



## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

**On behalf of Rolling Thunder Michigan Chapter 4 and the D-DAY Plus committee**

It has been a very difficult decision, but we have decided to not continue with the D-DAY event held at the USS LST 393. There were many factors considered in this decision, but ultimately it came down to Health issues within our Core committee.

We started this event in 2015 and has seen growth every year since. Due to in no small part by our many Volunteers and Sponsors. We owe everything to them.

**Our Reenactors** came from all over the Midwest and Canada on their own dime, Invested Thousands of dollars in uniforms and equipment. Slept out in tents during pouring rains and one year a near Tornado and not once complained. Not because they like what they do (They really do though) because they are desperately trying to educate the public about the history that is being forgotten, that no longer is being taught in schools. "When history is forgotten it is doomed to repeat itself" Another type of reenactor of sorts were the Pin-ups dressed in 1940's attire, they did an exceptional job at rounding out the event.

**Our Sponsors** saw a financial need to support this event perhaps for the same reasons as the reenactors or a more close to home reason, to bring more people to Downtown Muskegon to witness her long awaited growth.

**Our Vendors** two separate groups, one to support their own organizations such as the War Dogs exhibit, U.S. Naval Sea Cadets, Armed forces recruiting, Veterans Administration to name just a few, we even had a publisher of children's books about the war. The other was our Food vendors, we know that they may have done better at other events going on at the same time but chose to be there with us anyway.

**Our local Volunteers**, Our Planning Committee, Set-up and Tear down, volunteers during the event, Announcers and our DJ's who never asked for a dime.

I cannot express the amount Respect and appreciation that I have for every last one of those involved over the last eight years. It most definitely took many hands to carry this out. **THANK YOU** to every last one of you that had a part in making D-DAY Plus a success.

*"Personally this has been one of my greatest life moments to have met and become friends with so many good people" (DJ)*

The USS LST 393 may be considering carrying on the event without us. If you are interested please contact the ship directly

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