

THE MICHIGAN
WWII LEGACY
Memorial[™]

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Tell me about The Michigan WWII Legacy Memorial

Our mission is 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.

Where will the memorial be located?

The memorial will be located in Memorial Park in Royal Oak, Michigan, at the northeast corner of 13 Mile Road and Woodward Avenue. It will occupy about three-quarters of an acre of the northwest corner of the park, nestled in a ring of existing oak trees.

When will the memorial be completed?

The memorial will be completed six months after ground breaking.

Ground breaking will occur once we raise \$3,000,000.

How is the memorial being paid for?

Private individual donors, corporations and foundations are our primary sources of funding. No taxpayer-dollars are being used.

The Michigan WWII Legacy Memorial is a recognized 501(c)(3) organization. All or part of your donation may qualify as a charitable deduction for federal income tax purposes. Please consult your tax adviser or the IRS.

Who has donated so far?

Our sponsors include:

- UAW-Ford
- Jack and Annette Aronson
- Patten Monument
- IBM
- Burroughs
- Beaumont Health System
- Allen Tool and Machine Co., Acra grinding Co. and Richcoat LLC

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Frequently Asked Questions

What work have you completed prior ground-breaking?

We have completed the following tasks, either necessary for construction to start or to allow the memorial to be completed in its entirety within six months of ground breaking.

- Architectural design by Michael Gordon, Moiseev/Gordon Associates
- Landscape design
- Building contract
- Site survey
- “Soil boring” test to ensure the integrity of the grounds
- Civil, structural and lighting engineering studies
- One-third scale clay models of all nine statues figures to be used as the basis of the full-sized statues
- One full-sized clay statue to be used as a mold for bronze casting
- Sold about 1,000 bricks that will make up the “Walk of Honor” at the entrance of the memorial. Some of these bricks are currently on display at the Michigan Military Technical & Historical Society museum in Eastpointe.

What kind of official recognition do you have?

Michigan Senate Resolution 13 and Michigan House Resolution 20 were unanimously passed officially recognizing The Michigan WWII Legacy Memorial as the state’s tribute to its contributions during WWII. We are grateful to Senator John Pappageorge and Representative Jim Townsend for sponsoring these resolutions.

Governor Snyder signed a Special Tribute recognizing the house and senate resolutions.

On October 7, 2013, the Royal Oak City Commission approved our design plans. We have letters of support from the mayor and the head of the Parks and Recreation department.

Who has endorsed the project?

We have been fortunate to have received letters of support from many public officials, including:

- Senator Debbie Stabenow
- Senator Gary Peters
- Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson
- Royal Oak Mayor Jim Ellison
- Representative David Trott
- Representative Sander Levin
- Representative Mike Bishop
- Representative Sandy Levin
- Representative Candace Miller

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We have received endorsement from organizations and individuals with civic, historical and military affiliations, including:

- The American Legion of Michigan
- The Veterans of Foreign Wars of Michigan
- The USS Silversides Museum
- The Tuskegee Airmen Detroit and Macon-Thomas chapters
- Michigan Society Children of the American Revolution
- 101st Airborne Association Michigan Chapter
- Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America Department of Michigan
- WWII historians and authors

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Each of these increase awareness about the memorial and expand our fundraising network.

How will the memorial be cared for after it is completed?

On July 24, 2017, the Royal Oak City Commission approved a legal agreement with The Michigan WWII Legacy Memorial wherein the city will maintain the memorial in perpetuity.

What kind of press coverage have you received?

We have received tremendous coverage in local print, radio and television sources. Please visit <http://www.michiganww2memorial.org/the-buzz/media/> for some examples. With each press report, we experience a surge in interest and donations.

How can I help?

There are many ways you can help:

- Donate
- Spread the word
- Buy a brick
- Volunteer
- Join our board

For more ways to help: <http://www.michiganww2memorial.org/help-us/>

How can I learn more?

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