Staples All Veterans Park Newsletter

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.*

PARK PROJECTS

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

WWII Wall of Honor	$18,365
Civil War Tribute	$25
Korean War Tribute	$35
WWI Tribute	$25
Vietnam War Tribute	$150
Learning Center Fund	$2,125
Veterans side walk trail	$3,900

By sponsoring a tribute, you can be involved in its design and creation.

USED FLAGS FOR SALE

Used 5'x8' branch of service flags can be purchased for $10 each. Used 20x30' US flags are $100. Call Bob Hamann at 218 296-0677.

PARK WISH LIST

Ships Anchor
Ships Bell
Ships Wheel
Learning Center
Commercial lawn mower

Williams Floral and Katherine Williams with her grandkids for creating a patriotic arrangement of flowers at the Park

D&J Septic and Portables for supplying portables restrooms

Rita Stone and Rose Hoemberg for donating to the Flag Fund and all those who carried the Flag in the Railroad Days Parade.

2019 EVENTS AT THE PARK

Lions Par 3 Challenge	May 31st
Paver Dedication	July 4th
Ziegler Family 5K Run/Walk	August 10th
Railroad Days Parade	August 24th
Paver Dedication at SMHS	November 11th
Christmas Luminaire	December

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ANNUAL FUNDRAISER RAISES $12,450

The annual fundraiser was held at the Timbers Event Center. This year's event was very successful, thanks to park supporters and the following sponsors; **Lakeland Dental, Mills Motors, Lakewood Health Systems and JDM Machining**. The proceeds from this year's event, ($12,450) will go directly to building the World War II Wall of Honor.

Auctioneer Gary Schimp

WW II "WALL of HONOR" starts this year

The original wood sign was located on the corner of 1st avenue and 4th street during the War. The sign had over 900 names of men and women who served World War II. At the center was a neon lit US flag. The new sign, made of granite is expected to cost over $90,000. The sign will be built in three phases; first the concrete interior and foundation, then the engraved panels and finally the lighted flag and back side of the monument. So far we have $18,300 donated towards the project.

AT VETERANS PARK - 10AM

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PARK ASSN and ZIEGLER FAMILY to co-sponsor 5K WALK/RUN

The 3rd annual event to honor Jeff and Rich Ziegler and all those who served in the US Armed Forces will take place at Pine Grove Park on August 10th from 9am to 2pm. All proceeds go to the Staples Veterans Park. The Kids fun run starts at 9am followed immediately by the 5K walk/run at 9:30am. Concessions and awards to follow after the last participant of the 5K walk/run has crossed the line. Contact Jenna Jobe to register Zigfam5k@gmail.com or 218 296-1623.

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JACK RENGEL TO SPEAK AT THE 4TH OF JULY EVENT

Jack was born and raised in Staples, graduated in 1964, received a BA from St Cloud State and was drafted into the US Army in 1969. He attended Vietnamese Language School, then was attached to 101st Airborne as a POW Interrogator with I Corps near the DMZ. After Grad School he lived and worked in California in Sales and Management positions. After retiring, purchased the family home to spend the summers here. Presently working part-time at the Vintage.

The July 4th festivitities at the park start at 10am, Huck Holst will MC the event. Refreshments and brats will be available. Commemorative granite pavers will be dedicated for the following veterans:

Specialist 4th Class Thomas Larson US Army 1972-1975

Sergeant Michael Snook Us Army, 44th Signal Corps 1966-1969

Specialist 4th Class Leo F Olson US Army 1964-1967

Yeoman 1st Class Virgil D Bredemeier Navy 1942-1946 WWII

At 101st ABN near Hue 1970

STILL CRUSIN CAR CLUB DONATES $11,366 TO THE WWII HONOR WALL

Pictured left to right are Veterans Park Vice President Huck Holst and President Bob Hamann then Still Crusin Club President Russ Jenkins and Vice President Doug Case.

HISTORY OF THE VIETNAM WALL

58,267 names of U.S. fatalities are engraved on polished black granite of the Vietnam Memorial Wall.

- There are three sets of fathers and sons on the wall
- The largest age group, 33,108 were just 18 years old
- 997 soldiers were killed on their 1st day and 1,448 on what would been their last day.
- 244 were awarded the Medal of Honor, 153 of them are on the wall.
- The most casualty deaths for single month was May 1968 - 2,415.

The names on the wall are never forgotten. We honor and remember their sacrifice. “There are no noble wars, just noble warriors”

WAYS to GIVE

GRANITE PAVERS

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

DONATIONS to the PARK

Contributions to the Park tribute such as WWI, WWII, Korean, Vietnam, or Civil War.

PURCHASE A PARK FLAG

Purchase a 20’ x 30’ US Flag or a branch of service flag.

WILL or TRUST

Can be used to designate funds or valuables for your estate at end of life. It is wise to seek the advice of legal counsel.

GRANITE BENCH

Honor a veteran, an organization or your High School Class.

LIFE INSURANCE

If you no longer need life insurance, you could keep your policy and name the Park as the beneficiary.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFER

You could gift your home and continue to live there the rest of your life.

STOCKS, BONDS, MUTUAL FUNDS or IRAs

Any of these funds can be contributed if owned more than one year.

FUNERAL MEMORIALS

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

***** Donate an auction item ***** Become a Sponsor ***** Donate land, a car or a boat *****

CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITIES

A plan that pays you a fixed income for life. At the end the remainder would go to the Park as you designate.

CHARITABLE LEAD TRUST

Payments go to the Park now, with remaining assets eventually going to the family members.

CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUST

A flexible plan that allows you to choose multiple beneficiaries and how payments are calculated. The remainder goes to the Park

Please seek the help of a professional planner or funds advisor and seek legal advice when setting up a trust:
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