

HONORING THE SERVICE AND SACRIFICE OF VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

MEMORIAL PARK HISTORY

Located in the Historic Arlington Neighborhood at Fremont and Chestnut just west of the library and museum, Memorial Park is the oldest park in Arlington Heights and the only park dedicated exclusively to honoring the service and sacrifice of veterans and their families.

The land for Memorial Park was first donated to the village by Civil War veteran Dr. John Best in 1883. The site now holds several monuments and hosts the village's annual Memorial Day ceremony.

PHASE 1: RENEWAL

In early 2007 a volunteer group of local veterans and residents came together to begin planning and raising funds to modernize the park into a living history of our nation along with all veterans and serving military personnel.

On Veterans Day weekend, 2008, the revitalized Memorial Park celebrated its 125th Anniversary with a rededication ceremony to recognize the successful completion of Phase I renovations with new walkways, landscaping and Central Plaza.

PHASE 2: HONOR VETERANS

That ceremony also marked the start of fundraising efforts for Phase II renovations, including:

- **A Set of 15 Markers** listing conflicts from the Civil War to the current conflicts overseas in which Arlington Heights veterans have served. *These markers were installed in 2009 thanks to a generous donation by Arlington Park Racetrack.*
- **Lighting Features** to enhance the park grounds
- And, the commissioning of the bronze sculpture "Eternal Flame" by artist and resident Fran Volz

Phase II fundraising is ongoing. Please see the donor info to the right for ideas on how you can memorialize the veterans in your life.

Major Donors Are Being Sought to Help Fund The "Eternal Flame" Sculpture for the Central Plaza.

If you are interested in being a part of this permanent sculpture dedicated to Arlington Heights' veterans contact Committee Chair Greg Padovani at 847.932.9113.



Honor and Remember Any Veteran or Current Military Personnel...

Please use the order form on the back for your contributions.

Engraved Commemorative Bricks



4x8 BRICK ★ \$100 (\$75 for a keepsake replica)
ANY U.S. VETERAN OR CURRENT MILITARY PERSONNEL

4x8 BRICK ★ \$150 (\$75 for a keepsake replica)
NON-MILITARY INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES OR OTHERS

8x8 BRICK ★ \$500 (\$200 for a keepsake replica)
ANY U.S. VETERAN OR CURRENT MILITARY PERSONNEL OR FAMILIES, BUSINESSES, CIVIC GROUPS OR OTHERS

Engraved paver bricks honoring veterans will be placed in the central plaza on a first-come, first-served basis. To receive the veteran discount, veteran status must be included in brick text.

Bricks from civilians will be placed in the east or west entrances or the west picnic area as space permits.

You may also anonymously donate \$100 to dedicate a brick to a deceased Arlington Heights veteran (to be named by the American Legion and VFW.)

Mounted Plaques



6x9 PLAQUE ★ \$2,000
FAMILIES, BUSINESSES, CIVIC GROUPS OR OTHERS

Commemorative plaques will be mounted on the west or east entrance seating walls.

Commemorative Benches ★ \$5,000
"SOLD OUT." THANK YOU BENCH SPONSORS!



Major Sponsorships

SCULPTURE SPONSOR ★ **LIGHTING SPONSOR**
BUSINESSES, CIVIC GROUPS, FAMILIES OR OTHERS

Donors interested in helping sponsor the "Eternal Flame" sculpture or the park's lighting features are encouraged to contact Committee Chair Greg Padovani at 847.932.9113.

Get More Information Online...

Click the Drive to Revive Memorial Park logo at www.ahpd.org.

See a video on the history of Memorial Park and veterans from Arlington Heights. Go to www.vah.com/video and choose the Memorial Park link.

