

Relight The Flame Fund Raising Campaign

State Fair Michigan

War Veterans Memorial Committee

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On September 10, 1939, with a prayer for peace, the Michigan War Veterans Memorial was dedicated at the Michigan State Fair. It was done in the presence of 5,000 persons most of them veterans of the World War and their Families.

Harry F. Kelly secretary of state, was the principal speaker and Augustus F. Chappell, commander of the Michigan Department of the GAR ignited the eternal flame located atop of the memorial, that was to burn 24 X 7 to honor the memories of Veterans of all wars and conflicts.

69 years later, the **State Fair Michigan War Veterans Memorial Committee** & The **Friends of The Michigan State Fair** are asking all our Veterans and Patriotic citizens to help us in our goal of raising \$250,000.00 to renovate the Memorial and relight the flame. Our goal is to complete the project for a rededication ceremony to be held, in September, 2009 on Armed Forces Day at the State Fair, which would mark the **70th anniversary** of the War Memorial.

Presently there are over **241** stones in the Memorial dedicated to Veteran organizations from across the great state of Michigan. When complete the practice of having stones placed on the memorial by veterans groups will resume.

Please help us reach our goal by donating to our **"Relight The Flame"** campaign. Tax deductible donations can be

sent to:



Friends of Michigan State Fair
4180 Anthony Drive
Sterling Heights, Mi. 48310
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