

*"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."*

*John F. Kennedy, WWII veteran and President*



Memorial Day is a time to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice to ensure our nation's and the world's freedom. WWII saw more than 400,000 brave souls from the United States make this sacrifice while Michigan alone saw 15,458 men and women lose their lives.

The Michigan WWII Legacy Memorial will pay tribute to this sacrifice at the

Wall of Stars. Each of the 1,300 stars on this wall will represent approximately 11 of Michigan's soldiers lost to the effort for worldwide freedom. Our hope is that we can preserve this story and the legacy of those who came before us so that future generations will have a true understanding of man's inhumanity to man and how the world stood up to this evil and secured a better life for us all. Please join us in honoring their legacy and sacrifice.

While the pandemic forced a slowdown in our activities, it never stopped our resolve to complete this memorial and pay tribute to those we owe our lives to. We now want to reconnect with you and update you on what has been happening and what our plans are to see completion of this great project.

Welcome Executive Director Pageant Atterberry



We are happy to introduce Pageant Atterberry as our new Executive Director. The Executive Director position was approved by the board earlier this year to help us develop a long term strategic plan and to accelerate fundraising efforts to build the memorial. Pageant brings an impressive background and passion that are a great fit for our organization.

Pageant is eager to get rolling, saying, "Being a part of an organization and team that has aligned itself with keeping the recognition and memory of our WWII veterans alive will be an honor. I look forward to collaborating with the board to accomplish the goal of having the WWII memorial built."

We look forward to working with Pageant and can't wait for you to meet her in person!

## Little Library Dedication



Educating Generations is part of our tagline. Our Education Coalition team has been very busy completing lesson plans that will be available for classrooms, community organizations and families. Additionally, Molly Gale, Education Coalition Chair, and Kim Jones, Board Member, have taken the lead on creating a Little Library to have near our site that will be stocked full of WWII books that will help further our mission to teach the legacy of WWII.

We invite you to the dedication of this library.

**Saturday, June 5**

**11:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.**

Memorial Park, Royal Oak

31050 Woodward Avenue

(At the north end of the park by the Gazebo)



The short program will include WWII veteran and Tuskegee Airman, author, and educator Alexander Jefferson as he places the first book in the library.

WWII veteran Art Fishman will be reading a selection from Alex's book, **Red Tail Captured, Red Tail Free: Memoirs of a Tuskegee Airman and POW.**

Artist and teacher Michelle Hurley, who painted the Little Library will also be recognized.

We hope you can join us!

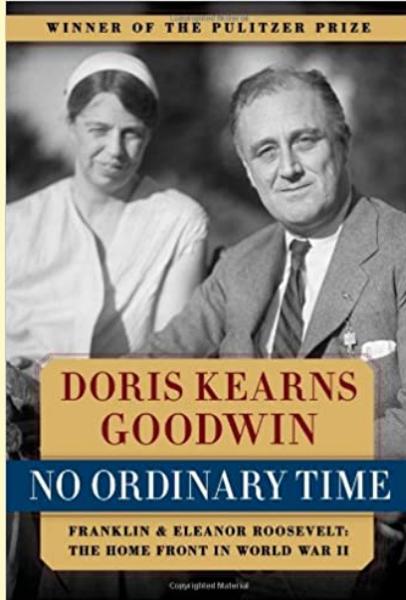
[Click here for event flyer](#)

## Book of the Month

### **No Ordinary Time**

by Doris Kearns Goodwin

This book portrays Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt in the war years, illuminating the partnership that raised



America from the Depression, forged military victory, and transformed the nation into a superpower.

Goodwin is a skilled biographer and after years of research and writing, gives us a book that doesn't feel like a history textbook packed with details. Instead, she weaves a story that is relatable, interesting, and informative. You will learn about those in his inner circle and his relationship with Winston Churchill. At 768 pages, it's not for someone looking for a quick read, but for those who want to dive into an amazing book that will inform and entertain at the same time-this book is highly recommended.

Be sure to visit our Website or follow us on Facebook.

Visit our Website

