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AUTHOR MICHAEL DAVIS DISCUSSES DETROIT AS THE “ARSENAL OF DEMOCRACY” JANUARY 16TH AT THE DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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DETROIT - The Detroit Historical Society's author series continues with a discussion of "Detroit's Wartime Industry: Arsenal of Democracy" by noted author Michael W. R. Davis on Wednesday, January 16 from 6 - 8 p.m. at the Detroit Historical Museum. Davis will discuss the key role Detroit played in the victory of America and its allies in WWII.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt coined the label "Arsenal of Democracy" in a fireside chat radio broadcast on December 29, 1940, as Detroit was becoming the nation's leading mass producer of tanks, trucks, guns, and airplanes during WWII. This is the pictorial story of the contributions Detroiters made to the war effort, their lives during the war, and the war material they produced.

Michael W. R. Davis is a veteran automotive historian and journalist. A graduate of both Yale and Eastern Michigan University, Davis is a former executive director of the Detroit Historical Society. He is a trustee of the Detroit Public Library's National Automotive History Collection, the source of many images in this book.

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The cost for the event is free for Detroit Historical Society members and \$10 for the public. For more information or to register for the event, please call (313) 833-1801 or visit www.detroithistorical.org/thingstodo.

The Detroit Historical Museum, located at 5401 Woodward Ave. in Detroit's Cultural Center area, is open to the public Wednesday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from Noon to 5 p.m. On Mondays and Tuesdays, the Museum is not open to the public but available for group tours by calling (313) 833-7979. Adult admission is \$6. Seniors (60+), college students with valid college ID, and youth ages 5-18 pay \$4. Admission for children ages four and under is free. Parking in the Museum's lot is \$3 at all times. Permanent exhibits include the famous Streets of Old Detroit, Frontiers to Factories, The Motor City, and The Glancy Trains. New exhibits include 1920s: Detroit's Building Boom; Rallying the Home Front:

Posters from WWII; New to the Collection, a showcase of recently acquired antiques, oddities, and treasures; the Detroit Artist Showcase featuring early 20th century artist Amy Lorimer; Fabulous 5: Detroit Sports Legends; and Automotive Showplace. For more information, call the Museum at (313) 833-1805 or check out our website at www.detroithistorical.org.