II. We hope you will stand together with us to honor this truly remarkable generation of men and women and to teach future generations about the values that defined them.

[Make a Donation Today](#)