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.



Pictured above is Paul Manemann, Dan Shaw, Paulette Manemann and Donna Shaw.

### **2022 PARK EVENTS**

Memorial Day May 30, 10am
4th of July EventMon July 4, 11am
Ziegler 5K Run/Walk August 13, 9am
Railroad Days Parade August 20, 10am
Veterans Day Event SMHS November 11, 10am

### Dan Shaw presented with the Quilt of Valor

At a recent Park Board meeting, Dan Shaw was presented the Quilt of Valor for life time achievement. Paulette Manemann, with Ripple River Quilt Guild said, "We honor and respect your dedication, sacrifices and the commitments you have made to us, the United States of America. You were there for us - no matter what role you played, either big or small, every one of you were a necessary cog in our great military. So, because of you we have a free, safe and great nation." Dan served in the U.S. Air Force from July 1969 to May 1973 and was in Vietnam from May 1972 to May 1973.

### MINNESOTA TEEN CHALLENGE



MNTC again this year, will assist in carrying the flag in the RR days parade. The parade will start at 10am, coming up 4th Street to 3rd

Adult & Teen Challenge Ave. and down 5th Street

## PARK PROJECTS

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

WWII Wall of Honor	\$75,000
Civil War Tribute	\$200
Korean War Tribute	\$1,290
WWI Tribute	\$540
Vietnam War Memorial	\$3,393
Learning Center Fund	\$1,705
POW/MIA Tribute	\$3,644
Iraq/Afghanistan Memorial	\$100
Ship Anchor	\$1,150
Veterans side walk trail	\$6,000
Lawn Tractor purchase	\$2,150
Granite Podium	\$1,500
Bell Tower	\$2,750

### **Park Board Members**

Bob Hamann	President	218-296-0677
Huck Holst	Vice President	218-296-2469
Kevin Jenkins	Secretary	218-820-2081
Char Daniels	Treasurer	218-894-3716
Mel Daniels	Director	218-894-3716
Mark Holper	Director	651-353-7631
Ken Klose	Director	218 894-2958
Penny Nelsen	Director	218-820-1919
Milt Peterson	Director	218-251-1420
Dan Shaw	Director	218-296-0228
Brandon Sterriker	Director	218-296-1707
We meet the 3ra	Wednesday o	f every month

at 5:30pm at Timbers Restaurant.





Again, this Memorial Day we honor the men and women who died while in military service for our country. We reflect on their sacrifice that has allowed us to have the freedom that we enjoy today. The Memorial Day event will be held at the Staples All Veterans Park located at 820 US Hwy 10 on Monday, May 30th, at 10am. Huck Holst will MC, Deb Otteson will sing the National Anthem, Pastor Barry Klein will deliver the Invocation, Ken Klose will be the guest speaker, and Brian Sterriker will be providing patriotic music. The Motley American Legion Color Guard will conduct a 21-gun salute, followed by Taps. Staples Dairy Queen will be providing Dilly Bars.

## WE HONOR THE FOLLOWING VETERANS WHO PASSED AWAY IN THE LAST YEAR:

Pete Bartczak Bernard Dahlvang Jerry Faulk Douglas Grossman Allen Haugen **Raymond Martin** Gary Schimpp

Dianna Smith has donated \$2.000 to the Veterans Park towards the purchase of the Steam Engine Locomotive Bell. She wants to recognize the railroad for its contribution to the City of Staples and the memory of her husband, Will, an Army Veteran and engineer for the Burlington Northern.

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### Diana Smith donated \$2,000 towards bell



# MAY WE NEVER FORGET THAT FREEDOM ISN'T FREE.



The 4th of July celebration at the Veterans Park will begin at 11 am, guest speaker to be determined, Huck Holst will MC the event. Deb Otteson will sing the National Anthem. The Motley American Legion Color Guard will conduct a 21-gun solute followed by Taps. Please bring lawn chairs. A brat feed provided by the Staples Host Lions will start after the ceremony with a free will donation. All proceeds going to the All Veterans Park.

## 4TH OF JULY PAVERS TO BE DEDICATED

SFC Class Ronald C. ManningUS Army Korea 1989
Sgt Robert E. Manning US Army Air Force Korea 1989
Sgt Gordon C DezellUS Army Korea 1951-1953
AMS3 Freddie R. Huebner US Navy 1956-1959
Cpl Robert A. Nurnberger USMC 1980-1984

SPC-E5 Daniel J. Hirschey.... US Army Vietnam 1965-1967 SFC Timothy Larson.....US Army Desert Storm 1971-1991 Tec 4 George E. Dahlin ..... US Army WWII 1941-1946 EM2 Richard A. Anderson ..... US Navy WWII 1942-1945

Gunnery Sgt Scot Nurnberger. ..... USMC Beriut/Panama 1979-1999 Cpl John K. McFedries ..... US Army WWII 1943-1945, Korea 1947-1952



**Darren Holst** has donated labor and materials to refortify the banner sign at the All Veterans Park.



has awarded us a \$2500 grant for the construction of the Steam Locomotive Bell Tower in the Veterans Park.



Volunteers are needed to help with Park events, such as Memorial Day, 4th of July and the Ziegler 5K walk/run. Contact any board member.

**Tower Pizza donates \$500** to the Veterans Park.



**DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE** (IRS rules apply)

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.

# PARK SUPPORTERS DONATE \$13,000

This year, Thanks to your generous support, we've received \$13,000 in donations for park projects. It's not too late to make your donation. Send to 425 4th Street, Staples, MN 56479

### The WWII Wall of Honor Memorial will honor the 900 men and women who

served during WWII. So far we've raised \$75,000, thank you for your support!

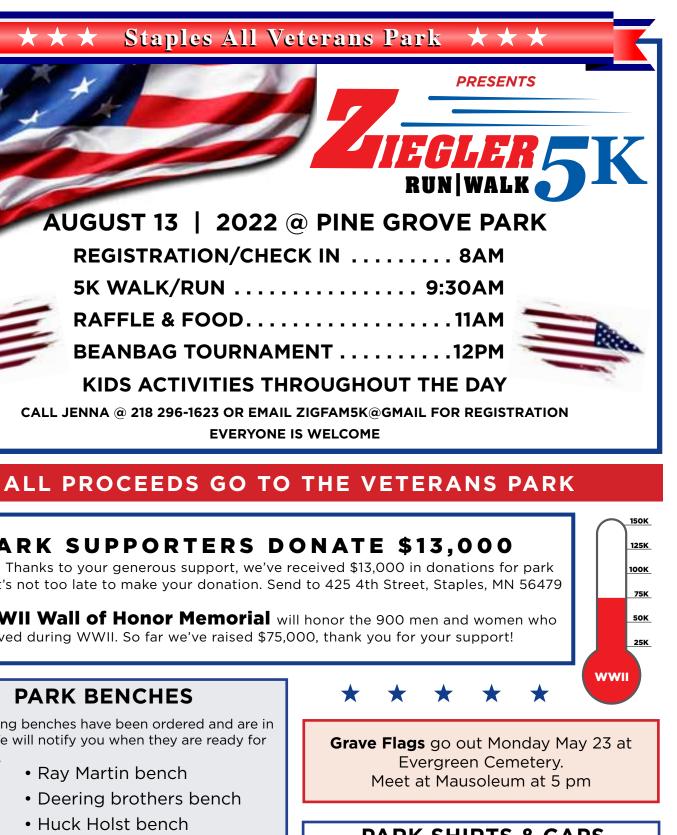
# PARK BENCHES

The following benches have been ordered and are in process. We will notify you when they are ready for dedication.

- Ray Martin bench
- Deering brothers bench
- Huck Holst bench

Beware the cost of a bench is on the rise, therefore, prices will be going up.





# **PARK SHIRTS & CAPS** FOR SALE



\$15 each T-Shirts come in Medium, Large and X-Large

Choose gray or blue

Caps also come in gray or blue