The Veterans Memorial in Parkville, Missouri

Honoring the 5 Armed Services
The Veterans Memorial will be located at item number five according to the 2016 Parkville Parks Master Plan.

During Phase three of the Master Plan process, a public open house was held as well as an online survey open to the public to provide input on what they would like to see in the riverfront parks.

What we heard from the open house participants is that the second most important amenity to be implemented in the parks is a Veteran’s Memorial.
Purpose of the Veterans Memorial

Honor—“a privilege” Most Veterans consider a high privilege to have served our nation. So as we honor and thank them for their service, let us recognize that they considered their service a privilege.
It becomes our privilege to honor the servicemen and women represented by this monument and memorial.
Honor also eludes to “fulfilling an obligation”. Since our veterans fulfilled and are continuing to fulfill their obligations, this memorial and monument serves to satisfy our obligation to them. Although only partially, as we owe them all we can provide to them.

Recognition—“appreciation or acclaim for an achievement, service, or ability” saying our veterans deserve acclaim for their achievements is one of the great understatements of our time. Our very existence as a nation has depended upon our armed services.
This memorial and monument echoes the deep appreciation of our community to these service men and women.

Reflection—“serious thought or consideration” This memorial and monument will hopefully provide a place of solace for the veterans and relatives to reflect on service and duty of those we honor. It will be a place of thought, consideration, and reflection here in downtown Parkville. This will provide us with a serious way to permanently enshrine the memory of our heroes in our collective minds.

Remember—“convey greetings from one person to another” How we remember is important. How we memorialize our veterans is critical. This memorial and monument will provide a permanent and positive habitat to enshrine in our memory, the lives of our veterans.
Memories are essential in a free society. Again, this perpetual memorial will endure through the ages to assure that we will not forget.
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Design Process

• In November of 2017, the Veterans Committee asked the community to submit ideas for the design of the Veterans memorial.
  • Six designs were submitted

• Over the first weekend in December, members of the public were asked to vote on their favorite design.
  • An online survey was done as well as a public voting area located in the American Legion.

• From the results of the survey, the committee reviewed the top three winners and worked with the top designer to create a design that would encompass all of the most voted on features.
Fundraising Efforts

Parkville Veterans Memorial 5k/10k

The Parkville Veterans Memorial Run is a 5k and 10k Run and Pancake Breakfast to raise funds and support to build the Parkville Veterans Memorial. The event is brought to you by The Parkville YMCA and the American Legion Post 318. Join us Sunday September 10th and show your support!

This Run will become an annual event to support the Memorial.

Current efforts include direct solicitation of local and area wide businesses, veterans groups and other organizations that support veterans causes. In addition, many events will be planned to support the fundraising drives.
Donation Levels

• **Zinc Partner:** $100
  - Zinc Partner will include 2 memorial bricks to acknowledge related veterans, access to meet and greet at events held.

• **Copper Partner:** $500
  - Copper Partner will include 5 memorial bricks to acknowledge related veterans and access to meet and greet at events held.

• **Bronze Partner:** $1,000
  - Bronze Partner will include 5 memorial bricks to acknowledge related veterans, recognition on PVM website and Facebook page, collateral, social media, and signage; access to meet and greet at events held.

• **Silver Partner:** $2,500
  - Silver Partner will include 5 memorial bricks to acknowledge related veterans, recognition on PVM website and Facebook page, collateral, social media, and signage; access to meet and greet at events held; interaction with program leadership and military heroes.

• **Gold Partner:** $5,000
  - Gold Partner will include a permanent spot on the Sponsorship Granite Monument, 10 memorial bricks to acknowledge related veterans, recognition on PVM website and Facebook page, collateral, social media and signage; access to meet and greet at events held and opportunity to recognized at the groundbreaking and ribbon cutting events; interaction with program leadership and military heroes.

• **Platinum Partner:** $10,000
  - Platinum Partner will include a permanent spot on the Sponsorship Granite Monument, 10 memorial bricks to acknowledge related veterans, recognition on PVM website and Facebook page, collateral, social media, and signage; access to meet and greet at events held and opportunity to speak at the groundbreaking and ribbon cutting events; interaction with program leadership and military heroes.

• **Presenting Partner:** $25,000
  - Presenting Partner will include a permanent spot on the Sponsorship Granite Monument, 15 memorial bricks to acknowledge related veterans, recognition on PVM website and Facebook page, collateral, social media, and signage; access to meet and greet at events held and opportunity to speak at the groundbreaking and ribbon cutting events; interaction with program leadership and military heroes.
How to donate

• If you wish to donate to the Veterans Monument, you may fill out the brochure or go online to our website at: parkvillemo.gov/veterans-memorial-donation/

• You may also donate through the:
  - VFW Parkville Post 7356
    10125 MO-45, Parkville, MO 64152
  - American Legion Post 318
    11 Main Street, Parkville MO 64152
  - Patriot Outreach
The Parkville Veterans Monument and Memorial

Thank you so much for all your support of the Veterans Memorial