

THE MICHIGAN  
**WWII LEGACY**  
*Memorial*<sup>™</sup>

HONORING SACRIFICE. CELEBRATING FREEDOM.



Michigan's official tribute to its contributions during WWII

# Our History

- The Honor Flight Network
  - One day all-expense paid trips to the National WWII Memorial
- Honor Flight Michigan (2007 – 2010)
  - Model program for other states
  - 33 flights
  - 1400 veterans
- “Mission accomplished”
  - Waiting list exhausted
  - We can do more
  - First we brought Michigan to the Memorial, now we bring the Memorial to Michigan

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# Did you know?

Michigan has a unique history to share when it comes to WWII. On top of the more than 600,000 residents who served in the armed forces, countless others served on the home front where Rosie the Riveter and the Arsenal of Democracy were born.



From the factories to the fields, Michigan supplied the war machine with everything from guns, tanks, bombers, planes and ships to livestock, crops and K-rations.

To celebrate Michigan's remarkable role in the "war that changed the world" we're proud to introduce ***The Michigan World War II Legacy Memorial.***

# Our Mission

To honor Michigan residents who served in the armed forces and on the home front during World War II.

The memorial provides a year-round multi-purpose destination that tells Michigan's unique story and encourages visitors to both commemorate and celebrate their freedom.



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.

# Themes

- The contributions of Michigan residents
  - In the armed forces
  - On the home front
- Michigan's unique role
- Education
- Celebration
  - Our freedoms
  - Important public events
- Reflection



# Core Memorial Design

- Statues represent **who** the memorial is about
  - Forces on land, at sea, in the air
  - Civilians on the home front
  - Depicted through Michigan themes and elements
- Pillars represent **what** was done
  - How Michigan supported the war
  - Service, Sacrifice, Industry, Labor, Commitment, Change
- A map of Michigan represents **where** activities occurred
  - Walkable and interactive
  - Military, commercial and government points of interest

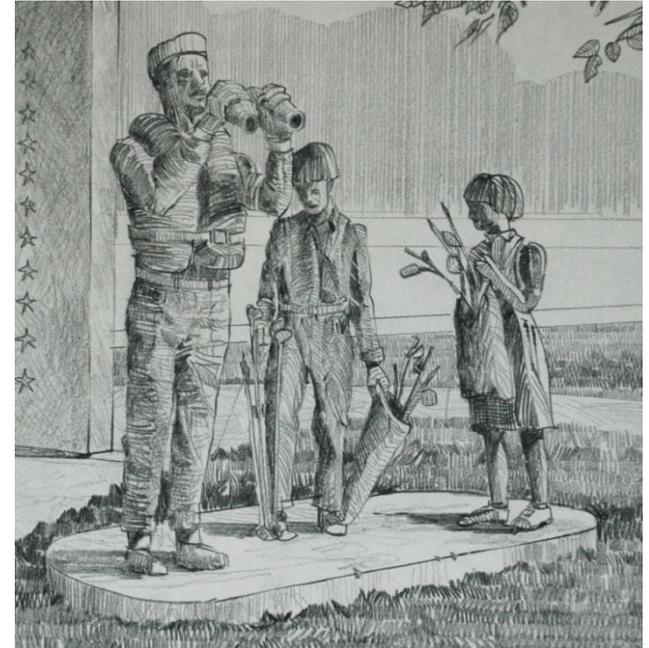
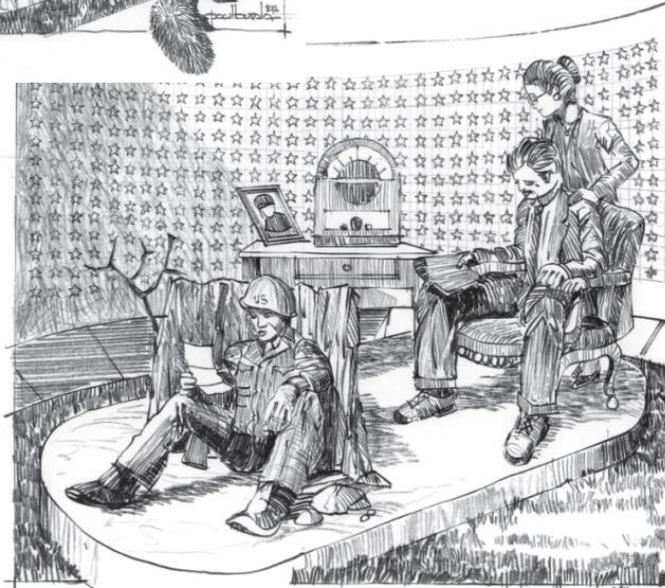
# Who

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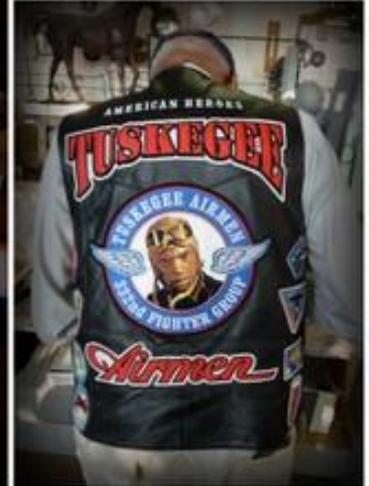
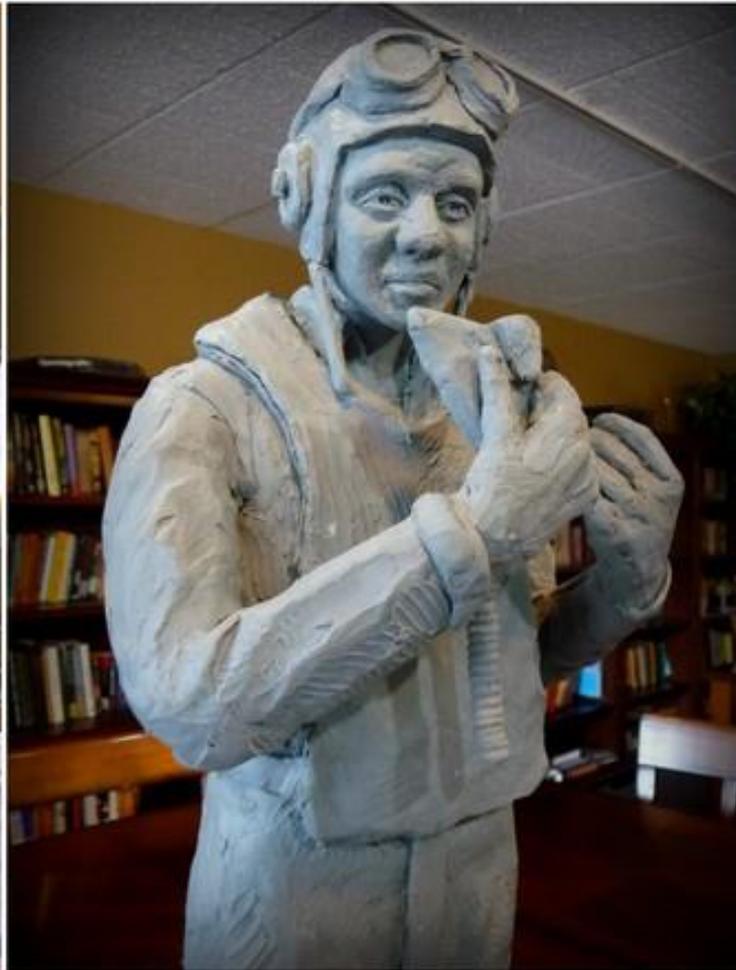
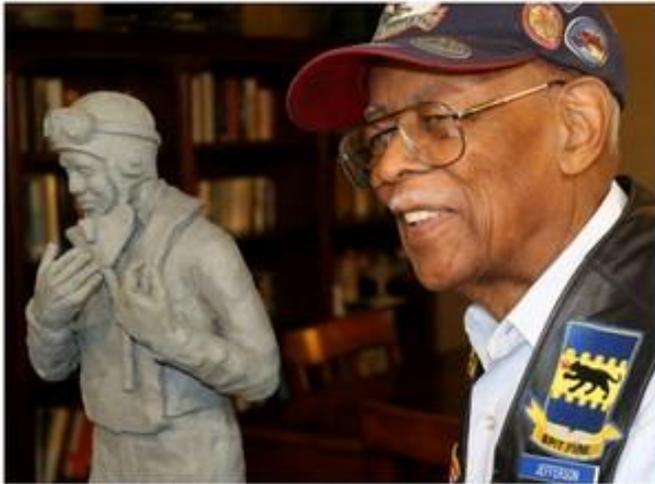
**“KEEP ‘EM FLYING”**



**“TWO BAGS SAVE ONE LIFE”**

**“MAIL CALL”**

# The Tuskegee Story



# Statues Come to Life

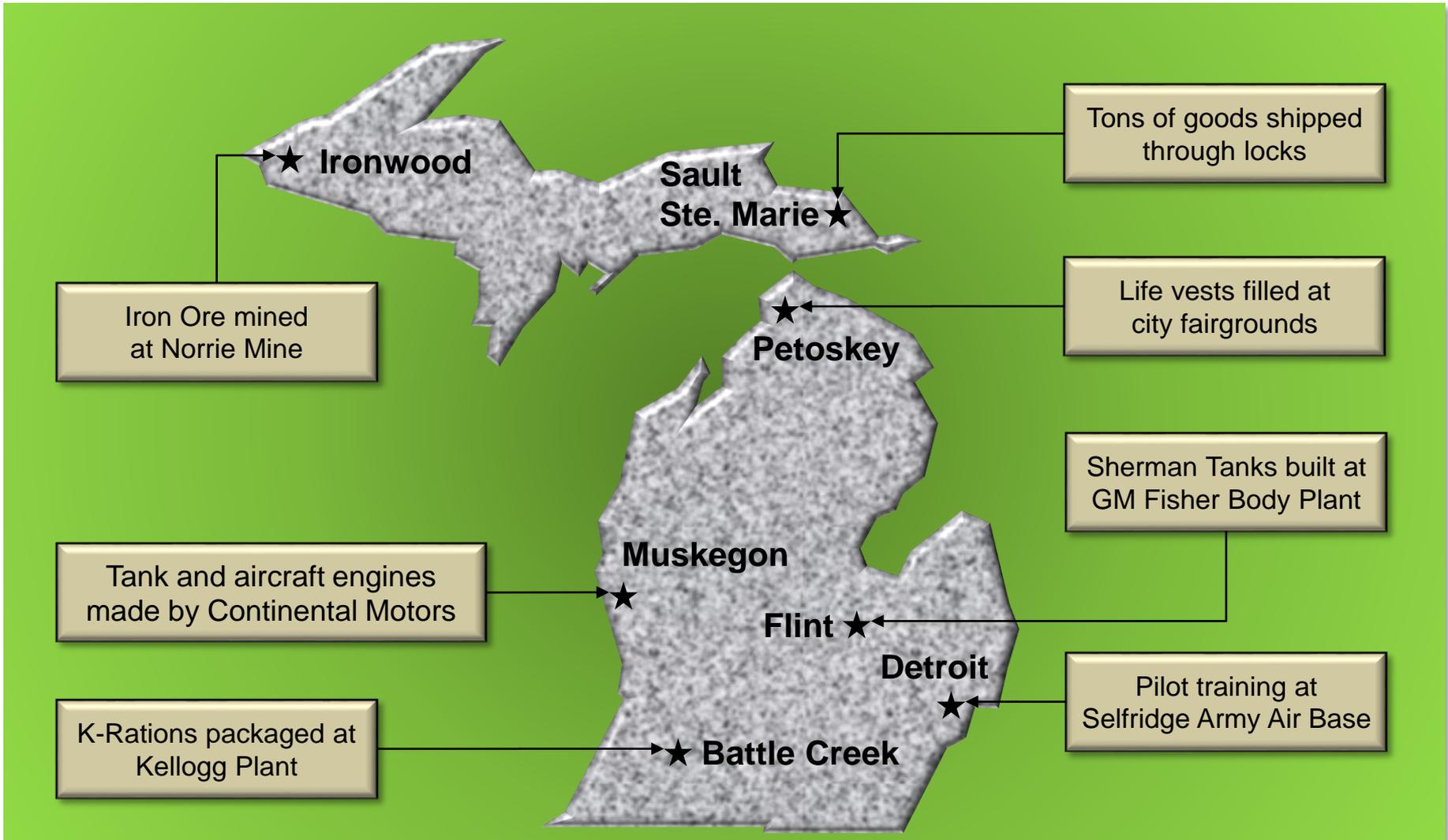


# What



Service to the country ... Sacrificed lives and limbs ...  
Labor in factories and fields ... Industries converted ...  
Communities committed ... Changes made and changes wrought

# Where



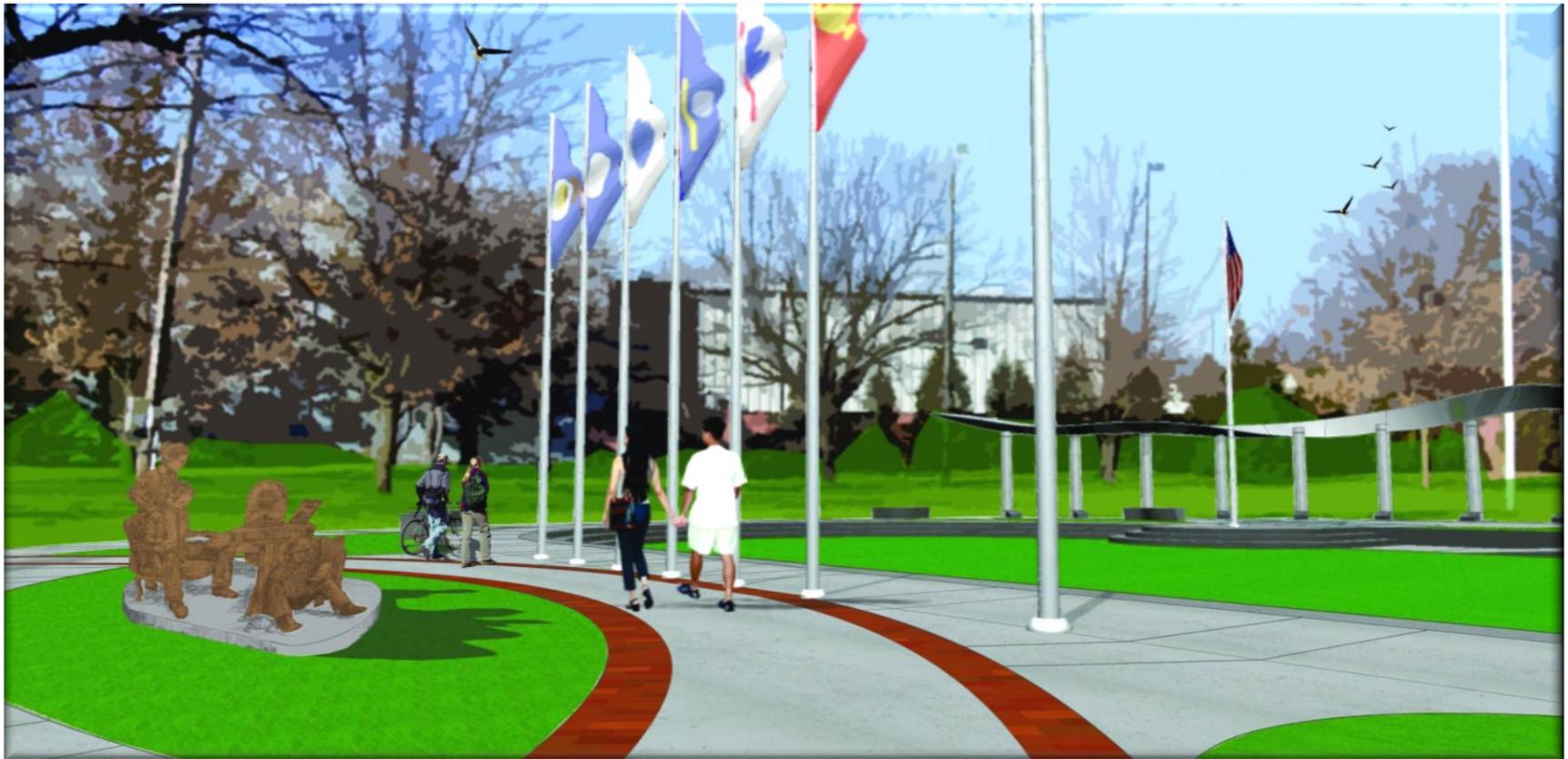
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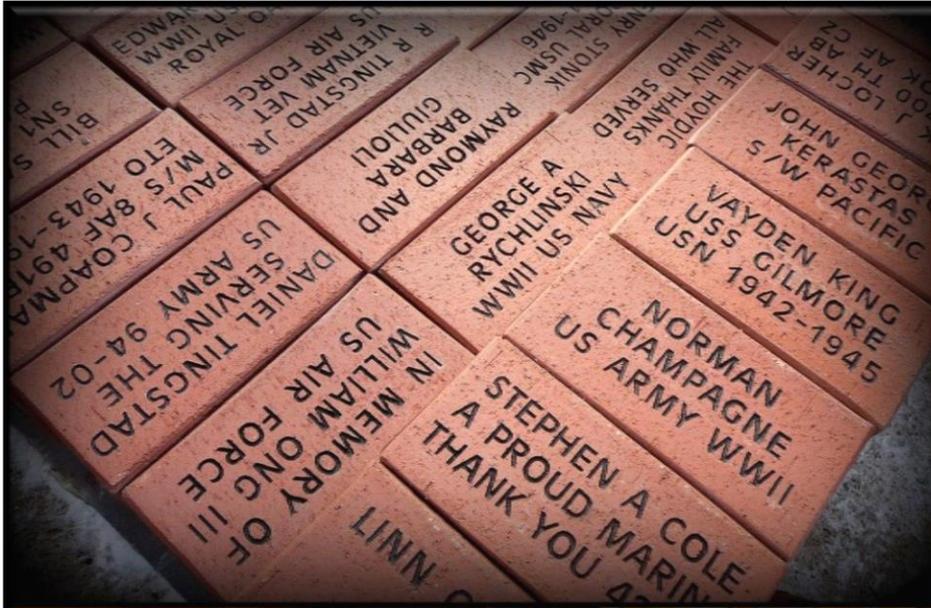
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WALT ANDY  
JACK CARL

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453RD BOMB GROUP  
732ND SQUADRON  
ENGLAND 1944-1945  
IN MEMORY OF WANDA  
MY WIFE OF 60 YEARS  
35 MISSIONS  
CRASH LANDING AND  
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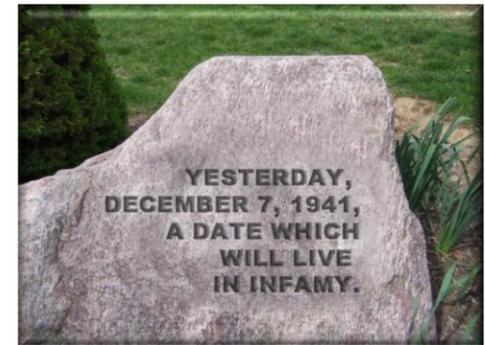


# Walk of Honor First Steps

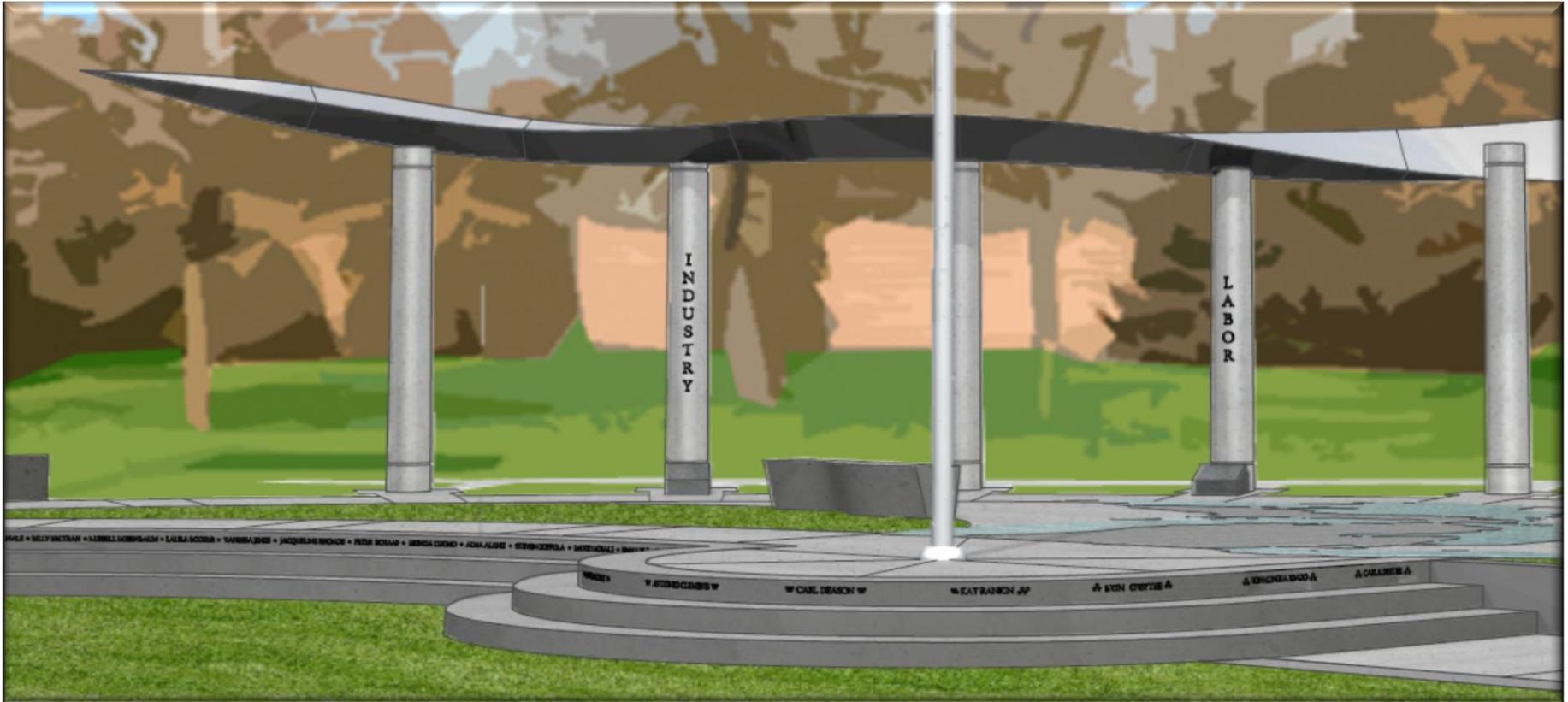


# Other Details

- Multi-purpose amphitheater
  - A park versus a stone mausoleum
  - Celebrate public events, conduct tours and present lectures
  - Skating rink in the winter
- “The War in Words”
  - Short quotes engraved on boulders
  - Provide historical context
  - Physically surround the core memorial
- Wall of Stars
  - Representing Michigan lives lost
  - Echoes National Memorial
- Educational curriculum
- Michigan Home Builder’s Association Special Design Award



# Recognizing Major Donors



**“Ring of Honor”**

# Major Giving Levels

<b>Presenting Sponsor</b>	
Five Star	\$1,500,000 and up

Ring of Honor engraving, located prominently on flag pole peninsula

<b>Ring of Honor Sponsor</b>		
Four Star	\$1,000,000	\$1,499,999
Three Star	\$250,000	\$999,999
Two Star	\$50,000	\$249,999

Ring of Honor engraving, located relative to giving

<b>Virtual Ring of Honor Sponsor</b>		
One Star	\$1,000	\$49,999
Enlisted	\$100	\$999

Website Ring of Honor listing

Endorsed

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# Public Officials

## Federal

- Senator Debbie Stabenow
- Senator Gary Peters
- Representative Mike Bishop
- Representative Sander Levin
- Representative David Trott



## State

- Senator John Pappageorge, Sponsor SR 13 (2013)
- Representative Jim Townsend, Sponsor HR 21 (2013)



## Local

- Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson
- Royal Oak Mayor Jim Ellison



# Official State Recognition

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# War Front and Home Front



“You like to be a memory. I’d like people to say ‘Oh, she was Rosie.’ It’s something to be proud of.”  
- Shirley Clark, Dodge Main Plant

“It honors the young guys who didn’t make it. The two who died in the plane with me the day our plane went down. They never had another sunset.”

- Wendell Galbraith, B-17 Radio Operator



# Organizations



American Legion  
of Michigan



Tuskegee Airman, Inc.  
Macon-Thomas Chapter



Veterans of Foreign Wars  
of Michigan



Mid Michigan Honor Flight  
Mecosta



The Association of the  
US Army, Arsenal of  
Democracy Chapter



The USS Silversides  
Museum, Muskegon

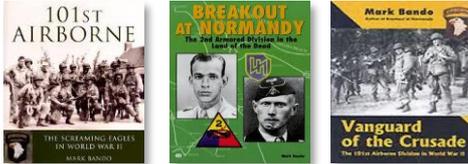


Michigan Society  
Sons of the  
American Revolution



History Center of  
Traverse City

# Authors

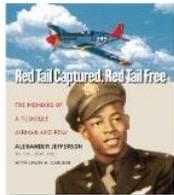


## Mark Bando, selected titles

- 101ST AIRBORNE - THE SCREAMING EAGLES IN WORLD WAR II
- BREAKOUT AT NORMANDY
- VANGUARD OF THE CRUSADE



## Teresa Irish, A THOUSAND LETTERS HOME

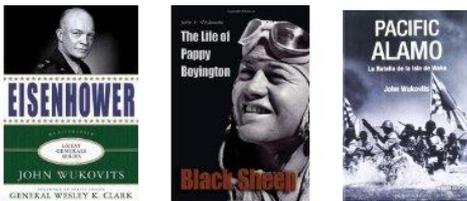


## Alexander Jefferson, RED TAIL CAPTURED, RED TAIL FREE: THE MEMOIRS OF A TUSKEGEE AIRMAN AND POW



## George Koskimaki

- D-DAY WITH THE SCREAMING EAGLES
- HELL'S HIGHWAY: A CHRONICLE OF THE 101ST AIRBORNE IN THE HOLLAND CAMPAIGN, SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER 1944
- BATTERED BASTARDS OF BASTOGNE



## John Wukovits, selected titles

- EISENHOWER: A BIOGRAPHY
- BLACK SHEEP: THE LIFE OF PAPPY BOYINGTON
- PACIFIC ALAMO: THE BATTLE FOR WAKE ISLAND

See: <http://bit.ly/MW2LM-Endorsements> for all current endorsements

# Why Royal Oak?

- Memorial Park
  - Dedicated as a memorial for WWII
  - Includes area intended for a memorial
- Well-known, historic, accessible
  - Woodward Avenue is Michigan's Highway
  - Many official designations
  - First paved road in the country
  - Connected to major freeways
  - Central to population concentration
- Strong municipal support
- Birthplace of Honor Flight Michigan



# Enhancing Existing Events



# Learn More

- Visit [www.michiganww2memorial.org](http://www.michiganww2memorial.org)
  - Details on the project
  - Coming events
  - Press coverage
  - Endorsements and sponsors
  - Donate online or buy a brick
- Like Us on Facebook
  - Get updates on project status
  - Post your comments and pictures
  - Spread the word with your friends
- Watch our YouTube Channel
  - TV news coverage
  - Presentations



# Contact Us

Thank you for your interest in ***The Michigan World War II Legacy Memorial***. We'd love to hear from you. We welcome your feedback, words of encouragement personal connections to our state's extraordinary history.

There are several ways to help us continue our mission

- Become a major donor and join the Ring of Honor
- Join the Walk of Honor by purchasing a brick paver
- Make a cash donation at any level
- Sponsor an event
- Include us in your planned giving



Please contact us for further information on any of these support options:

[www.michiganww2memorial.org](http://www.michiganww2memorial.org)

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