

"With the new day comes strength and new thoughts."

Eleanor Roosevelt, First Lady during WWII



Living the Legacy



We are living in unprecedented times. Our nation is being asked to pull together and make sacrifices for the good of every citizen.

Almost 80 years ago, President Franklin Roosevelt sent out the challenge to be the "Arsenal of Democracy," to meet the manufacturing needs of a world at war. Michigan met the need. Today our state is once again stepping up in response to our

nation's need to be the "Arsenal of Health."

Michigan companies are converting manufacturing plants to provide much needed medical equipment and supplies to combat the COVID-19 virus. This time, our doctors, nurses, technicians and other healthcare professionals and first responders are on the battlefield. We want to recognize these times and the spirit of those who are responding today, much in the way our *Greatest Generation* responded during WWII.

On today's "home front," every citizen has a role to play to reduce the spread of this worldwide pandemic. Schools and non-essential businesses are closed as we are all learning to help each other out and work through these trying times.

The American Spirit is strong and we are proving we are up to the task.

We're all in this together.

John Maten, President

Family Activities Teach about WWII and Living the Legacy Today

As part of our education focus, The Michigan WWII Legacy Memorial has developed "Living the Legacy" activities for families to help connect the many parallels between life during WWII and what we are experiencing today in this worldwide pandemic.

While COVID-19 is an invisible enemy, the fight is very real. These can be frightening times for children and families, but our *Greatest Generation* has much to teach us on how to survive in challenging times.

Each stand-alone activity is meant to engage the entire family. Links to historic broadcasts and video clips bring the past alive as we are invited to see how everyone, regardless of age, has a role to play in today's challenges.

Click on the button below:

[Living the Legacy Activities](#)



Share Your Activities with Us

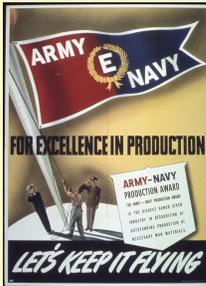
We love to hear from you. If your family did any of the Living the Legacy activities, share them with us. We will share your creations on our Facebook page.

You can send your submissions to us through messaging us on our Facebook page. You can also email us by clicking [here](#).

Looking forward hearing from you!



Help us Recognize Michigan Companies



During WWII, E-awards were given by the government to recognize companies whose production was helping win the war. Now Michigan companies are stepping up to help fight COVID-19. The Michigan WWII Legacy Memorial would like to recognize those Michigan companies who have set aside regular production to manufacture much needed supplies for today's fight. Will you help us out?

If you know of a company who is pitching in, please let us know by clicking on the button below and filling out the form.

[Recognize a Michigan Company](#)