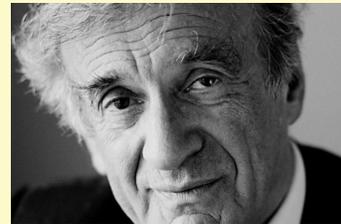




*"Just as a man cannot live without dreams,  
he cannot live without hope.  
If dreams reflect the past,  
Hope summons the future."*

Eli Weisel, Author and Holocaust survivor



## Living the Legacy



We have all been hunkered down over the last six weeks, fighting the invisible enemy of the Coronavirus. While we appear to be winning battles now, but haven't yet won the war. While Zoom meetings and virtual birthdays and holidays have helped to get us through so far, it is the desire to see our family and friends in person that is the future we look forward to and gives us hope. Thanks to the sacrifices and commitment everyone has made, especially health care providers and essential workers.

This year marks the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of World War II and I can only imagine the celebrations and happiness back then after going through three and a half years of sacrifice and commitment. We can all draw strength from thinking about what the nation and the world went through back then as we celebrate and honor that legacy today. There have been many comparisons about the way the nation has rallied like it did during WWII. It changed our society in so many ways and what we learn from this pandemic experience will make us better and stronger for the future.

We're all in this together.

John Maten, President

## Meet our Newest Board Members

The Michigan WWII Legacy Memorial's board has grown. Over the next few issues we want to introduce you to our newest board members.

**Molly Gale** is the curriculum and instructional technology specialist for Social Studies and English Language Arts in Warren Consolidated Schools. She taught middle school and high school



Social Studies for thirteen years and she lives in Berkley, Michigan. Her maternal grandfather served in Europe during World War II, her paternal grandfather worked in a Detroit factory building tanks, and her father served in the U.S. Army from 1968-1970. She is honored to have the chance to not only honor their sacrifices, but to honor the sacrifices of *all* Americans during that difficult time.

In addition to her seat on the board, Molly is the chair of the Education Coalition. She looks forward to helping people not only experience the memorial in the most meaningful way possible, but to craft educational experiences that encourage all of us to reflect on our own contributions to our communities and future legacies.

## Living the Legacy Family Activities: Victory Gardens



As part of our mission to educate on the history of WWII and how the legacy of our *Greatest Generation* inspires us today, we created Living the Legacy lesson. These short and interactive activities are meant for families to do around the table, promoting discussion and sharing of family stories. Each activity focuses on an aspect of the character that led our nation to victory, which continues to inspire us today.

Our newest activity focuses on "The Importance of Self-Sufficiency: Victory Gardens."

Fred Hollis, one of our long-time supporters and father of Debi Hollis, remembers how at 13 years old he decided to help the war effort by growing his own Victory Garden. His older brother had enlisted and he wanted to do his part. As a surprise to his parents, Fred went to some vacant lots up the road from their house and cleared the lots to ready them for his garden. He worked every day after school to get it ready and felt great pride when it was finally planted. He said, "After all, if my brother was going to enlist, it was the least I could do to support him."

Click on the button below for the Living the Legacy Activities:

[Living the Legacy Activities](#)



### Share Your Activities with Us

We love to hear from you. If your family did any of the Living the Legacy activities, share them with us. We will share your creations on our Facebook page.

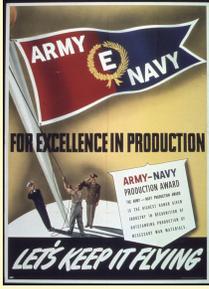
You can send your submissions to us through messaging us on our Facebook page. You can also email us by clicking [here](#).

Looking forward hearing from you!



## Help us Recognize Michigan Companies

During WWII, E-awards were given by the government to recognize companies whose production was helping win the war. Now Michigan companies are stepping up to help fight COVID-19. The Michigan WWII Legacy Memorial would like to recognize those Michigan companies who have set aside regular production to manufacture much needed supplies



for today's fight. Will you help us out?

If you know of a company who is pitching in, please let us know by clicking on the button below and filling out the form.

Recognize a Michigan Company