

Ford Fund Sends World War II Vets to D.C. Memorial

DEARBORN – It was the 68th anniversary of D-Day – the landing of 150,000 Allied troops on Nazi-fortified beaches in Normandy – and Ford Motor Company Fund sponsored two Honor Flights for about 75 World War II veterans from Michigan and Kentucky to visit the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C.

The trips were organized as part of the Honor Flight Network.

Ford Fund also announced a \$200,000 grant for the purchase of eight vehicles to the Disabled American Veterans Transportation Network, bringing to 164 the total number of Ford vehicles in the DAV fleet for transporting disabled veterans.

This is in addition to \$50,000 in grants for DAV's Winter Sports Clinic and the Jesse Brown Memorial Youth Scholarship Program.

The No. 21 Ford Fusion driven by Trevor Bayne at a NASCAR Memorial Day weekend race sported the DAV logo in honor of Ford's long-standing partnership with DAV, which includes more than \$6.5 million in donations since 1996.

The World War II veterans, all in their late 80s and 90s, and their guardians received a festive airport send-off from Ford employees and others.

After arrival in Washington, D.C., the veterans were greeted by members of Congress and Ford employees at the Memorial, and received letters of appreciation from Ford employees, family members



Sam Mackey, 94, of Clarkston, who served as a B-17 navigator for missions in Europe.



Frank Kurtycz, 88, of Canton, talks with Mike Bannister, of Ford Credit, about his military service as well as 52 years working at Ford, shortly before boarding a Ford Honor Flight to Washington.

and others.

"The sacrifice and bravery of these soldiers serve as a lesson for all of us," said Mike Bannister, Ford Motor Credit Company chairman and CEO, and champion of the Ford Veterans Network Group.

"It is particularly fitting to acknowledge their service on the anniversary of D-Day, a crucial point in the war that took such a high toll on our troops."

Ford Motor Company has a long history of supporting veterans and military personnel, starting in 1922 when Henry Ford led a cross-country caravan of 50 Ford Model Ts to transport disabled veterans to their convention in San Francisco, his first of many such trips.

"Ford is one of our nation's great institutions, and for 90

years they've honored the brave heroes who have sacrificed for our nation," said DAV National Adjutant Arthur H. Wilson.

"There is something uniquely American about the commitment and loyalty they've shown our cause and we're grateful for our partnership, which has made a difference for generations of veterans and their families."

Since 1974, Ford Motor Company and Ford Fund have provided more than \$7.3 million to organizations supporting veterans, including the DAV.

Ford Fund's support of local initiatives for veterans in 2012 includes:

- Goodwill, Louisville, grant of \$10,000 for Interlink Counseling Services that provides a variety of veterans' services.

- Creation of green space for a rooftop healing garden at the VA Medical Center in Detroit by Ford Volunteer Corps participants with supplies bought with a \$5,000 Ford grant

- Purchase of gasoline by Ford Fund for one year for food delivery vehicles at Meals on Wheels of Greater San Diego where 40 percent of its meal recipients are veterans, and sorting and delivering food by Ford Volunteer Corps participants for Veteran's Haven in Detroit

- Operation Goodwill San Diego grants for Veterans Village of San Diego's combat



U.S. Army troops from Easy Company, 16th Infantry, 1st Infantry Division (The Big Red One), disembark at Omaha Beach on June 6, 1944 – D-Day. Last week on June 6, the Ford Fund paid for 75 local war veterans to fly to Washington, D.C., to visit the National World War II Memorial for the day.

warrior program, which provides discharged service members with rent, utilities and food during substance abuse and mental illness treatment; and for Reboot Workshops by National Veterans Transition Services for service members transitioning back to civilian life

• The Ford Veterans Network Group, one of Ford's corporately supported Employee Resource Groups, sponsors activities throughout the year in support of its veterans, military personnel and their families. Ford has about 30 U.S. employees actively serving in the military and employs

about 700 U.S. Reservists and Guardsmen, along with more than 7,000 U.S. veterans.

Ford Motor Company received the Secretary of Defense Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve's Freedom Award in 2011 for its assistance to Ford employees in the National Guard and Reserve.

It is the highest honor bestowed by the Department of Defense for America's employers who provide exceptional support to their employees. Ford was also a major supplier to the Arsenal of Democracy back in the 1940s, the proverbial war years.

War of 1812 Mini-Exhibit Coming To Dossin Museum on Belle Isle

DETROIT – The National Museum of the United States Navy will present its latest traveling mini-exhibit, "War of 1812: A Nation Forged by War."

The display commemorates the 200-year anniversary of the War of 1812, and will be featured at nearly 200 locations across the United States and Canada – including the Dossin Great Lakes Museum on Belle Isle, where it will open on Saturday, June 16.

For visitors with smart phones, additional content is available by scanning the QR code on each panel.

Timed to open with the nationwide bicentennial celebrations, "War of 1812: A Nation Forged by War" highlights the prominent role of the U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps, and the U.S. Revenue Cutter Service in bringing Great Britain to the negotiating table and forcing European recognition of a truly independent United States.

The display tells the stories of heroic U.S. Navy crews in battles on the oceans and Great Lakes, as well as the contributions of sailors in celebrated land battles from Canada to Louisiana.

The War of 1812 was fought between the United States and Great Britain from June 18, 1812, to February 18, 1815, and was sparked by conflicting maritime policies and competing western expansion along the United States-Canadian frontier.

After two-and-a-half years, the young American republic and the world's leading superpower found themselves in a stalemate and concluded a fair and equitable peace.

According to Dr. Edward Furgol, curator of the National Museum of the United States Navy, "The Navy played an essential role in preserving the strategic status quo that led to an unconditional peace



PHOTO: U.S. NAVY

The War of 1812 seems to be the least familiar of all of America's historical wars, so the Dossin Great Lakes Museum on Belle Isle in Detroit will be opening a new mini-exhibit, timed to the 200th anniversary of that war, on June 16.

with Britain in December 1814."

The favorable outcome greatly elevated the international standing of the United States and boosted the self-confidence of the American people at a critical time in their history.

Those who wish to learn more about the Navy's contributions to American history can visit the National Museum of the United States Navy located in the Washington Navy Yard, Washington, D.C., or visit them online at www.history.navy.mil/nmusn.

The Dossin Great Lakes Museum, located at 100 Strand Drive on Belle Isle, is open Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free at the Museum; however, donations are welcome.

During the week, the Museum is open for group tours by advance reservation.

Permanent exhibits include the Miss Pepsi 1950s championship hydroplane, a bow anchor from the S.S. Edmund Fitzgerald, the pilothouse from the Great Lakes freighter S.S. William Clay Ford, and

one of the largest known collections of scale model ships in the world.

New exhibits include "Bells and Whistles, Flags and Flashes;" "Lost Languages of the Lakes;" and "To Scale: Great Lakes Model Ship Builders."

For more information, call 313-833-5538 or visit www.detroithistorical.org.

GM is Keeping Waste Out of Landfills

DETROIT – A \$200 million stamping plant at its Arlington, Texas, plant is one of five General Motors construction sites to follow a process that helps reduce waste and increase energy efficiency throughout construction.

So far, GM has recycled 150,000 tons of waste at the five sites.

"We strive to reduce our environmental footprint in all that we do – whether we're building cars or the plants that make them," said Mari Kay Scott, executive director, GM Real Estate and Facilities.

"The business case is compelling. By using GM Green Construction processes, we aim to reduce our overall construction cost by 15 percent, and the data thus far shows we're well on our way."

All future GM North America construction sites will adhere to GM Green Construction practices, GM real estate officials said.

GM announced 32 investments in 2011 totaling nearly \$5.5 billion, many of which will be part of the initiative.

According to the Environmental Protection Agency, work sites nationwide generate more than 100 million tons of combined construction and demolition debris annually.

GM designed its program to reduce by 90 percent the weight of construction debris for each project through recycling and sending less to the

various landfill sites.

Environmental requirements for GM contractors include:

- Managing indoor air quality by using curtains and barriers to reduce airborne particles such as dust and dirt from entering the atmosphere;

- Reducing energy use on-site with rechargeable battery-powered equipment;

- Segregating materials like metal, plastic, glass and concrete for ease of recycling and less use of landfills.

The Arlington facility – home to the Chevrolet Suburban and Tahoe, GMC Yukon and Cadillac Escalade – has reused various construction

byproducts to date, including:

- 120,000 cubic yards of clean soils for site-balancing activities like constructing a berm;

- 10,200 tons of recycled concrete into base material for pavement and a finer mixture used to support pipes in trenches;

- 112.5 tons of asphalt and 25.6 tons of steel and other metals.

Other GM Green Construction sites include the GM Wentzville (Mo.) Assembly facility, an engineering building at the Milford Proving Ground, as well as the Warren Technical Center's \$130 million Global Data Center and Global Architecture Studio.

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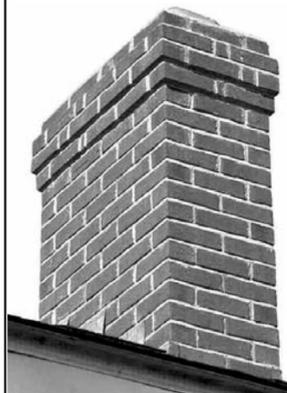
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