

VETERAN SUICIDE PREVENTION

The number of Veteran deaths by suicide exceeds 6,300 annually. 1.5 times the rate of non-veterans. That's 17-20 veterans every day. Suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death for 10-34 year-olds in the US.

Warning signs: Grief, anxiety, mood swings, hopelessness, sleep problems, giving away possessions, increased use of alcohol or drugs. Those with PTSD are more likely to have suicidal thoughts.

Prevention: Get out of the house, be it parks, malls, a library, anywhere in public, just so you're not alone. Talk to a friend or family member or someone who can get you through your feelings of hopelessness or desperation. Remember you can call 911 or the Veterans Crisis Line:

**Veterans
Crisis Line**



GRANT

The Park Association has received a grant from Thrivent to pay for the printing and mailing of this newsletter.

PARK PORTA POTTY

Recently we purchased a large handicapped Porta Potty from D&J's Portables in Wadena. They will continue to maintain it for us.

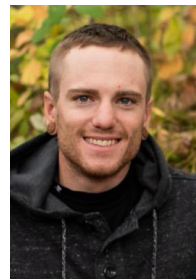
GRANITE PAVERS

Purchase a granite commemorative paver to honor your loved one for their service to the country.



WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBER

BRANDON STERRIKER



Brandon graduated from Staples Motley High School in 2012. He works for the DHC of Lakes Area as a carpenter and has volunteered with the Staples Fire Department for the past 6 years. Brandon and wife Paige have 2 sons.

Ziegler Golf Scramble

**June 26th
Vintage Golf Course**

Up to 18 teams (4 per team)
18 holes (golf carts are limited)
\$50/person

Includes a burger & chips and 2 drink tickets at the Clubhouse

(proceeds benefit the Veterans Park, Staples)
Registration call Greg Ziegler 320 630-4579



FUNERAL MEMORIALS

Designate your gift in honor of a Veteran or in memory of a loved one.



Staples All Veterans Park NEWSLETTER

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PARK SUPPORTERS DONATE OVER \$15,000

Due to the pandemic, we were not able to have our annual fundraiser at the Timbers Event Center this year. Instead, we sent out a letter requesting donations to over 500 Park supporters. The response was overwhelming with over \$15,000 in donations coming back to us. This equates to a 27% response which is considered tremendous. Donations ranged from \$5 to \$2000. Most were in the \$50 to \$100 range. We are blessed to have so many great Park supporters. If you still wish to give, send your donation to Staples Veterans Park, 425 4th St NE, Staples, MN 56479 or Call Huck Holst 218 296 2469. (all donations are deductible)



Jackie Stevens and Jamie Dambrogn from Elite Title & Escrow presenting a check for \$1,000 to Huck Holst

MEMORIAL DAY AT THE PARK



On Memorial Day we honor the men and women who died while in military service for our country. We reflect on their sacrifice that has allowed us to have the freedom that we enjoy today. Starting this year, the annual Memorial Day Celebration normally held at Evergreen Cemetery,

will be held at the All Veterans Park located at 820 US10 on Monday May 31st at 9am. Huck Holst will MC, Deb Otteson will sing the National Anthem, Pastor Barry Klien will deliver the invocation, Ray Gildow will be the guest speaker, and the Schimpp Family will be singing patriotic songs. The Motley American Legion Color Guard will conduct a 21-gun salute, followed by Taps.

The following Veterans who passed away in the last year will be honored:

Duff Brown

Jerry Okeefe

Eldon Morey

Bob Blake

Gordon Sampson

Doug Grossman

Donations are deductible.....The Staples All Veterans Park Assn is a 501c3 non-profit

FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION AT THE PARK - SEE PAGE 2 -

★ ★ ★ Fourth of July Celebration ★ ★ ★



The 4th of July celebration at the Veterans Park will begin at 12 pm. Jack Giza will be the guest speaker. Huck Holst will MC the event. Pastor Barry Klien will deliver the invocation, Deb Ottesen will sing the National Anthem. The Motley American Legion Color Guard will conduct a 21-gun salute followed by Taps. In addition the Schimpp Family will be singing patriot songs. Please bring lawn chairs and social distance. A brat feed will start after the ceremony with a free will donation. Dilly bars will be supplied courtesy of the Staples Dairy Queen.



Pvt. Jack Giza
Ft. Bliss, Tx.
July, 1956

Jack Giza to Speak at 4th of July Event

Sp3 Jack Giza Served at HQ 21st infantry Division Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Jack was a graduate of SHS (1951). He enlisted in the Army in 1956 and served till 1960. Worked as a draftsman at Honeywell and then hired as a drafting instructor at the Staples Area Vocational Tech School and retired in 1995.

12 commemorative granite pavers will be dedicated to honor the following veterans listed below:

PAVERS TO BE DEDICATED ON THE 4TH OF JULY

Pvt Walter C Brown	US Army WWII	Sgt Marvin Griffith	US Army 1954-1962
TSgt Roger R Brown	USAF WWII	E3 Earl Allee	USN 1971-1975
SP4 Walter I Brown	US Army Vietnam, Korea	1st Sgt Roger M Avery	US Army 1964-1995
PFC Theodore Pohl	US Army WWII	Sgt 1st Class Frank L Longworth	US Army Vietnam
Sgt Daniel Pohl	US Army 1978-81	Sgt William Taylor	USAF Vietnam
SSgt Brian Crampton	USAF Vietnam	Leonard P Olson	US Army WWII

(In case of rain, event will be held at Centennial Auditorium)



Raffle tickets available from Ziegler family and Veterans Park board members

Raffle drawings @ 3pm at Pine Grove Park pavilion

ZIEGLER 5K
RUN|WALK

August 7, 2021

Pine Grove Park

5K starts at 9am

Event proceeds go to the Staples Veterans Park

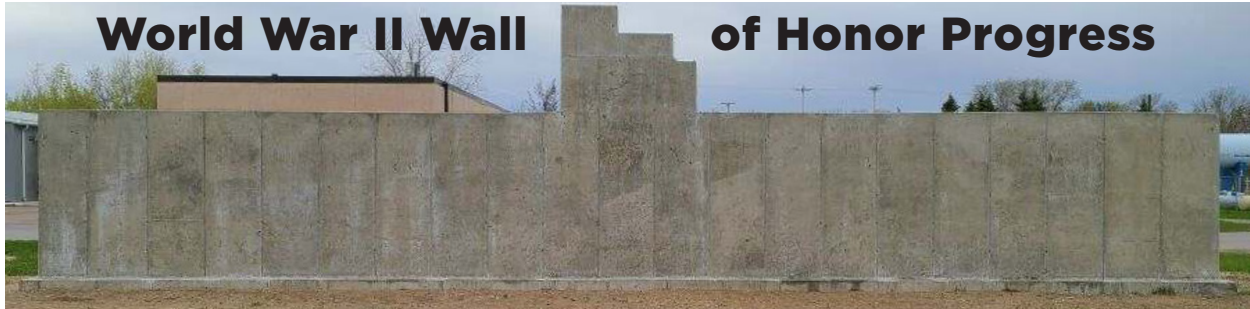
Call Jenna @ 218 296-1623 or
email zigfam5k@gmail.com
for registration



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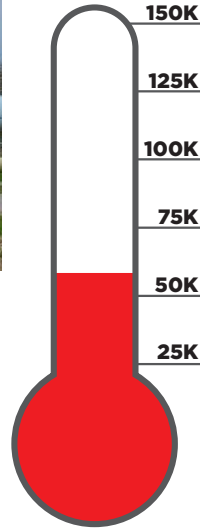
\$10 Raffles Tickets
Drawing at 3pm

Park Association Mission Statement - Working together to provide a park to honor and remember those Veterans and individuals who served and defended their nation and community so well. To offer an educational opportunity for all members of the community to learn more about those that have defended and served their country and community.



Last spring Busker Concrete poured the footings for the 44' wide wall. This spring they poured the interior concrete wall. In phase 2 the granite panels will be attached to this wall. The panels will contain the names of over 900 local veterans who served during

WWII. The Memorial will be the pride of our community as we honor those who answered the call to defend our freedom. It will be a tribute unmatched by any other in our State. Please help us get it done. **Funds collected thus far: \$57,000**



2021 PARK EVENTS

Memorial Day May 31, 9am
4th of July Event July 4, noon
Ziegler 5K Run/Walk. August 7, 9am
Railroad Days Parade August 14, 5pm
Veterans Day Event at SMHS. TBD



PARK PROJECTS

We are in need of donations to fund the following projects. Amounts collected so far:

WWII Wall of Honor	\$57,000
Civil War Tribute.	\$150
Korean War Tribute	\$410
WWI Tribute	\$450
Vietnam War Memorial	\$2,835
Learning Center Fund.	\$1,705
POW/MIA Tribute	\$3,394
Iraq/Afghanistan Memorial	\$100
Anchor moving expense	\$200
Veterans side walk trail	\$6,000
Lawn Tractor purchase	\$575

Ship Anchor coming to Park

The Holst family has purchased a ship anchor to be displayed in the Park. We are currently arranging transport of the 3 ton anchor from Oregon to Staples.



Park Board Members

Bob Hamann	President	218-296-0677
Huck Holst	Vice President	218-296-2469
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Milt Peterson	Director	218-251-1420
Brandon Sterriker	Director	218-296-1707

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★ **WEBSITE:** www.staplesmnveteranspark.org

Please make checks payable to:

STAPLES
ALL VETERANS
& Community Park Association