

Northwestern Lehigh Veterans Memorial Update

The Memorial Committee would like to update our progress and reaffirm our commitment to build the beautiful, lasting memorial pictured on the reverse, to honor our area veterans who have served, and who are still serving, to preserve the freedoms we enjoy. After experiencing some setbacks to both our schedule and budget due to Covid-19, we believe we are now back on track with the design, the procurement of materials and construction services, and our fundraising efforts.

Please visit our website <https://nwlehighvetismemorial.org> to continue to stay informed of the most updated information -- including pictures of construction progress, our current fundraising status, and a list of veterans' names that have been collected to date to ensure your loved ones are included.

CONSTRUCTION TIMELINE & DEDICATION DATE -- MEMORIAL DAY 2022

Lost time due to Covid-19 restrictions has required us to re-schedule the dedication of the memorial by six months, from Veterans Day, 2021 to Memorial Day 2022. The granite quarry in Vermont (our supplier the memorial panels and some of the paving material) was affected by shutdowns and labor shortages putting delivery for this summer out of reach. Other contractor schedules and workloads were also affected by Covid-19, causing similar backlogs and making them unable, as well, to meet the construction timing for a November completion. Our revised spring dedication ceremony will also allow for tree planting and landscape seeding to take root, which will complete the memorial setting.

FINAL DESIGN

Although the Committee had to limit meeting attendance and distancing during Covid-19, we still managed to work with our Architect, Construction Manager and material suppliers to complete the details of the memorial design and construction drawings. Veteran's names continued to be solicited through the website and visits to cemeteries and churches. We now have a total of 2425 names to be engraved on the granite panels. Additionally, a beautiful four-foot bronze, swooping eagle was purchased to majestically greet visitors at the entrance to the memorial.

BUDGET & COST INCREASE

As a result of COVID-19, we are all seeing increased prices for food, gas, and most other items we routinely purchase. Increased prices have also affected our budget for the construction materials needed in the memorial. Our revised budget, after receiving firm pricing for construction materials and services, has now risen to \$385,000, a 28% increase over our original \$300,000 estimated budget.

FUNDRAISING STATUS

Our fundraising currently stands at \$181,000, which is almost half of our budget requirement. Our Souvenir Booklet and Program Committee is currently compiling ads for a patriotic Dedication Ceremony and beautiful keepsake Booklet to commemorate the memorial history, from design through construction. It will honor all of our veterans and recognize all of the donors who contributed to the memorial project. Please contact Dave Keller at 610-769-1948 if you would like to place an ad in the Souvenir Booklet or have any questions about donations. Call Donald Christ for information about how to sponsor one of the trees surrounding the memorial.

PLEASE DONATE

Please help us meet our financial requirements to keep this significant memorial project on schedule with a donation in honor of our Military Veterans who served to keep us safe and free.

Mail checks to: Lynn Township Office, 7911 Kings Highway, New Tripoli, PA 18066

Visit our website to donate with a credit card: <https://nwlehighvetismemorial.org>



Architects' final rendition of the Memorial design with granite pavers, twenty-one-foot white star eleven six-foot tall granite panels for engraving the names of up to 3100 Veterans.



A beautiful majestic bronze eagle purchased for the entrance of the memorial will greet visitors and stand as a sentry over the site.



Construction progress on June 22, 2021 shows stone base and concrete bases for the eleven six-foot-high granite panels and fence pillars.