Moving Ahead! Phase 1 in Motion

I want to thank the hundreds of people who have supported The Michigan WWII Legacy Memorial over the last several years. We have exciting news to share with you.

On October 7, 2021, The Michigan WWII Legacy Memorial board approved plans to move forward with Phase 1 of the memorial construction.

The approval includes allocation of funds, working with a general contractor, and application for permits from the City of Royal Oak. We anticipate construction to begin in the spring of 2022. A date will be announced as details become available.

This first phase of construction will include:

- Laying over 1,200 Walk of Honor paver bricks
- Installation of the first full-sized statue
- Installation of the flag poles representing all branches of the service
- Pouring the footings for the Wall of Stars and future statue scenes

Our next goal is to raise funds to complete the Wall of Stars honoring the 15,458 Michigan lives lost during WWII. The effort has been jumpstarted with the announced grant of $50,000 in the 2022 state budget thanks to the efforts of State Representative Jim Ellison and State Senator Mallory McMorrow. The announcement was also covered in the October 6 edition of the Royal Oak Review.

To hear further project details, join us at The Victory Gala on October 23!

John Maten, President

Click here to read the Royal Oak Review article

Have You Registered for The Victory Gala Yet?
Deadline to Register: October 15

Live Auction Teaser

When:
Saturday, October 23, 2021
Doors open at 5:00 PM

Where:
Detroit Marriott Troy
200 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy, MI 48084

VIP Admission:
$175 per person
Includes reserved seating and a signed copy
of Guy Stern's autobiography,
Invisible Ink

General Admission:
$125 per person

WWII Veterans and Original Rosies:
$65 per person

Register a Table of 10 and Save!
VIP Table $1575
General Admission Table $1125

Want more space at your table?
Register a table for 6
VIP Table $1050
General Admission $750

Includes:
Silent and Live Auction
Sit-down Dinner
2 Drink Tickets (Cash bar available for
additional beverages)
The Victory Award
Guest Speaker Mr. Guy Stern

Here's just a sampling from our live auction list:

- **Lunch with the Vets:** This package for 2 includes lunch at Seasons 53 in Troy with WWII Navy veteran Art Fishman and Iraq war vet and US Army JAG attorney Chris Graveline. Listen to the stories that made headlines as you hear history come alive. As a souvenir you will also receive an American flag that was flown over the USS Arizona in Pearl Harbor.

- **Deliver Mail by the Pail:** Enjoy a day on the Detroit River for up to six people delivering mail to freighters on the J. W. Westcott. Commissioned in 1949, this 45' ship operates out of Detroit, Michigan and is the only floating post office in the world—delivering mail to ships as they pass under the Ambassador Bridge. Captain Sam will ensure that you have an experience you'll never forget. To quote last year's winning bidder, "This was the best experience ever!" This item donated by the J. W. Westcott Company, Detroit.

- **"Eating In" was never so Elegant:** Chef Bob Greig of RoBear Culinary will come to your home and prepare an elegant, four-course dinner. As your personal chef for an evening, he will work with you to create a custom, five-star menu to suit your personal tastes and dietary needs. Also included is a gift certificate for a custom floral arrangement by Ensemble Custom floral that will be flanked by a pair of antique candlesticks to create the ambiance for an incredible evening

Check out our auction preview list

This Year's Victory Award Honoree & Speaker: Dr. Guy Stern

Member of The Ritchie Boys
US Military Special Intelligence and Counter-intelligence Group

Read Guy Stern's biography

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