



Michigan Military Technical & Historical Society

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YEAR IN REVIEW



In an attempt to educate the local WWII re-enactors, classes continued in 2013. Topics included lessons in military vehicles; military courtesy and drill; life in the field; and military weapons.



The Museum partnered with the Michigan WWII Legacy Memorial and is displaying the Walk of Honor Pavers until construction can begin for the memorial in Royal Oak.



The Kid's Model Club had a 13% increase in participation in its second year.



The Museum and the Chesterfield Historical Society co-hosted a WWII reenactment in July. Over 250 people attended the two day event.



The Museum's 1942 Ford jeep was featured in Henry Ford's 150th Birthday Celebration. Pictured next to Chris Causley is Edsel Ford II.



MIMTHS began hosting the WWII Roundtable of Detroit. Over 130 people have attended five events in 2013 that featured speakers who served in WWII.



Prisoners in Paradise, a documentary about the Italian POWs that were housed in the US was just one of the 35 special events that the Museum hosted in 2013.



The Museum once again provided uniformed WWII Re-enactors for Wreaths Across America ceremony at the Resurrection Cemetery.



Michael Gault of Boy Scout Troop 1927 selected the Museum for his Eagle Scout project. The Troop spent 2 days assembling a rolling shelving unit for the Research Archive.

2013 Financial Highlights

| Income/Expense | 2012 | 2013 |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | As of 12/1/13 | |
| Admission | 1,606 | 1,638 |
| Activity | 451 | 576 |
| Cafe | 345 | 313 |
| Deaccession | 334 | 383 |
| Donation | 3,701 | 2,638 |
| Fundraiser | 4,597 | 3,950 |
| Gift Shop | 120 | 594 |
| In-kind Donations | 21,575 | 16,500 |
| Membership | 562 | 1,399 |
| Special Events | 2,816 | 3,420 |
| Total Income | 36,782 | 31,028 |
| Administration | 334 | 171 |
| Artifact | 335 | 537 |
| Building Expense | 18,604 | 14,990 |
| Displays & Exhibits | 1,223 | 193 |
| Office Supplies | 626 | 194 |
| PR & Marketing | 921 | 719 |
| Total Expense | 22,043 | 16,804 |

In-Kind Donations and Artifacts for 2013 are estimated.

The Michigan Military Technical & Historical Society was formed in December of 2008 by a group of historians, collectors and re-enactors who believed that the Detroit area needed a museum to educate future generations on the role of Michigan's people and industry in 20th Century conflict.

We made great strides in our goal to become more self-sustaining in 2013. We installed rolling bookshelves in the Research Archive due to the efforts of Eagle Scout; and we even had one visitor to the Archive for research.

We were successful in replacing most of the fundraising income that previously came from Charity Poker. We increased the number of special events to 35 for the year.

By far our biggest expense is still the building that houses the Museum amounting to almost 85% of all expenses.

One of the goals for the next year includes ensuring that each of our regular volunteers has at least one weekend a month off. To this end, we will be starting a fundraising campaign to get an outside financial audit so that we can apply for a grant for a volunteer coordinator. Other goals include finishing the Research Archive and beginning work on additional exhibit space.