



VETERANS MEMORIAL DEDICATION



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★ Capturing the Appreciation of a Grateful Community

The Westerville Veterans Memorial at the blends history, culture, art and recreation with the existing sports environment at the Westerville Sports Complex to create a new signature space to honor and celebrate those who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces.

The new Veterans Memorial is a piece of the Westerville Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces (PROS) master plan. More than 20 years ago, the plan was adopted (and renewed in 2014) as a strategic guide to develop, operate and maintain the community parks system. Included was a proposal to develop a space to centralize and strengthen how Westerville honors its veterans.

This project renews and replaces an existing, smaller memorial that sat in front of the Armory on South State Street, which once housed a medical infantry unit of the Ohio National Guard. It was relocated and now sits adjacent to the new memorial.

★ Program

Welcome	Mayor Diane Conley
Invocation	Reverend James Meacham
Posting of the Colors	VFW Color Guard
Pledge of Allegiance	Hanby Elementary Third Grade Class
National Anthem	WSHS Soundsation
Introductory Remarks	Mayor Diane Conley
Musical Selection	WSHS Soundsation
Foundation Remarks	Larry Jenkins
Principal Speaker	Major General Deborah Ashenhurst
21 Volley Salute	American Legion Rifle Squad
Playing of Taps	Dan Carey, bugle
Moment of Silence	
Retirement of the Colors	VFW Color Guard
Closing and Adjournment	Mayor Diane Conley

★ Westerville's Military History

Westerville's devotion to military men and women dates to the community's very roots – its original settlers were veterans of the American Revolutionary War. The service and sacrifice of hundreds of veterans dating back to the Civil and Spanish American wars are honored annually in our cemeteries.

A milestone in this legacy occurred on May 14, 1921, when the Ohio National Guard 134th Ambulance Company was organized and federally recognized. They were part of the 112th Medical Regiment, element of the 37th Division at Westerville. The Armory on South State Street. was dedicated in 1938 and supported military operations through 1997, when it was reorganized as Company C, 118th Area Support Medical Battalion. The C118 was deployed to Iraq in 2004, three years after the terrorist attacks of 9/11. In 2005, the Armory closed and the medical unit relocated to east Columbus.

Westerville's patriotic spirit is not just in physical structures, but in the community. During World War II, the Westerville Creamery Company produced 150 million cans of evaporated milk for U.S. troops, while Kilgore Manufacturing, which had provided distress signal flares for ships and planes, began manufacturing munitions. In that era, Uptown storefronts displayed framed photographs of deployed soldiers.

More recently, the Westerville community pays tribute to veterans and active military with special events – such as the Field of Heroes over Memorial Day Weekend, Veteran's Day Breakfast, military banners lining Uptown, and events to support special veteran causes. Since 2009, Westerville has supported the mission of Honor Flight enabling over 850 senior veterans to travel to Washington, D.C. to visit their memorials.

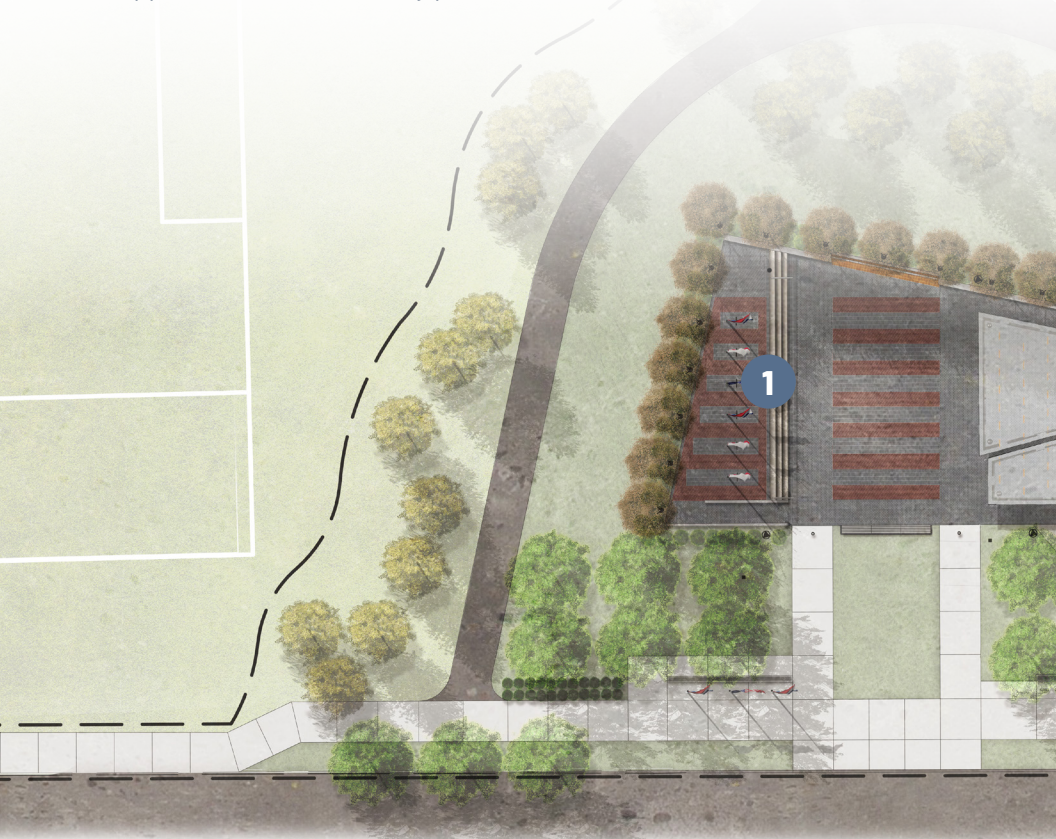


FIELD OF HEROES

★ About the Memorial

There's a journey an individual and their family take in service to the country they love. To honor that journey, the Westerville Veterans Memorial was guided by these principles:

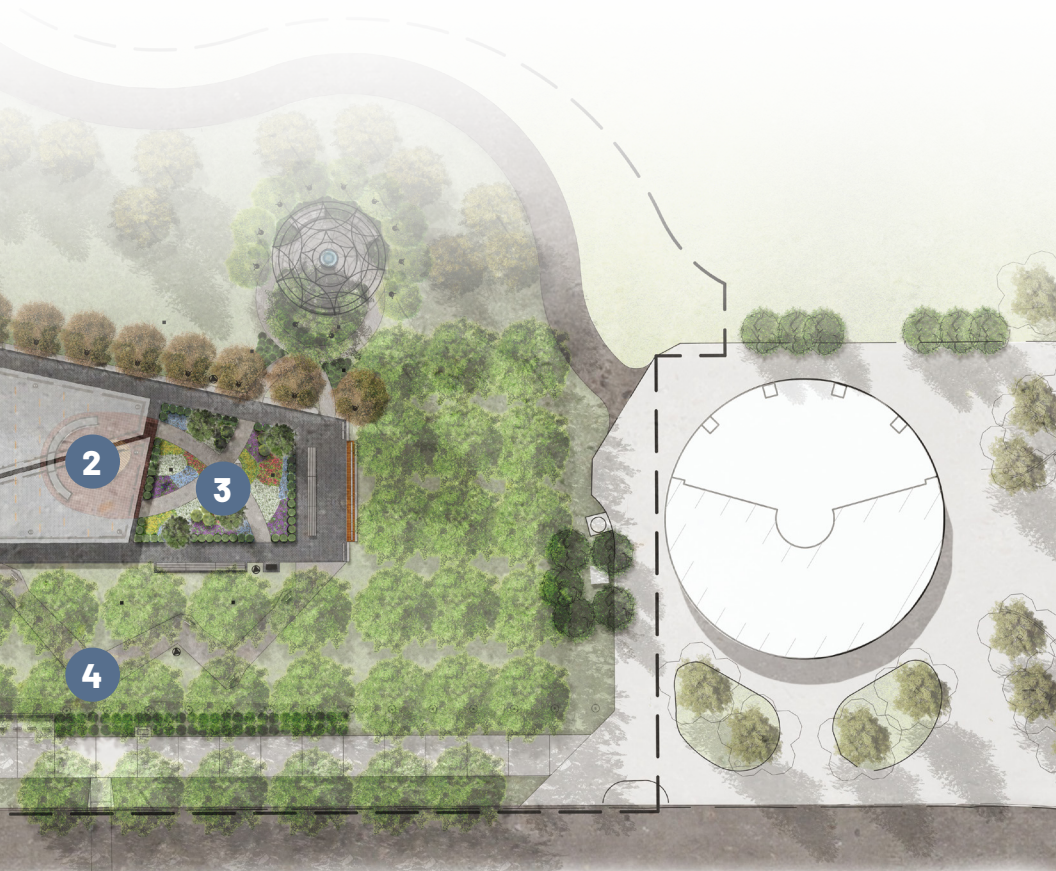
- ★ **Inclusive** | The Memorial will recognize all six branches of the United States military – U.S. Army, U.S. Navy, U.S. Air Force, U.S. Marines, the U.S. Coast Guard, and Space Force.
- ★ **Accessible** | The park will be completely accessible and age-friendly.
- ★ **Community-Based** | The park will meet the desires of the community, based on feedback from a stakeholder steering committee and public forums.
- ★ **Educational** | This site will educate future generations about the principles and sacrifices made by veterans and their families.
- ★ **Appreciative** | The site clearly demonstrates a sense of recognition and appreciation for all military personnel and their families.



The elements of the park are also intentional, and designed to elicit the emotions of a soldier's tour of service.

- 1 The Flag Plaza** | The same site annually hosts the Field of Heroes each Memorial Day weekend, where 3,000 American flags are installed to wave in unified appreciation of our military, veterans and other personal heroes. The flag plaza will be a permanent installation for the military branches.
- 2 Gratitude Pavilion** | One of the most compelling emotions expected to be elicited is gratitude. The Gratitude Pavilion will be a space to practice the "act" of gratitude as explained by Swiss poet and philosopher Henri Frédéric Amiel:

"Thankfulness is the beginning of gratitude. Gratitude is the completion of thankfulness. Thankfulness may consist merely of words. Gratitude is shown in acts."
- 3 Gold Star Gardens** | Beautiful landscaping across a series of solemn gardens honor the families who have suffered the ultimate sacrifice: the tragic loss of father/mother, son/daughter or brother/sister in service to his or her country.
- 4 The Journey** | A walkway through the life of a service member marked by five milestones starting with a Call to Duty and culminating with Transitions.





To Those who Helped us Honor Veterans

You are now part of a site that will stand as a beacon of peace and protection and symbol that true heroism lives forever. We thank you for your vision and support.

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American Legion Young-Budd Post 171

COURAGE \$10,000 - \$49,999

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Bob & Mary Coco

The Allan Ackerman Family

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Greg & Beth Scheumaker Family

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Rannell & Ronnie Witt

Stephen Lavelle & Gregory Gilkeson

Melissa & David Grimes

The Woodruff Family

LtCol Jennifer A. Hawkes, USMC, Ret.

LCDR, Stephen Sidebottom, Navy, Ret.

Kevin & Karen Rudolph, The Rudolph Family

Ron & Beth Kenreich

PO1 Charles E. Schleve, USNR

CW5-RET Lee Scott & MSG-RET Donna Scott

Kevin, Hillary, Jack, Morgan & Addison
DeWeese Family

Thomas D. Michael PV2, US Army

Bill Franks, Korea Veteran, US Army

TSgt Rick & Vickie Muse

Ed & Mary Lou Cush

CW4 George Cline - Cline Family

Bernie & Tina Reisinger

The Highfield & Stalnaker Families

Sgt. Matthew J. Biddulph Family

The VandeWalle Family

Frank Koenig, US Navy (1987-2008)

Ron & Ginny Haney

Chuck & Midge Krause

SK1 Henry E. Young & Family, USN

Jim Maxwell, US Navy Seabees

Jeffrey L. Glasgow, AT2 USN

Don Dopps USMC

Tim & Sandra Gose

Doug & Jamie Maze - REMAX Affiliates

SP3 Robert Harold Wraley and Family

E5 Michael W. Beckman Sr., U.S. Army (1966-1968)

William R. Havanex WWII USAAC

The Donald R. Lundy Family

The Cho Family

1st Lt James Cronin Brundrett, 23rd Infantry - Vietnam

Robert E. Tener, USAF (1964-1968)

Captain Thomas B. Hubbard Jr. & Romi Hubbard, U.S. Army

Dr. Scott and Sheila Ebbrecht

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The Bobb Family

Randy & Sharon Auler

SSG. Christopher A. Timbrook

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This project is also made possible by a grant from
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★ Gold Star Garden Recognition

The City thanks the Westerville Garden Club (WGC) for sponsoring the Gold Star Garden at the new Westerville Veterans Memorial. WGC members gave generously of their time and resources to this project, purchasing Gold Star Markers, trees, shrubs, perennials and flowering plants. In all, this dedicated group purchased and planted 700 plants for this new signature space.

Under the leadership of the National Garden Clubs, Inc., one of the central missions of the WGC is to stimulate community and civic beautification.

National Garden Clubs, Inc. has been honoring our Armed Forces for more than 70 years, beginning with the Blue Star Memorial program and the Gold Star Family program.

Gold Star Families is a non-profit organization created to provide support to those who have lost a loved one in service to our country through the United States Armed Forces. Their mission is to offer honor, hope and healing by remembering fallen heroes by coming together.

Find more information at www.westervilegardenclub.net.

★ The Westerville Military Banner Program

The Westerville Military Banner program recognizes the sons and daughters of Westerville who are currently serving or hold Veteran status from a branch of the U.S. Armed Forces (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Reserves and National Guard). The program will feature the individual's military photo on full-color, double-sided banners on light poles in Uptown Westerville along State Street, between Home and Walnut Streets.

Applicants may purchase a banner for \$130; reservations for space are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis beginning **January 9, 2023**. Part of the banner proceeds will support the Westerville Parks Foundation's work to help the City create and sustain parks, trails, public spaces and programs for future generations.



★ A rare opportunity; the Proposal

Nothing less than a landmark, the Westerville Veterans Memorial will be built for the generations ahead as a legacy to those who served.

Scan the QR code to donate via the Westerville Parks Foundation website until January 4, 2023.

