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YEAR IN REVIEW



The Museum hosted a variety of organizations in 2015 including an Association of the US Army (AUSA) meeting, Motor Cities National Heritage meeting and the MCHA Annual Conference where attendees were treated to a full meal provided by a WWII Field Kitchen.



The museum had almost 500 walk in visitors and over 2,000 special event attendees this year. Our 2015 special events included two Girl Scout Badge classes. The first in our growing scouting outreach programs.



New items in to the collection included a National Automotive Fibres Made Parachute, a Drivers master control panel for an early M1 Abrams, and a wooden manufacturers model of the M151 military jeep. We also placed the freshly restored engine for a WWII Dodge on display, we hope to find a truck to put it in one day soon.



Our freshly restored Dodge M37 made its rounds at numerous events in 2015 including this one at Macomb Mall. After much evaluation, we said goodbye to our 1944 Dodge WC52 project but added a GM built M1028 CUCV military vehicle to the mix.



2015 was another great year for the Museum’s lecture series. Topics included the history of the M4 Sherman tank, Detroit in WWII, Iwo Jima Diary, and Aircraft Carriers on Lake Michigan. Thanks to a generous donation from the Eastpointe-Roseville Chamber, we will be able to record future lectures and have them available to members, libraries and senior centers.



Our archive reorganization project is well underway, but there is still much to do. Our plan is to make our collection more accessible to students and historians for research.



2015 saw our third year hosting a World War II re-enactment at the Chesterfield Historic Village. The weather was cooperative and the event was well attended. (Above) Spectators were able to interact with the re-actors to get a glimpse of a soldiers life in 1944 Europe.

Financials

The goal for next year is to continue work on the back exhibit space where we can house temporary and traveling exhibits. We hope to have an Intern soon that will formalize a system where the books and research items can be easily accessed. We are also considering some expansion plans. Stayed tuned!

The 2013-2015 financials are listed to the right. The 2015 column only include numbers to 11/30/15. The Museum is almost self-sustainable (see declining the Gifts In Kind row that records the contributions of a small number of private individuals).

	2013	2014	2015*
Contributions	4,089.16	3,095.11	1,818.68
Gifts in Kind	5,312.90	8,600.90	4,458.68
Program Service Revenue	5,223.98	6,478.30	5,849.76
Membership Dues	1,739.00	1,090.00	1,380.00
Deaccession	1,148.60	875.35	148.25
Fundraisers (net)	4,063.22	2,999.29	2,169.25
Café income (net)	215.82	70.44	539.87
Gift Shop Income (net)	1,475.12	861.11	1,119.55
Affinity	685.51	569.88	314.52
Total Income	23,953.31	24,640.38	17,798.56
Occupancy	16,698.91	19,786.87	15,134.80
Other Expenses	3,749.26	5,580.62	2,820.18
Total Expenses	20,448.17	25,367.49	17,954.98
Net assets	3,505.14	(727.11)	(156.42)