

Frequently Asked Questions About The Veterans Memorial



Who is behind this Memorial?

A group of interested citizens, including Maple Bluff veterans, have spent over two years planning the memorial. The committee is independent of the Village, however, contributions for the memorial are tax deductible when made payable to the Village of Maple Bluff. No Village funds are being used for the construction of the memorial. Upon completion the memorial will be donated to the Village of Maple Bluff.

What is the purpose of the Memorial

To honor our neighborhood citizens for the sacrifices they have made and to insure that **“they are not forgotten.”**

Where will it be located?

In Johnson Park west of the Gazebo on the small knoll. The approximate location of the site has been marked by a sign depicting the appearance of the memorial.

How many veterans have been identified?

To date we have identified 293 veterans.

What veteran’s names are included on the Memorial?

Any present, past or future veteran who has lived in Maple Bluff, before, during or after his or her service will be included. Their name, rank, service branch and dates of service will be included. Names will be etched on black granite panels. The special black granite comes from the Bangalore area of India near the quarry where the stone for the Vietnam Memorial was quarried.

Who do I contact to get a veterans name added to the Memorial?

Curt Erickson, Village of Maple Bluff Parks and Recreation Director at 244-3048. Or, email Curt at cerickson@villageofmaplebluff.com

What will it cost?

Approximately \$200,000. One third of the cost is for the black granite panels with the veterans’ names, one third for earthwork, concrete and stone work, and one third for electrical, landscaping, flag poles, benches, medallions, planters, etc.

How will it be funded?

Contributions from Maple Bluff residents and interested parties, plus \$10,000 of Bocce money raised by the Village Parks and Recreation Committee at previous Bocce Bash events. Contributions of any amount will be gladly accepted. Efforts are now under way to obtain major contributions from Village residents. Their contributions will be recognized in an appropriate manner commensurate with their gift.

For those who wish their contributions recognized on the walkway leading to the memorial, two donation levels include a stone paver. Contributions of \$250 or more include an 8” x 8” stone paver. Contributions of \$1,500 or more include a 16” x 16” inch stone paver. These bricks are for donor recognition and have space for four or eight lines of copy that can be used to recognize family members, events, important dates, etc.

THE NAMES OF ALL VETERANS ARE INCLUDED FREE ON THE BLACK GRANITE PANELS OF THE MEMORIAL.

When will the Memorial be built?

The committee wants all of its funding to be in place before starting construction. Once we have the donations needed to purchase the custom black granite panels, they will be ordered from abroad. Quarrying and shipping of black granite plus engraving of veterans names will take 4 to 6 months.

How do I make a contribution for the Veterans Memorial?

Contributions of any amount should be delivered or sent to the Village of Maple Bluff, 18 Oxford Place, Madison, WI 53704. Please add a note that the contribution is for the Maple Bluff Veterans Memorial. All contributions payable to the Village of Maple Bluff are tax deductible.

What if I have more questions?

Call any of the following Committee members who are Village Residents; Rick Apfel, Julie Cornelius, John Schmid, Sandra Thomas, and Ellis Waller or contact Curt Erickson at Village Center 244-3048.