

## “Name the Eagle” Contest



The “Eagle” -- set on a pedestal at the entrance to the Memorial -- represents our symbolic Sentinel perched to watch over those who have served our Country, and it also serves to welcome all those who visit the Memorial.

Northwestern Lehigh School District sponsored a “Name the Eagle” contest for those students in 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades.

In total, 81 names were submitted from both the Northwestern and Weisenberg Elementary Schools to the Northwestern Lehigh Veterans Memorial Committee for consideration.

The following submissions were judged by the Committee to be the top entries:

**First Place:** “Freedom” – from both Mrs. O’Neil’s 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Class (Weisenberg) -- and -- from Harper Slaski (5<sup>th</sup> Grade – Northwestern)

**Second Place:** “Guardian of the Ontelaunee” – from Caleb Bayda (4<sup>th</sup> Grade – Northwestern)

**Third Place (Tie):** “H.O.P.E. (Honorable Ontelaunee Park Eagle)” – from Chase Kerschner (5<sup>th</sup> Grade – Northwestern) – and --

“The Freedom Eagle” – from Leslie Velazquez (3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – Weisenberg)

The NWL Veterans Memorial Committee was immensely impressed with the thought, ingenuity, and research that went into all of the individual name submissions, and is delighted to recognize: “**Freedom**” from both Mrs. O’Neil’s 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Class (Weisenberg) and Harper Slaski (5<sup>th</sup> Grade Northwestern) as the winning entry.

The Committee sincerely thanks all those students who participated in the “Name the Eagle” contest. Each of the finalists will receive appropriate recognition and prizes, and the winning name “**FREEDOM**” will be engraved on the granite base where the Eagle will be perched.