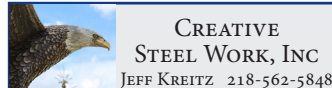
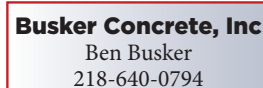
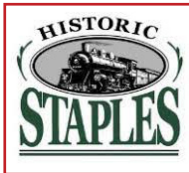


Park Association Mission Statement - Working together to provide a park to honor and remember those Veterans and individuals who served and defended their nation and community so well. To offer an educational opportunity for all members of the community to learn more about those that have defended and served their country and community.

Thank You for Honoring all Veterans



Schimpp Family

Zeigler Family

SCHMITZ PORTABLE RENTALS

Park Volunteers

Chuck Gillespie	Graeme Badger
Tristan Jenkins	Dennis & Rayma Miller
Thomas Bergs Jr	Phil Miller
Jlm Vollegraaf	Jan & Roddy Sams
Mark Blessing	Wayne Berry & Family

We appreciate your help

Major Donors to the Park

Rose Hoernberg	Ken Klose
Steve Nelson	Martin Nelson
Cecil Johnson	Bob & Gina Schaefer
Dan Shaw	Gary & Karen Carpenter
Rita Stone	Huck & Marilyn Holst
	Charlie & Kathy Crews

Thank you for your support

PARK PROJECTS

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

WWII Wall of Honor	\$80,000
Civil War Tribute	\$250
Korean War Tribute	\$1,465
WWI Tribute	\$705
Vietnam War Memorial	\$4,103
Learning Center Fund	\$1,755
POW/MIA Tribute	\$4,144
Iraq/Afghanistan Memorial	\$1,775
Ship Anchor	\$1,516
Veterans side walk trail	\$6,000
Lawn Tractor purchase	\$2,150
Granite Podium	\$1,500
Bell Tower	\$3,116

Park Board Members

Bob Hamann	President	218-296-0677
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We meet the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 5:30pm at Timbers Restaurant.

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VETERANS DAY REMEMBER ALL WHO SERVED

Program November 11th, 9:30am SMHS Gym

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 9:30 am on November 11th in the SMHS gym. Also, all Veterans and spouses are invited to a special breakfast at the Elementary school at 8:30 am. The Veterans Park paver dedications will honor local veterans. All are welcomed. (Pavers are listed on Page 2)



PARK SUPPORTERS DONATE OVER \$17,000

Thanks to all of our great Park supporters for contributing over \$17,000 during our Spring/Summer fundraising drive, surpassing last year's total. We've also taken orders for over 40 pavers and 3 benches this year. These bench orders are for:

- Huck Holst and family
- Ziegler Family
- Gregory and David Deering

AERIAL VIEW OF FLAG CARRIED IN RAILROAD DAYS PARADE



This is a great view from above showing our 30' x 60' flag being carried through town during the August 20 Railroad Days parade. In the picture above, ahead of the flag, you will see the American Legion trailer with Honored Veterans and the Color Guard.

In the picture below are patriots who carried the flag in the parade. 16 came from Minnesota Adult & Teen Challenge to help along with many Rotarians and Park Board Members.



Flag carriers assembled next to the Trinity Lutheran church prior to the start of the parade

MAY WE NEVER FORGET THAT FREEDOM ISN'T FREE!

★ ★ ★ ★ Veterans Day Event ★ ★ ★ ★



**FRANK
ODELL
TO SPEAK
AT
VETERANS
DAY EVENT**

Frank-grew up in Willmar, achieved a BA at UofM Morris and then attained a Master's in Education at Hamline University. Frank taught English, Theatre, and Speech for 30 years in Staples. He was the head competitive speech coach. He retired from teaching in 1999. Frank is active in the Lions, the Lutheran Church and Toastmasters.

He spearheaded the task of organizing 3 Honor Flight Trips “Veterans to Washington DC” in 2008, 2011 and 2012, The Staples Host Lions raised funds and escorted 3 groups of Veterans (for free) to view their memorials in Washington DC.

His Veterans Day talk is titled:
“I Nominate Abraham Lincoln”.



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

At this year’s annual 5K event held August 13th 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, raffle, and a golf scramble held in June at the Vintage Golf Course. Thank you, Ziegler Family for being one of the greatest donors to the park.



Bob Hamann, Jenna Zeigler Jobe, Kevin Jenkins

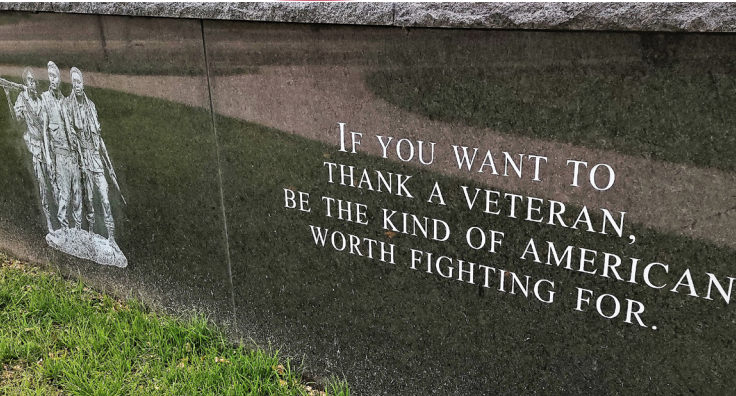
**PAVERS TO BE DEDICATED ON
VETERANS DAY**

- SPC-3 Rollance Gode Jr. US Army 1954-1956
- CPL Lloyd J Hoemberg US Army Korea 1951- 1954
- SP4 Rodney Anderson. US Army Natl Guard 1964-1970
- SP-ES Bruce R Johnson. US Army Korea 1961-1964
- SP-ES Richard A Johnson US Army Korea 1961-1964
- SP4 Ralph A Morehouse US Army 1969-1972
- MSG Rodger D Pruitt US Army+ ARNG 1982-2012
- SP3 Russell E Dague US Army 1954-1956
- Sr Master SGT Mark Joseph Holper . . . US Air Force 1969-1990
- Tech Sgt J. Holper-Rusmussen . . MN +WY Air Guard 1995-2008
- CPL Kenneth H Cleveland USMC WWII 1942-1945
- E4 Jerome K Cleveland Sr. US Army 1969-1970
- GM2 Adam R Nurnberger US Navy 2015-2019
- CPL Derek Nurnberger USMC 2009-2013
- SP4 Clarence Schoon. US Army 1959-1965
- SGT Kevin Olmschenk US Army Vietnam 1968-1969

DEERING BROTHERS BENCH DEDICATION



★ ★ ★ ★ Granite Wall Engravings ★ ★ ★ ★



The engraving on the left is from a picture of the bronze statue “The Three Servicemen” on the National Mall in Washington DC. It remains a powerful tribute honoring Vietnam veterans.



The engraving on the right is from a picture of the Vietnam Women’s Memorial, which commemorates the 265,000 women that served and risked their lives in the Vietnam War. The depiction shows three nurses caring for a fallen soldier.



Ben Busker smoothing cement to prepare for new paver areas.



Veteran Milt Peterson preparing area for pavers.



Pavers installed.

★ ★ **RAY MARTIN BENCH** ★ ★



HAPPY VETERANS DAY

“This Veterans Day, I believe we should do more than sing the praises of the bravery and patriotism that our veterans have embodied in the past. We should take this opportunity to re-evaluate how we are treating our veterans in the present.”

Nick Lampson

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**WALL OF HONOR
TOPS \$80,000**

The names of approximately 900 veterans will appear on this tribute engraved in granite. This is our largest project and we need your support to complete it. Please donate

