



October 2015



## Tempting Tables

The USS Silversides Submarine Museum is proud to participate in the 2015 Tempting Tables Event at the Holiday Inn in Downtown Muskegon. The event will take place from Thursday, October 15th through Sunday, October 18th. The table, entitled These Men Faced an Uncertain Future Too will be set with military china depicting the last dinner aboard the USS Flier before it hit a mine and sank. The table will share the remarkable story of survival that is detailed in our museum from that event. The mission of Tempting Tables is to create a greater awareness of breast cancer and to help raise money for breast cancer research. Please visit the event so we can all work together to find a cure.



## Jubilate Deo—Vocal Concert

The Boys Choir of the Cathedral of Mainz, Germany will be presenting a concert at the USS Silversides Submarine Museum on Tuesday, October 20, 2015 at 2:00 PM. This 45-minute concert will include a cappella works by Hassler, Schutz, Bruckner, Mozart, Mendelssohn, Wilson, Seiffert and



Lerndorfer. The Choir is directed by Karsten Storck, Director of Music. The 60-voice Boys Choir ranges in age from 10-30 years old. The concert of Choral Music from various centuries is sure to be a sight and sound experience for all in attendance.

## Agent Orange Question & Answer Meeting

"Support Group for Women Living with PTSD Combat Veterans" is hosting a Q&A session with VA Justice Outreach Coordinator John Koch on Wed. October 14th at 1:00pm. Please come ask questions, hear about the repercussions of exposure to Agent Orange, and discover what resources are available to our veterans. Our local "West Michigan Veterans Affairs, Inc." will also be here. Admission is free. For more info, call 231-798-4112.



## Keepsake Christmas Tree Ornament



The USS Silversides Submarine Museum is beginning a new annual tradition of honoring and remembering our American heroes at Christmas. When you purchase this ornament, it will have a tag attached to it with the name of the person you wish to commemorate and hung on our tree at the museum to remind visitors who see the tree of the gifts we all enjoy everyday because of the sacrifices of our veterans. Not only will it honor your hero, it will help us to continue to fulfill our mission for many more years of honoring all of our American heroes. Shortly before Christmas, we will invite all who purchased ornaments to a celebratory gathering where you will be able to pick up your ornament for your tree for years to come. The cost is only \$25. Please visit our website ([www.usssilversidesmuseum.org](http://www.usssilversidesmuseum.org)) or call 231-755-1230 to reserve yours. Thank you!

## The Return to Vietnam

This year marks the 40th anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War. Join a group of West Michigan Vietnam veterans, including Muskegon native Tom Sibley, as they relate their experiences 20 years after the war when they returned together to Vietnam and experienced the Vietnamese people and visited some of the places where they had served. They will also show a striking video of their travels. This program will conclude with a panel discussion moderated by Dr. James Smither, Professor of History at Grand Valley State University, and the



Director of the GVSU Veterans History Project, which is affiliated with the Library of Congress. This presentation has received excellent reviews, and this is the first time for it in Muskegon. This is a great program not only for Vietnam vets, but also for their spouses, children, grandchildren, friends, and everyone else interested in the history of the Vietnam War. Please join us Tuesday, October 27th at 6:00pm. Cost is \$5.00 per person. Museum members and Vietnam Veterans may attend for FREE.

## Upcoming Events

Fall Lecture Dates: November 4, 16 and 24 plus December 1 and 7. Topics, speakers and details to follow.....so stay tuned!

New Exhibit Opening: November 9, 2015. Walk through the experiences of those most affected by the Holocaust from the beginning through the tragedies of the camps and ending with the challenges survivors faced when they made it "home."