Staples All Veterans Park
NEWSLETTER
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PARK FUNDRAISER RAISES OVER $13,000

Veterans attending fundraiser held at Timbers on March 12 included, front row, left to right: Huck Holst, Dave Burnham, Jack Wilson, Bob Hamann, Frank Williams, Al Evans, Mike Fitcher, Craig England, Chuck Holst, Alan Larrimore, Ed Perry, name unknown, John Hanson. Back: Ken Klose, Mark Holper, Ray Garland, Gary Mueller, Bruce Nelsen, Bob Reeck, Jack Giza, Mark Hansen, Dan Shaw, Tom Michalson, Mike Heier, Jim Vollegraaf, Mickey Daniels, Greg Frisk, Gary Schimpp, John Gorton, unknown, Marty Etzler, Mel Daniels, Alison Larrimore, Rolie Penfield, Tom Good, Jerry Joslin, Milt Peterson, Bruce Berg, (not all names available. Dennis Thomson was there not identified). *(Notice only one vet is not looking at the camera.)*

Jack Wilson & Bev Nelsen

Don Flaten, John & Sally Gorton

Nathan Thelen singing the National Anthem

Angie Ziegler promoting the 5K Run/Walk

FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

The 4th of July celebration at the Veterans Park will be a little different this year as we will be required to adhere to social distancing guidelines. Attendees are also welcome to park along Hwy 10/210 and watch. Veteran Tom Ladwig will be the guest speaker. Huck Holst will MC the event which will start at 11 am. Deb Otteson will sing the National Anthem, a Color Guard will conduct a 21 gun salute followed by Taps. Please bring lawn chairs and your face mask. Dilly bars will be supplied at the end, courtesy of the Staples Dairy Queen. Six commemorative granite pavers will be dedicated to honor the following Veterans:

Private Kenneth P Reger, US Army 1952-1954 Korean War

Airman 2nd Class Vernon L Johnson, US Air Force 1954-1962

Sergeant E5 Terry Farber, US Army 1967-1969 Vietnam

Sergeant Michael J Snook, US Army, 44th Signal Bn 1966-1969

E5 Michael Wilhelmson, US Army 9th Infantry Div 1969-1970 Vietnam

Sergeant Glen D Wentworth, US Air Force 1969-1972 Vietnam

Two commemorative granite benches will also be dedicated. The Rach bench dedicated to memory of Herman and Martha by the Rach family, and a bench for the American Legion IVAN SARFF Post 70 and Auxiliary established in 1919. In addition we will honor the 10 fallen Veterans who passed away in the last year: (see back page).

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

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.*

2020 PARK EVENTS

Memorial Day	Canceled
4th of July Event	July 4th
Ziegler 5K Run/Walk	Canceled
Railroad Days Parade	Canceled
Veterans Day Event at SMHS	November 11th

FALLEN VETERANS IN THE LAST YEAR

Normally these Veterans are honored at the annual Memorial Day celebration. Below is a list of Veterans who have passed away in the last year.

John Strom
Ronald Lovelace
Ivan Voeltz
Bryon Haskin
Bruce Woodworth
Glen Wentworth
Steven Tevik
Glen Larson
James Adamietz
Lorraine Gadway
Dave Hasselberg

MEMORIAL DONATION

The family of recently passed Mae B Jenkins (age 99) has elected to direct $450 in her memory to the WWII Wall of Honor at the Park.

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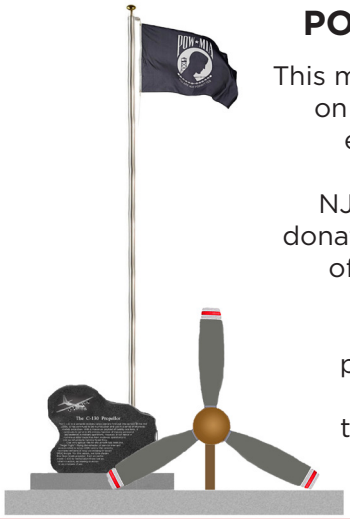
CREDIT CARDS NOW ACCEPTED

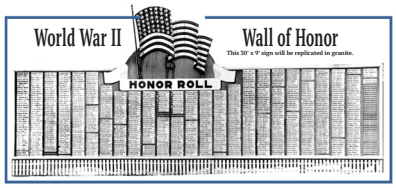
All major credit cards are now accepted through PayPal on our website. Just follow instructions to fill out the order form online.

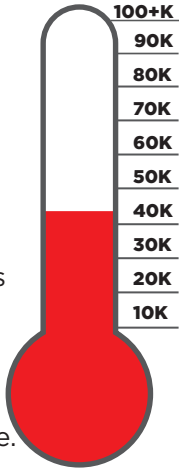


POW/MIA MONUMENT

This memorial will be positioned on the north side of the Park, east of the Park sign. It will consist of the repurposed NJPA granite sign which was donated to the Park by the City of Staples obtained through Sourcewell. The Memorial incorporates an 11' high propeller from an Air Force C-130 cargo plane. Also there will be a 30' flag pole with a POW/MIA flag.

WORLD WAR II WALL OF HONOR





Progress continues as we get closer to our fundraising goal needed to complete the project. Our plan is to start the concrete base and footings this year. The Memorial will be the pride of Staples 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: $43,283

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	$43,283
Civil War Tribute	$100
Korean War Tribute	$185
WWI Tribute	$75
Vietnam War Tribute	$1,675
Learning Center Fund	$1,700
POW/MIA Tribute	$3,500
Veterans side walk trail	$6,000

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DONATIONS TO THE PARK

In the last 6 months $3,960 was donated to the Park. Donations ranged from $10 to $575.

VETERANS SIDEWALK TRAIL

The Staples All Veterans and Community Park Association Is trying to improve the method of reaching the Park, either by bicycle or walking. We are helping the City to add a Sidewalk/Trail from 6th Street NE to 8th Street NE creating better access to the Park. Currently people walk out on Hwy 210/10 with walkers to get from the stoplights to the sidewalk/trail already within the Park. Our goal is to raise $18,000. We have $5,500 in grants and $500 from the Park Assn. If you can help, please contact Bob Hamann at 218-296-0677.