

## Press Release

### Committee hires architect for veterans memorial

The Northwestern Lehigh Veterans Memorial Committee, at their public meeting on January 22, approved a contract with Brown Design Corp. of Allentown, to design the Veterans Memorial in Ontelaunee Park. Chris Brown, who designed the development of Ontelaunee Park since it was purchased by Lynn Township in May of 2000, is donating all of his time as the principal design consultant. All of the fees in the proposal will cover the cost of his staff.

Chris Brown, a former Marine, said his first client after opening his Land Architects business was Lynn Township to design the new layout for Ontelaunee Park. He said he has a personal connection with the memorial both as a veteran and with the park itself.

The NWLVMC has been meeting since September 2018 to build a Veterans Memorial that will honor all residents of the four Townships in the Northwestern Lehigh School District; Heidleberg, Lowhill, Lynn and Weisenberg, who served from the Revolutionary War to the present, with provisions to add future Veterans names.

Chris Brown took the committee's original drawing for the design concept and offered four options to consider. The artist rendering below is the concept the committee chose to develop and refine over the next few months. All funding for the \$300,000 budgeted design and construction costs, That will include an estimated 3000 names of Veterans from the four Townships, will be solicited from private and corporate donors. To date, the committee has 1425 Veterans in their data base for the memorial. The deadline for submitting names to be included is July 4th, 2020. Names can be submitted, at no cost, through the memorial website <https://nwlehighvetsmemorial.org>

