

## Sailor and Nurse Seen Kissing in Memorial Park

### What Is This?

On August 14, 1945, now known as VJ Day, the world learned that Japan had surrendered and WWII was over. As word spread across New York City, photographers headed towards Times Square to document the celebration. Photos of a sailor kissing a woman in a nurse's uniform have since become some of the most well-known images ever published. One by Navy photographer Victor Jorgensen, shown here, appeared in the *New York Times*.

Renowned American sculptor Seward Johnson created the 25-foot three dimensional portrayal of that moment, called *Embracing Peace* on display in Memorial Park on Woodward Avenue at 13 Mile Road.



### Why Is It Here?

*The Michigan WWII Legacy Memorial*, the state's officially recognized tribute to its contributions during the Second World War, will be built right here in Memorial Park. The Memorial honors Michigan's role on the war front and the home front as the Arsenal of Democracy and the birthplace of Rosie the Riveter.

*Embracing Peace* will be here through 2016 to call attention to our \$3,000,000 fundraising campaign. We thank *The Seward Johnson Atelier* for making the sculpture available. We also thank **Jack and Annette Aronson of Clean Planet Foods** for providing the financial support needed to bring *Embracing Peace* to Michigan.

### How Can I Donate, Learn More or Help?

Join our **Kiss and Tell 5** campaign via Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to spread the word and raise funds. See [kissandtell5.org](http://kissandtell5.org) for details. Go to [www.michiganww2memorial.org](http://www.michiganww2memorial.org) to donate, learn more about The Michigan WWII Legacy Memorial, volunteer or buy an engraved brick paver to be placed at the memorial.

You can also text "WW2" to 31996 to make a donation right now.

Go to [www.sewardjohnsonatelier.org](http://www.sewardjohnsonatelier.org) to learn more about the artist and sculpture.

### What's Next for the Sculpture?

*Like Us* on Facebook and keep an eye on the events page on our website to learn about the exciting plans we have for the sculpture.