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On behalf of the board of The Michigan WWII Legacy Memorial and The Victory Gala committee, thank you for your support and welcome to *The Victory Gala*. We look forward to sharing our story and honoring our WWII heroes.

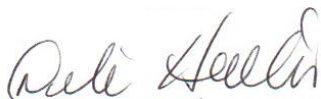
It is going to be a great evening. Please sample the strolling dinner, bid high and bid often on our silent auction items and soak in the music and ambience. Our formal program will begin with a color guard and the national anthem, followed by the presentation of the Victory Award. Then we will move on to our exciting live auction. There are some amazing items, so don't be shy if something catches your eye. Finally, sit back and take in the story of what our great state did during WWII as told by local scholar and author, Dr. Gregory Sumner.

Across Michigan, while our armed forces were fighting overseas, men, women and children on the home front stoked the fire of what will be forever known as the Arsenal of Democracy. Michigan led the country in wartime production, we were among the leaders in agriculture and our industrial expertise led the conversion of the entire economy to fuel the war machine. Children conducted scrap drives and grew Victory Gardens. Everyone worked together to end the war as quickly as possible to bring our men and women home safely. Historians agree – without the might of the state of Michigan, the war would not have been won.

The Michigan WWII Legacy Memorial will ensure this legacy of Michigan's Greatest Generation will be preserved for generations to come. In so doing, we will honor sacrifice and celebrate freedom.

It has been our privilege to come to know so many of those that saved the world during those dark days – both on the war front and the home front. Please make a point to thank them with us. They have brightened our lives and we look forward to the day we complete this statewide tribute.

We hope to see you all at the dedication.



Debi Hollis, President
The Michigan WWII Legacy Memorial

Program

Master of Ceremonies

Guy Gordon, WDIV Local 4 Report/Anchor

Keynote Speaker

Gregory D. Sumner, JD PhD
Author of **DETROIT IN WORLD WAR II**

Music:

Masters of Music Quintet

Evening Events:

- 5:30 PM VIP Meet and Greet with Professor Gregory Sumner, JD PhD
Live Music
- 6:30 PM Silent Auction and Strolling Dinner
- 8:00 PM Presentation of Colors and National Anthem
Cass Tech High School JROTC
Colonel George S. Pettigrew (Retired), Director of Army Instruction
- Story of the Fallen Soldier Display
The Victory Award
- 8:15 PM Live Auction: DuMouchelles Nanette Poole, Auctioneer
- 8:45 PM Professor Gregory Sumner, JD PhD, author of **Detroit in World War II**
- 9:30 PM Live Music and Silent Auction item pick-up



Biographies

Gregory Sumner, JD PhD, is co-chair of History at the University of Detroit Mercy, where he has taught since 1993. He holds a doctorate in American History from Indiana University and a law degree from the University of Michigan. Sumner has been awarded fellowships by the National Endowment for the Humanities and has twice been William J. Fulbright Senior Lecturer at the Università di Roma Tre.

Dr. Sumner is the author of *DWIGHT MCDONALD AND THE POLITICS CIRCLE*, *UNSTUCK IN TIME: A JOURNEY THROUGH KURT VONNEGUT'S LIFE AND NOVELS* and *DETROIT IN WORLD WAR II*. Sumner is working on another book for the History Press, telling the story of the German and Italian POWs in Michigan during WWII.



Veteran news anchor Guy Gordon has been a staple of Detroit broadcast journalism for 22 years. He happily joined the Local 4 News Morning team in April 2004 after spending more than two decades with another station.

Guy has received numerous awards, including eight Emmy awards, an MAB award for investigative reporting, a National Association of Broadcasters award for outstanding documentary and several awards for coverage of breaking news.

Guy demonstrates his commitment to the people who live and work in metro Detroit. His annual charity golf outing, the "Guy Gordon Classic for Kids," has raised more than \$500,000 for local charitable organizations.

Guy and his wife, Gale, are the parents of three children and live in Oakland County.



The Story of

The Michgian WWII Legacy Memorial

Our Beginning – Honor Flight Michigan

In 2007 Royal Oak resident and businessman Dave Cameron founded Honor Flight Michigan. This organization was established to fly Michigan WWII veterans free of charge to Washington D.C. to see their national memorial. After Dave passed away in 2008, Rick Sage led a group of dedicated volunteers to carry out this vision. After four years and 33 flights with 1,400 veterans, our waiting list was empty.

A Greater Purpose

While the flights were a tremendous accomplishment, we wanted to do more. So after bringing Michigan to the memorial we decided to bring the memorial to Michigan. We were inspired by both the sacrifices of our men and women on the war front and the role our state played as the heart of the Arsenal of Democracy, therefore we wanted to celebrate both legacies at the memorial. We joined forces with architect Michael Gordon of Moiseev/Gordon Associates, sculptors Larry Halbert and Tad McKillop, and general contractor Michael Hall of Gordon B. Hall and Sons.

Our New Mission

Now led by Debi Hollis, the mission of The Michigan WWII Legacy Memorial is to honor Michigan residents who served in the armed forces and on the home front during WWII. The memorial provides a year-round multi-purpose destination that tells Michigan's unique story and encourages visitors to both commemorate and celebrate their freedoms. It also serves as an inspiration for future generations, reminding us all of the remarkable patriotism, selfless sacrifices and extraordinary devotion to liberty that helped save the world.

State Recognition

Senator John Pappageorge and Representative Jim Townsend sponsored resolutions SR2013-13 and HR 2013-21, respectively. In February of 2013, the resolutions passed unanimously, officially recognizing The Michigan WWII Legacy Memorial as the state's tribute to its contributions during WWII. Governor Rick Snyder followed with a Special Tribute endorsing this action.

A Race Against Time – The Sunset Clause

We must act with urgency to raise the three million dollars needed to build this memorial. This generation of Americans who saved the world is in their late 80s and 90s and dying quickly. They will soon become but a beloved memory. We want as many of them as possible to see The Michigan WWII Legacy Memorial become a reality.

We Need Your Help

Just as the war required complete community support to assure victory, the war memorial requires complete community support. We need help from the general public, foundations, corporations, and philanthropists. No donation is too small and certainly none are too big. Donate today. Tell a friend. Ask your employer to give. Buy a tribute brick. Like us on Facebook. Volunteer. Join the board.

See michiganww2memorial.org for more details.

The Victory Award

The Michigan WWII Legacy Memorial is proud to present *The Victory Award*.

Tonight, this award salutes two Michigan WWII veterans who have tirelessly championed The Michigan WWII Legacy Memorial.

These gentlemen have dedicated their time and energy to help ensure that this memorial is built. They speak on our behalf to the general public and the media, they appear at our events, they consult with us on the historical accuracy of the memorial and they recruit others to join the ranks of our volunteers.

We also recognize these two WWII veterans as representatives of all Michigan residents on the WWII warfront and home front that we honor tonight and in perpetuity at The Michigan WWII Legacy Memorial.

The 2016 recipients of *The Victory Award* are:



Arthur Fishman

Fireman First Class, United States Navy
Cadet, United States Army Air Corps

Alexander Jefferson

Lt. Col. United States Air Force, Retired
Tuskegee Airman, POW

This photo was taken during the Fox 2 interview at the future home of The Michigan WWII Legacy Memorial.

Strolling Dinner compliments of

Brio Tuscan Grille

Kale Caesar Salad
Light Pesto Chicken and Quinoa Salad
Pasta alla Vodka

Sidecar

Portabella Sliders
Pulled Pork Sliders
Beef Sliders

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The Bennie Mac and Cheese

Westborn Market

Cheese Tray, Fruit Tray and Vegetable Tray

Mezza Mediterranean Grill

Chicken Kabab
Hummus
Tabouli
Rice

Rojo

Taco bar

Coffee Station

Starbucks

Desserts

Fox and Hounds Bakery
Gayle's Chocolates
Grand Traverse Pie Company
Hermann's Bakery
Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory



Live Auction Items

“You Light Up My Life”

Brighten your day (and night) with a \$1,000 landscape lighting installation for your home, business or public space.

Vivid Landscape Light of Livonia owner Nicholas Kiselewski has been in the lighting industry for 13 years and focuses on unique designs and quality customer service. They specialize in high-efficiency LED lamps that work with the environment as well as your budget.

Nic will work with you to design the plan you need to bring your space to life.



“Scenes from a Michigan Restaurant”

Enjoy a “Purely Michigan” pop-up restaurant experience. Chefs Dave Poirier, Bill Schlander and Donna Hollis are offering a six-course tasting menu on Monday, January 23 at 7:00 PM in Shed 5 at Detroit’s Eastern Market. Beyond enjoying the local, seasonal flavors, you will learn about the recipes and how they source their ingredients. Gather your friends for a very special and flavorful evening. You will get monthly “teaser” updates on this event, but the menu will be a surprise until January 23. One table of 15 is available.



“Please Mr. Postman”

You and six guests will climb aboard the J. W. Westcott II, the only floating post office in the world and spend the day bringing letters and packages to the freighters on the Detroit River

Commissioned in 1949, this 45' tugboat operates out of Detroit, Michigan and delivers mail to ships as they pass under the Ambassador Bridge.

Captain Sam Buchanan promises a day you’ll never forget.

Winning bidder will need to accommodate the unpredictable mail schedule when planning this experience.



“On the Radio (Whoa, oh, oh On the Radio)”

You and one guest will watch an entire hour of The Mitch Albom Show live from the studios of WJR AM 760, in the golden towers of Fisher Building. In addition, you will enjoy a meet-and-greet with Mitch and a studio tour. You'll watch the show from your own private, adjoining studio with a full view of the inner workings of this popular afternoon drive program.



This is a rare opportunity to meet Mitch. His books have sold more than 35 million copies worldwide and have been translated into 45 languages. He is also a journalist, screenwriter, playwright, musician, radio personality, Emmy Award winning television talent and philanthropist.

“Fly Like an Eagle”

Experience flight as only birds and a few a few humans have ever. Soar for one to two hours in a glider piloted by the famous Team Tuskegee.

The TG-7A is a two-seat, side-by-side, fixed gear, low wing motor glider. Only 12 were produced between 1982 and 1988, including nine for the United States Air



Force Academy. The academy retired them in April of 2003 and transferred three to the Tuskegee Airmen National Historical Museum in Detroit. They are now operated by the Tuskegee Airmen Glider Club. It is a genuine warbird that helped to train some of the best military pilots in the world. Today, only six TG-7As remain flying.

The winning bidder will have the option to handle the controls, under pilot supervision. A waiver signature is required. There is a weight restriction of 195 lbs. There are no height restrictions, although those over 6' may feel a bit cramped. Flight takes off out of Coleman A. Young International Airport.

Date and time of flight to be mutually agreed on by Team Tuskegee and the winning bidder.

“The Monster Mashie” (A round of golf on the South Course)

You and two guests play a round of golf on the world famous Donald Ross designed South Course at Oakland Hills, also known as “The Monster.” This course, which formally opened on July 13, 1918 has hosted nine Major Championships, two US Amateur Championships and the Ryder Cup. Now your name can be added to this prestigious list. Enjoy this day of golf and lunch with a member of Oakland Hills.



“Dream a Little Dream of Me”

Sink into the lap of luxury in the 850 square foot Presidential Suite at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham, Michigan. The suite offers a spacious parlor and dining space. Located on a corner, it boasts expansive views of downtown Birmingham. The bedroom, with an oversized four-poster king bed, opens through double doors. You continue your journey to peace and tranquility in the full marble bath, deep soaking tub and stall shower. The intimate ambiance is perfect for those on their honeymoon, or for those who want to feel like they are.



“Into the Wild Blue Yonder”

We close our live auction with one of most recognizable symbols of Michigan’s contributions on the home front and the war front.

You and one guest will experience the thrill of riding the very same kind of plane that dropped more bombs during WWII than any other, earning it the nickname the “Flying Fortress.”

You will fly in WWII style in the “The Yankee Lady,” a meticulously restored B17, one of only ten remaining in operation.

Take off from the historic Willow Run runway, home of Rosie the Riveter, who graciously joined us tonight to personally urge on the highest bidders. Let’s not let Rosie down.



A line for sugar rationing during WWII.

Remember, nothing is rationed in 2016. Bid on auction items to your heart’s content!

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Jackson Bergstrom

Eagle Scout Project: The Michigan WWII Legacy Memorial

Jackson Bergstrom, 14, has been an active member of The Victory Gala committee. As a member of Scout Troop 1699, given Jackson's deep interest in history, The Victory Gala was a perfect fit for his Eagle Scout Service Project.

In support of this, Jackson attended weekly planning sessions, solicited contributions from local businesses and directed the Scout volunteers he recruited. In addition, he designed the veteran IDs and ration cards in the Victory Gala program, the soldier box located by the registration table and the tabletop Memorial display banners.

In addition, Jackson has spoken to groups about the role of Michigan's children in World War II. His talks focus on the "Two Bags Save One Life" sculpture planned for the memorial. He also looks forward to developing a Youth Committee to further support the Memorial.

The Board of The Michigan WWII Legacy Memorial, as well as The Victory Gala Committee, thank Jackson for his dedication, passion and drive in helping make this event a success. He has been a wonderful addition to our team.

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The Fallen Soldier Display

As you entered the dining room this evening you might have noticed a small table in a place of honor. It is set for one. Military life is filled with symbolism. This table is our way of symbolizing that certain members of the profession of arms are missing from our midst. They are our fallen. We call them our comrades-in-arms. They are unable to be with us this evening, and so we remember them because of their dedication to our country.

The table before you is set for one to symbolize the frailty of one soldier, alone against their enemies.

The tablecloth is white, symbolizing the purity of their intentions to respond to their country's call to arms.

The single yellow rose, symbolizing remembrance -displayed in a vase, reminds us of the families and loved ones of our comrades-in-arms who keep their memories alive, lest we forget.

The red ribbon tied so prominently on the vase is a reminder of the blood shed to protect the liberty so loved by our country.

A slice of lemon is on the bread plate to remind us of their bitter fate.

There is salt upon the bread plate, symbolic of the family's tears.

The glass inverted, because they cannot toast with us this night.

The chair, the chair is empty, they are not here.

Remember, all of you who served with them and called them comrades, who depended upon their might and relied upon them to keep you safe. For surely, they have not forsaken you.



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