

# 2023 Annual Report



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**WWII Ambulance from European Theatre** 



Displayed military patches from the Bizal Collection



EWM volunteers at the National WWII Museum in New Orleans on the EWM Spring tour

# **Chairman's Letter**

Supporters, volunteers & friends

Each day I enter the front door of the Evansville Wartime Museum and wander through the 30,000 square feet of exhibits, I am left in awe at how much change and growth we have experienced since opening our doors just six short years ago. At that time, we worried how we would ever fill the space. Today, our museum is bursting out of the hangar doors, and our collection of over 12 thousand items has led to many new exhibits just this past year.



This growth is not possible without the support of our board, staff, tireless volunteers, and gracious donors. Together, we have created a museum that is not only a jewel in our community but is recognized across the state and country. EWM was named the 2023 Outstanding Historical Organization by the Indiana Historical Society "in recognition of demonstrated remarkable services and programs for its community and excellent application of professional standards and best practices".

At the heart of our mission is a duty to educate the next generation about the service and sacrifice of past generations. Putting the pandemic behind us, we re-launched several strategic initiatives to engage with the community. The Education Committee provided experiential learning for over 1600 students from schools across the Tri-State. Bi-weekly Lunch and Learn lectures have seen an average of over 150 senior citizens who are treated to prominent speakers from across the country.

The success of our events and museum is dependent on our world-class volunteers, each of whom see the value in preserving the history within our walls. Our team of over 135 volunteers generated more than 18,000 hours of service last year. I cannot convey my thanks enough to them. Their work ethic is reflective of the men and women our exhibits represent.

Sadly, many of the "greatest generation" have not experienced the museum, their number dwindling each year. Regardless, we will not slow or tire in our duty of honoring their stories and preserving one of the most historic periods for Evansville and the world.

It has been my honor to serve as Board Chairman for the past 2 years. As the role transitions to Mike Tiemann, I have complete confidence that 2024 will see the Evansville Wartime Museum reach new heights. I look forward to advancing the museum's Mission and Vision. I am eternally grateful for your friendship and your continued support of the Evansville Wartime Museum.

Mark Browning, MD

Mark Browning

CAPT/MC/USN Retired





Fly-in with WWII C-47 "That's All Brother"

# A Few Activities in 2023

24 Lunch, Learn & Share lectures sponsored by Bronstein Foundation each attended by 150+ Seniors

School tours with over 1600 students

Educational trip to the New Orleans WWII Museum by 33 volunteers & board

Veteran's Day Breakfast for 450 veterans

Library dedicated with over 3,600 books

Roaring Twenties' Dinner & Dance

WWI Dough Boy statue loaned by Funkhouser Post

General Pershing's 1914 Packard Limousine loaned by Postleweights

1/5 scale model P-47 given by Nu Tech Academy

Historic model airplanes donated by the Brubecks

Weekend fly-ins by WWII Ford Tri-Motor and C-47 "That's All Brother", & Vietnam Huey helicopter

Frog Follies custom cars rally at EWM 5 fully functional aircraft simulators

USI Engineering exhibit for simulator room

Interview of probable last living WWII P-47 pilot, Robert Huddleston

Tomb of Unknown Soldier Ceremony

**ROTC Commissioning Ceremony** 

Reunion of the WWII destroyer, USS Beale

EWM historic vehicles participated in 5 community parades

15 days of rides in EWM's WWII Sherman tank

EWM Volunteers participated in WNIN Kid's Fest, Boy Scout Night, Shrinerfest, Hockey games and others



Holiday party with Santa & EWM volunteer elves



Rosie the Riveter 1943 Sherman Tank at Shrinerfest



EWM community display at Evansville Thunderbolts hockey game with mascot

# 2023 Board of Directors

### **Officers**

Mark Browning Chairman
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### **Directors Emeritus**

Jan Howell – Deceased Allen Sanderson – Deceased

### **Committee Chairs**

Mike Lynn Collections/Displays

Dona Bone Events
John Gross Facilities
Mark Browning Financial

Jennifer Browning Lunch, Learn & Share

Ryan Burkart Marketing
Mike & Linda Tiemann Membership
Kyler McReynolds Social Media

Rich Smith Strategic Development

Nancy Sanderson Education/Tours
Bruce Green Volunteers/Docents

## **Staff**

McKay Miles Curator

Cole Hughes Assistant Curator Susan Head Bookkeeper

## **EWM Mission**

Acquire, preserve, and interpret historical artifacts educating all ages by telling how industry, Homefront workers and military veterans supported our nation in times of conflict.

## **EWM Vision**

An internationally recognized military museum as a destination, that educates and inspires others by honoring those at home and abroad who sacrificed and toiled for the furtherance of freedom in the world.

# **In Memoriam**



Jan Howell (1939-2023)

In June, we lost a current and founding board member of the Museum. Jan contributed so much as long-time Treasurer, volunteer coordinator, Lunch & Learn caterer, generous benefactor, and outstanding EWM advocate. She "had a personality larger than life". Jan was a friend of many at the Museum and in the entire community.

# 2023 Annual Report

The Evansville Wartime Museum was founded in 2017 to acquire, preserve and interpret historical artifacts educating all ages on Evansville's support of our nation in times of conflict. Our core values include Community Service, Education, Volunteerism, and Historical Accuracy.

The Evansville Wartime Museum has a Board of Directors and Officers providing overall strategic leadership of the Museum. However, the tactical control is vested in the Committees where the work is accomplished in planning events, organizing tours, and along with professional staff, developing exhibits.

# **Committees**

### **Collections & Exhibits**

Having a full-time professional curator has stimulated activities across the entire Museum. 2,678 items were catalogued into the venture computer system, 2,000+ photos were preserved in acid-free sleeves, new cabinetry was added, and the archives were completely reorganized.

At year end there were 12,093 total items in EWM's collection. During the year, there were 176 donations from supporters with over 1,000 individual items. New exhibits included the Russian Front in WWII, a complete WWII GI Kit, a Vietnam era truck, and revamps to the Republic/Chrysler/Servel/Bucyrus Erie exhibits.

After many months of organization, our library opened with over 3,500 volumes covering all of America's military adventures. Galleries were upgraded and a self-tour audio system installed. The Indiana Historical Society provided grants for climate-controlled collection storage areas.



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- Indiana Historical Society

EWM has professional affiliations with museum organizations allowing staff to benchmark regional and national museums:

North American Reciprocal Museum Association Small Museum Association Association of State & Local History Museums

#### **Events**

Special events bring people to the Museum to experience visiting aircraft and living history. 2023 unique events included fly-ins by:

- a 1928 Liberty Ford Tri-Motor,
- WWII C-47 "That's All Brother", Beech 18 transport, AT-6 trainer, and SB2C Helldiver, and
- a Vietnam era Huey helicopter (all available for rides). Rides were also available on the Museum's WWII 1943 Sherman tank.

All season long EWM vehicles participated in parades throughout the area culminating in the Boonville Christmas parade where the top award was won.

Popular events included Frog Follies, Shindig, Porsche Club and Corvette Club car shows with cameo photos with EWM's P-47 Thunderbolt fighter.

Fun events included the Roaring Twenties Dinner Dance, the Halloween Bash, and Planes, Trains, and Santa Claus holiday party. The Annual Browning Funeral Home Veteran's Day Breakfast fed 450 vets.



Volunteers and crew during fly-in of WWII C-47 "That's All Brother"

### **Facilities**

A team of carpenters, electricians, plumbers, and mechanics reworked many of the Museum's systems:

- installing energy efficient LED lighting throughout the exhibit areas, offices, and parking lot areas,
- an improved audio/visual system was installed,
- a high lumen capacity projector was contributed.

A fence providing security throughout the campus was finished and landscaping at the front entrance was improved to comply with federal FAA requirements.

It was a year of preparation for major projects on the new lift system to the second floor, and a new climate controlled Collections Storage Room.



### **Hardworking Volunteers**

### **Lunch, Learn & Share lectures**

**Pitchers** 

Each first and third Thursday, an audience of over 150 senior citizens enjoyed lunch and presentations on local and national historic topics by recognized speakers. Funded again in 2023, the Bronstein Foundation supports lifelong learning. This year's topics and speakers were:

Evansville 1859-1950, Claude Wertz Submarines in the Cold War, 1945-1991, Tom Carr Panthers, Tigers & Sherman WWII tanks, G Kevin WWII Signal Corps, Don Pitchers Red Cross Home Front & Rosie Riveters, Stephanie

Traditional Wartime Music, Old Dam Band
Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Ritual by 40/8
2 years' experience at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier,
Zach Goebel

Battle of Britain, Jayson Holmes
Factories that built Evansville in WWII, Dona Bone
Flying the Hump during WWII, Larry Head
WASPs in WWII Evansville, Dona Bone
WWII Propaganda, Bruce Green
Indiana Military Museum by its founder, Judge
Jim Osborne

Battlefield Medicine, Kirby Gross MD, Col/MC/USA WWI & WWII Canada in the British Airforce, Irwin Etcovitch

WWII D-Day, Donald Cobb & Civil War Band Dunkirk Evacuation, Bill Willis, Col/USA/RET Who Made the Difference in WWII, Jayson Holmes History of the National Guard, Roy "Marty" Umbarger, MajGen/National Guard

Leadership, Sean Georges

Axis Enemy: Heavy Units of Germany's Kriegsmarine, Kyler McReynolds

Woman Spies in WWII, Norman Kohler

American Combat Troops & Bird Dog Pilots in Vietnam War, Robert Vieth & Mike Leonard

Evansville Rechnic Family & the Holocaust, Lezlie Simmons



Lunch, Learn & Share lunch with 150+ seniors

### Marketing & Social Media

The museum made a determined effort in 2023 to grow visitation and broaden our visitor pool. Promotional efforts helped drive a 600% increase in visitors traveling to the museum to learn and explore.

We expanded our relationships in the community through new partnerships that leveraged our institutional values. Our sponsorship of the Evansville Thunderbolts hockey team mascot showcased the museum's most important exhibit, but also provided an exciting new forum for us to educate and engage families and young adults. Together with the Frog Follies car show, we provided attendees with one of the most unique photo ops in the world—bringing their period automobiles onto the tarmac with our own Hoosier Spirit II.

In 2024 we plan to continue these efforts to grow our attendance while simultaneously increasing regional awareness of our museum through targeted marketing, increased emphasis on social media, and a redesigned website.



Vietnam War Army officer's kit

### **Membership**

Membership in the Museum has grown each year since our founding. Annual membership includes unlimited admission during regular hours, & advance information about upcoming programs, events, and exhibits. Additional membership levels allow admission for family members and can include membership in the North American Reciprocal Museum allowing free or reduced fees in over 1,000 museums throughout North America.

The Museum Shop's popular tee shirts, fleece vests and jackets drove an annual increase in sales of nearly 250%. Combined with books, models, DVDs, puzzles, and jewelry visitors take away a remembrance of the Museum which they can enjoy every day.



Friendly service at the Museum Shop

### **Strategic Development**

In early 2023, the EWM Strategic Planning Committee reaffirmed the EWM Vision, Mission, Core Values and Six Strategic Goals. Throughout 2023, the emphasis was on implementation of short-term actions to support the museum's long-term strategic goals and vision. Museum leaders identified actions that could be accomplished in a 12-to-18-month period with each leader working within their respective area to positively impact the overall organization.



### **Board of Directors reviewing Strategic Plan**

The progress toward implementing these initiatives was reported to the EWM Board of Directors on a bimonthly basis through a Planning and Implementation Scorecard Review process. The short-term initiatives, along with our strategic goals, comprised the EWM Strategic Plan.

Providing this plan, as part of grant requests, helped us receive external funding. Also, the initiative of our museum leaders and the process of monitoring our implementation provided a focus/impetus on continuously improving the museum.

### **Education**

With a goal of informing schools, civic and community organizations, and EWM visitors of all ages of the sacrifices made during wartime, the Committee volunteers share historical data, stories & artifacts through tours and educational programs.



**Docent with Summer Camp kids** 

Over 1,659 students and guests were provided with customized tours including groups from:

### **Evansville-Vanderburgh County Schools**

Caze Elementary

Cedar Hall Elementary

**Delaware Elementary** 

**Dexter Elementary** 

**Evans Elementary** 

EVSC Summer Camp (7 visits)

Fairlawn Elementary (2)

Glenwood/Lodge Elementary (2)

Harper Elementary

Highland Elementary (2)

Lincoln Elementary

Tekoppel Elementary (2)

### **Evansville Catholic Schools**

Corpus Christi Elementary School

Holy Spirit Elementary School

Memorial High School (2)

St Benedict's Elementary School

### **Other Groups**

Arc Association Adult Group, IN (2)

Aspire

Boonville, IN Sea Cadets

Calhoun, KY Elementary School

Camp 31 Summer Camp Group

Carmi, IL History Club

Eastminster Church Group, IN

Evansville IN Boy Scout troop

Gibson County, IN 4-H Club

Hadi Shrine IN Ladies Group

Holy Cross School, Henderson, KY

Homeschool groups, IN, KY, IL

Lynnville, IN Little Hoosiers

New Horizon Academy, IN (3)

Plaza Neighborhood Group, IN

St Paul's United Methodist After School, IN

St Wendel Elementary School, IN

Wentzville, MO School





### Docent on specialized school tour

### During the year, EWM hosted a variety of other organizations and individuals:

US Senator Mike Braun

IN Lieutenant Governor Suzanne Crouch

Evansville Mayor Lloyd Winnecke

Porsche Club

Corvette Club

Sea Cadets

Young Eagles

Hadi Honored Ladies

Toyota Employees' Day

Reckitt Mead Johnson Employees' Day

American Heritage Cruise line tours (8)

The West Side Nut Club

During 2023, 65% of EWM visitors were from the Tri-State region with visitors from 13 states, Europe, Asia, Australia, South America, Mexico, and Canada.

### **Volunteers & Docents**

Over 135 volunteers at EWM in 2023 devoted more than 18,000 hours providing for the many needs of the Museum; they are the heartbeat of the organization!

A new Volunteer Orientation Program and Volunteer Manual updated all on vital information for day-to-day running of the docent program, exhibit education for tours, and curatorial activities. A variety of skills are necessary to keep a museum growing both inhouse and in the community; updating the audio/visual system, keeping the floors clean and the grass mowed, building new exhibits, and planning for the future.



Advertising poster for rides on a WWII 1943 Sherman tank, which were sold out months prior to rides



# **COLUMBUS INDIANA HUEY**

Restored Vietnam 1970 UH-1 Huey Helicopter

# OCTOBER 14 & 15 | 10 A.M. TO 5 P.M.

at the Evansville Wartime Museum 7503 Petersburg Rd., Evansville, IN 47725



Annular solar eclipse (60% coverage) max view at 12:01 p.m. on Oct. 14. Eclipse glasses on sale in EWM Gift Shop

### Rides (for up to 8 people each flight)

Adults: \$100 WWII and Korean Vets: Free Tours between flights: Free

### Museum admission

**18-64:** \$11 **65+:** \$8

6-17: \$8

5 and under: free

Active military & veterans: \$8

WWII & Korean Vets: free

No advance reservations

Vietnam re-enactor camp will be on site

EWM Grill will be open



### **Volunteer Orientation training meeting**

To acknowledge extraordinary efforts for EWM, a Volunteer of the Month program was instituted in 2023 with the following recipients:

### 2023 EWM Volunteers of the Month

Linda James – January
Jan Howell – February
Jayson Holmes – March
Nancy Sanderson – April
Tom David – May
Mike Rasche – June
George Murphy – July
Pete Blanc – August
John & Donna Gross – September
Don & Stephanie Pitchers – October
Linda Tiemann – November
Don Schmitt – December

In the Spring, over 30 EWM volunteers toured the National WWII Museum in New Orleans meeting with museum staff for an inside look at many aspects of their museum.



EWM volunteers meeting with staff of the National WWII Museum during Spring excursion

### **Financial**

2023 was a leap forward year for EWM with major increases in admissions, donations, Museum Store sales, and memberships with a 50% increase in total revenues.

An Investment Policy was approved by the Board of Directors setting up a Sustainable Fund to enhance the long-term strength of EWM.

Donations and grants were received for specific exhibits, equipment purchase and general support:

### Exhibits \$10,000 and above

Ann Blandford for Holocaust
Dr William & Karen Carey for Iwo Jima
David & Sara Trockman for Holocaust

### Grants \$10,000 and above

Bronstein Foundation for Lunch, Learn & Share
John Dewitt Browning Foundation for staffing assistance
Catalaunch Citi Grant for Patronicity Lift
Evansville Port Authority
Indiana Historical Society for staffing assistance

### Equipment Purchase \$10,000 and above

John & Michelle Hopkins for AV Equipment Lunch & Learn Seniors Group for Lift Indiana Historical Society for Collections, explosion locker, & flat drawer storage units

### Equipment Purchase \$2,500 to \$9,999

Dona Bone for Lift

Mark Browning for Lift
Ryan & Elizabeth Burkart for Lift
William Byers for Lift
William Carson Foundation for Lift
Cosgrove Family Foundation for Lift
Tom David for audio-visual equipment
Joyce Harmes for Lift
Heart to Heart Hospice Foundation for Lift
John Lawrence & Elizabeth Scheller for Lift
Terry & Kathleen Talley for Lift
Mike & Linda Tiemann for Lift
Brian & Barbara Williams for Lift

### Supporting Donations \$10,000 and above

John Dewitt Browning Foundation Alan & Sharon Braun Joyce Harmes David & Sara Trockman Mark & Jennifer Browning

### Supporting Donations \$2,500 to \$9,999

Terry & Kathy Talley Charitable Fund West Side Nut Club

## **EWM Members**

The following members supported EWM with membership gifts during 2023:

### **Visionary (\$1,000)**

Tom & Bryanna Barron
Mark & Jennifer Browning
Edward Brundick
Bill & Suzanne Byers
Tom David
Jeff & Marti Deig
Richard Smith

### Enthusiast (\$500)

David Smith

### Supporter (\$250)

Melissa Bippus
Ryan Burkart
James J. Green
Mchael Handley
David & Barbara Klamer

Dona Bergman Richard Kuhn & Michael & Teena McGregor William & Lisa Muller **Dwight & Homer** Nestrick Theresa Neumann Bill & Mary Ellen Vieth David Wire Rick & Janet Zeiher

### Premium Family (\$150)

Amber & Jacob **Ankers** Mary/Carole Barron/Morris Jessica **Blevins** Brandi Bolin John Brummett Joshua & Amanda Cox Terry & Rose Cullum Mark & Tera Decker David Ellerbrook Jan Elsea Brenda & Tony Esparza Kevin Kim & Mary Fillingim Sean & Tarrah Georges Bob & Joyce Giolitto Julie/Kevin Girten/Jones

Paul/Jeanie Green/Bennett

Grant

John & Donna Gross
Kimber Heddens
Lynn Henselman & Richard Dennis

Jeremy & Erica Jones

Terri & Richard

Richard
Steven
Jeffrey
Wayne & Rebecca
Ken & Marcia
Georgie & Larry
John & Jamye
Sunny
Chris
Ron & Linda
Brian & Linda
Larry
Dean/Vivian

John Mike & LeeAnn

Kyle
Donald & Pam
Robert
James
Mike & Linda
Dan & Dianna
Don & Susan
Kawn & Amanda

Kim

Stephen & Darla

Kissel
Krohn
Market
McBrayer
Morgan
Murphy
Norman
Overton
Padavic
Pederson
Perry
Pfettscher
Powell/Butler
Pulcini

Powell/Butler
Pulcini
Rasche
Rudibaugh
Schmitt
Shetler
Tepool
Tiemann
Todd/Gibson
Travis

Travis Watters Wells Woodall

### **Family (\$75)**

Earl & Karen Angel Donald & Elizabeth Baier

John Bassemier Tom & Rosemary Beckman Kerry Hyatt **Bennett** Randi & Josh **Bogard** Bill Bohlen Dan & Heather Bonham Bryan **Bredhold** John & Janet **Brown** Buradorf

Gary & Carol Burgdorf
Jack Buttrum
James Cameron
Bill Chase
James & Linda Clark
Randolph Clark
Barbara Cole

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Mark Davis & Evelyn Hanson-Davis

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Greg Dewes

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### Individual (\$50)

Brian & Barbara

Tom Barrows
Jim Beck
Sue Bengert
Mike Bevers
Peter Blanc

Williams

Garv Burk Karen Caruso Randolph Damm Tom Donnelly Randy Edwards Michael Goebel Robert Green Harper Mark **Dennis** Holycross Bob Johnston Joseph **Johnston** Susan Johnston Joy Juliano Nate Keppler Sofie Keppler Glenn R. Klaner Norman Kohler Carolyn Kormelink Kuhlenschmidt Audrey

Tony Lasher Gary May

Clay McCutchan Steve McGinness Kyler McReynolds Paul Medcalf Joe Minor Morris Dallas Nickolick Joseph Chris Norrington Jim Pettyjohn Ed Roca Kvle Ross Michael Roth Don Schenk Schmitt Gary D. Kevin Schuetz Susan Shelton Ben Sizemore Smith Jerry Spillman Bob Storms Terry Doug Thompson Terry Todd Kelly Vote Robert Wake Ned Wilson Wirtz Witte

David Wirtz
Barbara Witte
Stephen Witte
Carl "John" Young
Christopher Zirkelbach

# 2024 Board of Directors

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Nancy Sanderson Tours

Bruce Green Volunteers/Docents

**Past Chairmen** 

 Jack Buttrum
 2016-2017

 Jeff Deig
 2018-2019

 Richard Kuhn
 2020-2021

 Mark Browning
 2022-2023

# Coming in 2024

### **New Exhibits**

**WWII Homefront Kitchen & Dining Room** – A typical middle-class home recreated with period appliances and furniture

**Stories of Workers on the Homefront** – The lives of Evansville's Homefront War Workers

**Holocaust Survivors Exhibit** – The story of the Rechnic family relocated after the War to Evansville and their successful postwar life

**Nurses and Combat Medics** – Evansville veterans reminisces about experiences with combat medics and nurses.

**Kids on the Homefront** – Children and adolescents participated in the War Effort at home

**Letters from the War** – Touching letters from home to WWII overseas servicemembers and their communications back home

The South Pacific Theater – The American Navy, Marines, Army, and Air Corps turned the tide of the war with Japanese forces in the Pacific from mid-1942 to mid-1943

**The Battle of Iwo Jima** – Video interviews of the battle from Evansville veterans' perspectives

**Afghanistan – A Modern Conflict** – Stories of service in a different type of war on terror

**D-Day, Normandy, and the Battle of France** – The liberation of Western Europe from D-Day through the race across France

**Prisoners of War** – Capture and imprisonment from the perspective of Evansville natives

**Sons of the Revolution Display** – Revolutionary War service and their legacy the founders and settlers of Evansville

### **Events**

Tank rides – 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays through October EAA Breakfasts and Flights for Eagle Scouts

Evening Speaker Programs with appetizers and drinks

Vietnam Huey Helicopter Fly-in with rides

Warbird Weekend with CAFs North American Mitchell bomber and Grumman TBM Avenger

Halloween Bash scavenger hunt kids' event

Veteran's Day Breakfast sponsored by Browning Funeral Home

Planes, Trains & Santa Claus Holiday Event for kids EWM vehicles participate in parades in Gibson County, Mt Vernon, Fall Festival, Veteran's Day, Henderson, Boonville



### **Contact Us**

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### Visit our website:

www.EvansvilleWartimeMuseum.org

### **Museum Hours**

Summer Hours: April - September

Sunday: Noon – 4:00pm

Monday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday:

10:00am - 4:00 pm

Tuesday & Wednesday: Closed

Winter Hours: October - March

Sunday: Noon - 4:00pm

Monday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday: Noon

-4:00 pm

Tuesday & Wednesday: Closed

Group tours, by appointment only Call 812.424.7461 for rates & availability

### **Museum Admission**

Museum Members – no charge General Admission - \$11 Seniors, Emergency Responders, Active Military, Youth 6 – 17 - \$8 Children 5 and under – no charge

# **Evansville, Indiana American WWII Heritage City**



Designated by the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service



