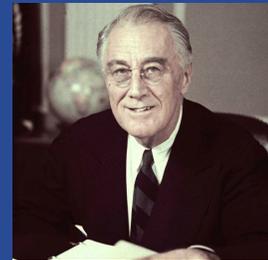


"Those who have long enjoyed such privileges as we enjoy, forget in time that men have died to win them."

Franklin D. Roosevelt



Remembering Memorial Day



Memorial Day is an American holiday celebrated on the fourth Monday in May to give honor to those who died while serving in the US military. Originally observed as Decoration Day following the Civil War, it was made

a federal holiday in 1971.

Every person entering into military service gives up his or her personal rights when entering, taking the oath every soldier makes:

"...to support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I will obey the orders of the President of the United States and the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to the regulations and the Uniform Code of Military Justice. So help me God."



This is a photo of John Fisher, one of our veterans whose brick will be part of The Michigan WWII Legacy Memorial's Walk of Honor.

He was killed in action on October 20, 1944. Miles away from family. On the shores of a foreign country. While he fought alongside fellow soldiers, he died alone, without the comfort of family. He made the ultimate sacrifice, as do so many other military men and women, to protect the freedoms we enjoy. We are forever in their debt.

Our Memorial Day video is a tribute to all who gave their lives for the cause of

freedom.

John Maten, President

The Price of Freedom



WWII is second only to the American Civil War in number of lives lost from war. Over a 620,000 lost their life in the battle between the North and the South, which equaled 2% of the US population.

During WWII, over 405,399 died. The death toll equaled 0.30% of the US population. Of those who paid the ultimate sacrifice, 15,458 were from Michigan.

It has been said that many veterans live with the guilt that they came home while others did not. This Memorial Day, take a few minutes to give thanks. Say a prayer. Write a note to a veteran you may know. It is because of those who were willing to give their all that we have the rights and freedoms we enjoy today.

Living the Legacy: The Importance of Sacrifice



When talking with Lisa Gmeiner of our Education Coalition, she notes that teaching sacrifice is critical as we strive to instill the values of good citizenship. She works on this consistently in her fourth grade classroom at Shrine Catholic Grade School in Royal Oak. As part of our Living the Legacy series, we created an activity for families to open up discussion and offer ways to recognize the sacrifice of others as well as say, "thank you."

To download the activity or check out our other Living the Legacy activities, click on the button below.

[Living the Legacy Activities](#)

Volunteers Needed

The Michigan WWII Legacy Memorial is looking for volunteers to help in specific areas. If you are able to assist us in any of the ways listed below, please click on the link and we will be in touch with you. Thank you in advance for your time and talent!

- Graphic artist or designer to help format Education Coalition lesson plans
- Marketing and branding expertise to assist in developing PR materials
- Donor recruitment and retention experience
- Educators located throughout the state to serve on our Education Coalition



[To volunteer](#)

Tax Form Contributions: Your Donations are Critical

Non-profits have been greatly affected by the pandemic, with



many struggling. One easy way for taxpayers to help our organization is making a contribution when filing your state income tax. With deadlines extended due to the pandemic, there is still time to contribute to The Michigan WWII Legacy Memorial.

The Michigan Voluntary Contribution Schedule, form 4642, allows tax payers to contribute to a select group of non-profit organizations when submitting your state income tax forms. The Michigan WWII Legacy Memorial is on the list. This is an incredible opportunity for us to engage donors from across the state.

This schedule is an additional form and not part of the standard MI 1040 form. To download the form or for more information, please click on the links below.

As supporters, we encourage you to share this information with friends and family as an easy way to support the memorial project. We thank you in advance for your donation!

[For more information](#)

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