

FIRST TO RING PARK BELL



3-year-old Roy Sterriker is the first to ring our train engine bell, which was recently purchased from Liquor Depot. An anonymous donor provided half the funds needed to buy the bell. A family member will ring the bell as each veteran paver is dedicated at all July 4th dedications. This new tradition started last 4th of July with 15 veteran

pavers being dedicated. A bell tower is being planned. This bell is from a Northern Pacific Makado 2-8-2 steam locomotive. It is about 100 years old.



PARK PROJECTS

We are in need of donations to fund the following projects. Amounts collected so far:

WWII Wall of Honor	\$67,000
Civil War Tribute.	\$150
Korean War Tribute	\$1,290
WWI Tribute	\$450
Vietnam War Memorial	\$3,093
Learning Center Fund.	\$1,705
POW/MIA Tribute	\$3,394
Iraq/Afghanistan Memorial.	\$100
Anchor expense	\$900
Veterans side walk trail	\$6,000
Lawn Tractor purchase	\$1,150

BENCH DEDICATION
STAPLES HOST LIONS/93 LIONS CLUB BENCH



Dedication
Nov. 11th, 2021
SMHS

FUNDRAISING BANQUET

The annual fundraising banquet will be held at Timbers Event Center on March 17, 2022. **Mark your calendar.** Of course scheduling this event is always dependent upon edicts and proclamations issued by our Governor.



On Veterans Day we acknowledge the contribution made by our military veterans and thank them for their dedication and loyal service to the nation. We celebrate and honor them for their patriotism, love of country and willingness to make sacrifices for us. **The program starts at 10 am on November 11th in the SMHS gym.** Also, all Veterans are invited to a special breakfast at the Elementary school at 9:00 am. The Veterans Park paver dedications will honor 13 local veterans.



PAVERS TO BE DEDICATED ON VETERANS DAY

SP4 Kim C Waln.	US Army 1973-1975
Staff SGT Elroy A Jasmer.	US Air Force 1948-1953
SGT Jeffrey L Fuller.	US Army Vietnam 1970-1971
Corporal Thomas E Bergs	USN Vietnam 1967-1970
Major Gregory Deering.	MNARGNG DIR 2007
SSG David L Fuller.	Army National Guard 1971-1991
Corporal Melvin E Bergs.	US Army WWII 1945-1946
S2 Melvin A Fuller	US Navy WWII 1945-1946
SP5 L Daniel Wilhelmson.	US Army Vietnam 1961-1967
SP4 Thomas M Hoemberg	US Army Germany 1972-1974
2nd Class Radarman Douglas M Bergs	USMC Vietnam 1965-1970
SGT George H Swenson Sr	US Army WWI 1918-1919
DC2 George H Swenson Jr	US Navy Korea 1951-1955

RETIRED SECRET SERVICE AGENT
WES BUDKE TO SPEAK

Wes grew up in Minnesota and graduated from Osseo High, was a sergeant with the Minnesota Highway Patrol, providing security of governor Wendell Anderson. He worked as a Secret Service agent from 1976 to 2002, providing security for 6 different presidents, traveling to 53 different countries. He managed and taught at the Secret Service Training Center and oversaw the training of agents and officers. In 2002 he became a supervisor of Federal Air Marshalls for 5 years and then took a position with the Transportation Security Administration. Wes is circled below.

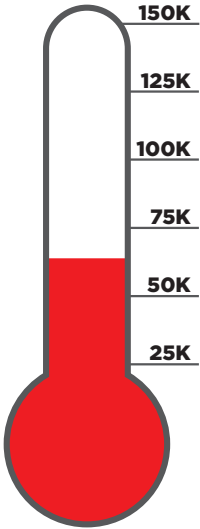


World War II Wall of Honor Progress



This memorial honors over 900 men and women from the local area who served our country during World War II. The next phase will involve engraving the names on granite panels. This is the grandest tribute we've ever attempted.

More funds are needed and you can help us get it done. Funds collected thus far: \$67,000



Jack Giza & MC Huck Holst



4th of July 2021



Motley American Legion Color Guard



Gary Timbs & Schimpp Family



Tristan Jenkins & Phil Miller



Pulled pork meal & DQ dilly bars

REMEMBER, ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

Our debt to the heroic and valiant men and women in the service of our country can never be repaid. They have earned our undying gratitude. America will never forget their sacrifice.

ZIEGLER 5K EVENT RAISES \$8,500 FOR VETERANS PARK

At this year's annual 5K event held August 7th at Pine Grove Park, the Ziegler family presented a check to the Staples All Veterans Park for \$8,500. Funds came from the 5K run/walk, a bean bag tournament and a raffle. \$1,000 of the funds came from the 17 team Golf Scramble held June 26th at the Vintage Golf Course. Another scramble is being planned for next summer.



Jenna Jobe, Kevin Jenkins, Bob Hamann



PATRIOTS CARRY US FLAG IN RAILROAD DAYS PARADE



11 members of Minnesota Adult and Teen Challenge were up front leading the group and helping carry the US Flag in the Railroad Days parade. The flag is 30'x60' and 30 handles.

MINNESOTA TEEN CHALLENGE



MNTC is a faith based rehab and recovery center which helps individuals gain freedom from addictions by addressing their physical, emotional and spiritual needs MNTC is located in Brainerd, MN.

You can donate your IRA RMD (Required Minimum Distributing) directly to the Vietnam Park (a 501c3 non profit) Talk to your investment specialist about it.