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Since the opening of our offices serving Southfield we've experienced the pride, along with its residents, of watching it develop into one of the most progressive cities in Michigan and the Midwest.

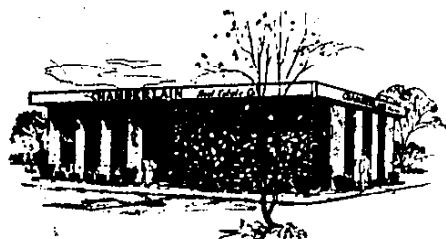
No better barometer of its progress can be found than Southfield's development of one of the finest Civic Center Complexes in the country. Not only is it the site of "Festival '77" but includes a beautiful swimming pool, indoor ice rink, golf course, tennis courts, library, the municipal offices and the district court. It is indeed a great source of community pride!

We INVITE everyone to join us as "FESTIVAL '77" and we plan, as in the past, to work hand in hand with Southfield residents to keep Southfield on the road of progress.

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Who Says Toys are Just for Kids?

The idea of an adult collecting "toys" like model soldiers may strike many persons as absurd. But to artist, Col. W. Paul LeGreco, the interest reflects a deep concern with history.

LeGreco will be exhibiting "Gallery Militaria" at Southfield Arts Council Festival '77 June 3, 4 and 5 outside the civic center. Numbered editions of military miniatures, cast in pewter and hand painted by the artist, will be shown.

"Each figure is detailed with life-like realism and historical accuracy," LeGreco said. "Within the edition, no two figures are exactly alike."

"The collecting urge stems from the very human characteristic of desiring the rare and unusual. This urge is most evident if the treasured object has been made by a skilled craftsman and represents luxury and riches."

Pieces from "Gallery Militaria" are appreciated by collectors throughout the world. They may be seen in London, Paris, Japan, Switzerland and Mexico and are featured at Detroit Institute of Arts.

LeGreco always had an interest in little toy soldiers. He started painting plastic miniature soldiers when he was a young boy.

EDUCATED AT Illinois State University where he received a degree in theatrical production. LeGreco went on to receive a masters degree in education from George Williams College.

In his senior year, he visited Britain Ltd., a famous display of military figures in London.

LeGreco, consultant to Adjutant General, State of Michigan and Commanding General, First Michigan Volunteers, Historic Fort Wayne, began his art career after graduating college.

From 1963 to 1972, he drove a truck while pursuing his hobby. He later began packaging his art works which have been sold throughout the United States.

LeGreco's figures include American Revolutionary, Napoleonic and American Civil War foot soldiers. The artist, who lives in Port Huron, devotes his time to the re-creation of history in his miniatures.

He has had exhibits of his works in Grosse Pointe, Algonac and St. Clair art fairs. Miniature soldiers by LeGreco are on display at Citadel Mall and Museum of Arts and History in Port Huron, Mt. Clemens Art Center, Historic Fort Wayne, Columbus Ohio Art Center, Chicago Merchandise Mart, Royal British Military Museum and American Consulates in Paris, France, Geneva, Switzerland and Monterrey, Mexico.

Traveling exhibitions are "Gallery Militaria of Port Huron" and "Waterloo." LeGreco has also given lectures on his pursuit in St. Clair County Community College.



W. PAUL LeGRECO