



News and Updates

As the leaves will soon be turning on the trees with another fall upon us, The Michigan WWII Legacy Memorial is moving forward.

Our annual Victory Gala will take place on October 23 at the Detroit Marriott Troy. Read on for further Gala details and how to register.

An important part of the Gala is The Victory Award. This year's recipient is Guy Stern, who will also be our speaker. I had the privilege of hearing him speak a few times this year and I cannot wait to hear him again. His quote in the related story below is a great reminder of why The Michigan WWII Legacy Memorial is important today. We need to not only honor those that served, but to listen to them and learn the lessons for the future.



Earlier this year, we announced that Pageant Atterberry would be joining us as Executive Director. Personal responsibilities kept her from dedicating the time necessary for this role.

Our search continued and we are very excited to welcome Peter Poulos as our new Executive Director. Peter impressed the interview board with his vision and experience as well as his passion for The Michigan WWII Legacy Memorial. His background with other non-profit organizations was definitely a perfect fit for us. Peter is already hard at work with the Board focusing on fundraising to begin construction of the memorial.

Stay tuned in the coming weeks for further information on some exciting new project developments.

John Maten, President

A Few Words from Executive Director Peter Poulos

On January 25, 1942, my dad celebrated his 21st birthday. Two weeks later, like thousands of others from the State of Michigan, he began serving in the United States Army. So in many ways, the opportunity to join the great team



committed to creating the Michigan WWII Legacy Memorial is deeply personal.

It's also a chance to remind and perhaps in some cases even teach subsequent generations the universal lessons that emerged as a result of the devotion to liberty, the selflessness, and the sacrifices made by Michiganders both here and abroad.

Join us at The Victory Gala



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)



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

Born in 1922, at the age of 13, Guy Stern was sent to this country to escape the rise of Nazi Germany.

Years later, he would enlist in the US Army to become part of the Ritchie Boys, a German-speaking special military intelligence and counter-intelligence group, many of whom were Jewish refugees. They have been credited with obtaining the majority of intel on the Western front.

Following the war, Dr. Stern has dedicated his life to educating others, noting:

The horror arising from hatred, discrimination and divisiveness has to be demonstrated to each generation anew, because the dangers of a reoccurrence are still with us. We have to plant in the generations growing up that the searing consequences of such deeds stay for generations. They long outlast in many respects the terror and the dehumanization of the actual events.

His story is one you won't want to miss!

Biography for Guy Stern

[Click here to Register for The Victory Gala](#)

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Live Auction Teaser



You won't want to miss bidding on this year's live and silent auction items. Here's just a sampling from our live auction list:

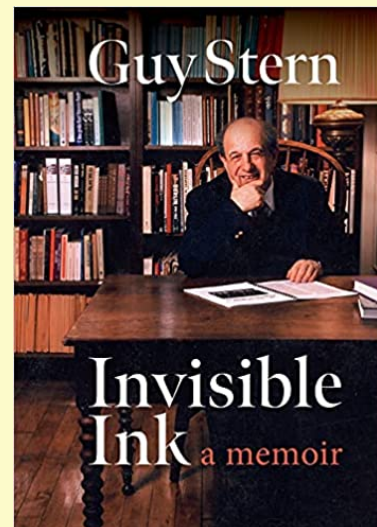
- **Time to Design:** House looking a bit drab? We have just what you need! Spend two hours with design consultant Linda Shears and use your gift certificates from Hagopian, Sherwin Williams, Main Floor Covering, the Lighting Resource Studio, La-Z-Boy Home Furnishings and Advantage Painting to give your house a makeover!
- **Drummond Island Golf package:** Enjoy a 2-night stay at the Drummond Island Resort for four with 4-18 hole rounds of golf with a cart.
- **Staycation in the 'D':** Need a break? Enjoy stays at the Foundation and Siren hotels, and dinners at the Apparatus Room in the Foundation Hotel and Vertical Detroit as you relax and unwind in the two of the hottest hotels in the Motor City.
- **Head for the Slopes:** Don't sit home this winter! With this 2-night stay at the Boyne Mountain Grand Lodge and Spa, lift tickets, day passes to Avalanche Bay indoor waterpark, and gift cards package you can chase the winter blues away.

Watch our Facebook feed and upcoming newsletters for more live and silent auction items! Remember--it's not too early to begin holiday shopping! But the only way you can shop is to register for The Victory Gala! Hope to see you there!

Book of the Month

This fascinating memoir begins with the story of Guy Stern's parents and chronicles his escape from Nazi Germany to the United States. After enlisting in the US Army, the German speaking Stern was selected to become part of a special military intelligence unit who would later become famous as the Ritchie Boys. The group was made up of many German-Jewish refugees, who like Stern, wanted to stop the rise of Nazism.

The title of the book comes from his father, who told the young Stern "You have to be like invisible ink. You will leave traces of your existence when, in better times, we can emerge again and show ourselves as the individuals we are." These words inspired him throughout his life, making an impact on thousands world-wide as a scholar, author, decorated war veteran, father, husband, and friend.



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