

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 SHOULD NEVER FORGET THEIR SACRIFICE.

JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL

4th OF JULY

CELEBRATION

TUESDAY

JULY 4

11 AM

BBQ RIBS & BRATS
BAKED BEANS
COLE SLAW ROLLS
BEVERAGE
DQ DILLY BAR
FREE WILL OFFERING
BEAN BAG TOSS



STAPLES ALL VETERANS PARK

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.

2023 PARK EVENTS	
Memorial Day	May 29, 10am
4th of July Event	July 4, 11am
Railroad Days Parade.....	August 19, 10am
Veterans Day Event at SMHS	November 10, 10am

RMD

REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTION

At age 73 the IRS requires you to start making withdrawals from your tax deferred accounts, such as IRAs and 401K plans. RMD can be donated directly to non-profit 501c3 like the Staples Veterans Park Tax Free.

PARK PROJECTS	
We are in need of donations to fund the following projects. Amounts collected so far:	
WWII Wall of Honor	\$86,000
Civil War Tribute	\$300
Korean War Tribute	\$1,610
WWI Tribute	\$1,005
Vietnam War Memorial	\$5,743
Learning Center Fund	\$1,755
POW/MIA Tribute	\$4,144
Iraq/Afghanistan Memorial	\$1,900
Ship Anchor	\$1,516
Lawn Tractor purchase	\$2,150
Granite Podium	\$1,500
Bell Tower	\$3,116
Sound System	\$1,100

Park Board Members		
Bob Hamann	President	218-296-0677
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Brandon Sterriker	Director	218-296-1707
We meet the 3rd Wednesday of every month, 5:30pm at Timbers Restaurant		



Staples All Veterans Park

NEWSLETTER

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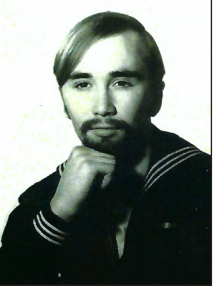


Again, this Memorial Day we honor the men and women who died while in military service for our country. We reflect on their sacrifice that has allowed us to have the freedom that we enjoy today. The Memorial Day event will be held at the Staples All Veterans Park located at 820 US Hwy 10 on Monday, May 29th at 10am. Huck Holst will MC, Deb Otteson will sing the National Anthem, Pastor Barry Klein will deliver the invocation. Veteran Wayne Berry will be the guest speaker, "I am a Veteran, Veterans Past and Now," Brian Sterriker will be providing patriotic music. The Motley American Legion Color Guard will conduct a 21-gun salute followed by Taps. Staples DQ will supply Dilly Bars. Please bring your lawn chairs.

WE HONOR THE FOLLOWING VETERANS WHO PASSED AWAY SINCE LAST MEMORIAL DAY	
Marvin Feaks	Del Lindgren
Robert Lee	Edwin Perry
Jack Rengel	Raleigh Gode
Roger Peterson	Gary Mertens
Robert Smith	Robert Lovelace
Robert Cheney	Roger Goble
Dale Holub	Harold Tholl

WAYNE BERRY TO SPEAK ON MEMORIAL DAY

His talk is titled "I am a Veteran, Veterans Past and Now." Wayne was drafted into the Navy in 1969 and discharged in 1973. His reserve commitment continued until 1976. Wayne served in the Pacific aboard the U.S.S. Ticonderoga (CVS-14), an Anti-Submarine Aircraft Carrier as an Engineer Boiler Technician. He later worked at Saucier & Sons, Egan Cos and Harris Mechanical. He then retired as President of APi Supply Lifts after 23 years. In 2020 he and his wife moved to Staples. Wayne and his family have been actively involved in volunteering at the Veterans Park.



BELL TOWER PROGRESS



Metal sculptor Jeff Kreitz is designing and building the tower. Jeff is the artist that created the steel eagle for the Park. The bell tower will house our 100+ year old bell from a NP steam locomotive. The tower design will emphasize our railroad history and the Railroad-Military linkage during WWII. We have raised over \$3,000 thus far and have applied for the grant. Please help us get this is done.

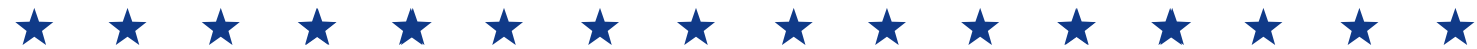
This is a mock-up representation of the plan.



4th of July Celebration



The 4th of July celebration at the Veterans Park will begin at 11am. Dr Ryan Kroll to be the guest speaker. Huck Holst will MC the event. Pastor TBD will deliver the invocation. Katie Zeigler will sing the National Anthem. The Motley American Legion Color Guard will conduct a 21-gun salute followed by Taps. There will be a rib & brat BBQ feast following the program. (In case of rain, the event will be held at Centennial Auditorium)



ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE 4TH



Gary and Dawn Timbs



Katie Zeigler



Joan Batcher Rhymers



Brian Sterriker & Emilyann Dueck



Tristan Jenkins



Free Will Offering



Motley American Legion Color Guard



Bean Bag Toss

DR RYAN KROLL TO SPEAK AT 4TH OF JULY EVENT



While growing up Dr Kroll dreamed of serving in the military and attended the Citadel to pursue that dream. Due to surgeries and a bad heart valve, he was kept out of the military. He then pursued engineering to design and build prosthetics. He realized then that he wanted to serve as a physician. Dr. Kroll grew up in Cocoran, Mn and received his medical education in South Carolina. He did his residency at the U of M Duluth. As a physician Dr Kroll cares for patients in emergency, clinic and OB.

He and his wife Renee, have 5 children. They love the outdoors, gardening, hunting, fishing, sports and fitness. He enjoys playing the piano and watching the Vikings. His talk is about Patriotism.

“Home of the FREE because of the BRAVE”



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

FOR MEMORIAL DAY & 4TH OF JULY EVENTS

SUPPORTERS DONATE OVER \$13,000

So far this year, we've received over \$13,000 in donations for Park projects. Thank you for your generous support!

••••• ITS NOT TOO LATE TO MAKE A DONATION •••••

Send it to 425 4th street NE, Staples, MN 56479

We now accept credit cards



\$2,000 CHS & LEAF RIVER AG SERVICES GRANTS



The Park has received a grant through CHS's Community Giving Program to local rural communities for qualifying Projects. These grants are designated for the WWII Wall of Honor. Leaf River Ag Services is located in Wadena.



\$3,000 DONATION

Rose Hoemberg's son Jerry and daughter Patricia recently toured the Park, being impressed with our progress they decided to donate \$2,000 to the WWII Memorial and \$1,000 to the Flag fund.



Grave Flags go out Monday May 22nd

At Evergreen Cemetery
Meet at the Mausoleum on 4th Street by 5pm

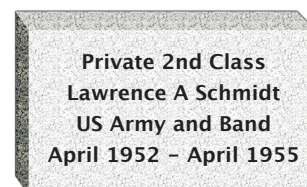
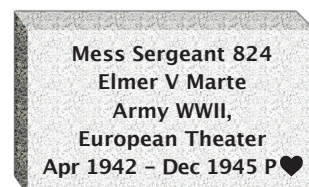
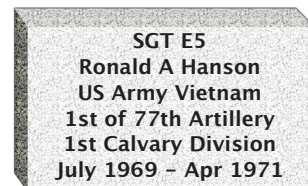
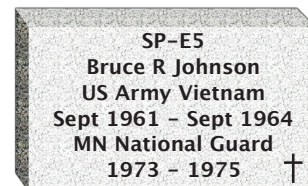
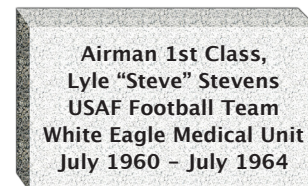
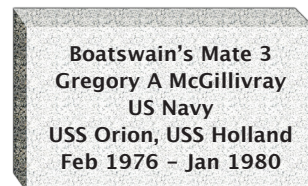


GRANITE PODIUM

This summer, Northland Monument will install a new granite podium on the upper level next to the stairway. A public address system will be housed in the podium and be used for Park events.

PLEASE TELL US
If you have changed your name, address, phone number, email address, etc.

PAVERS TO BE DEDICATED ON THE 4TH OF JULY



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORTING 2023 PARK EVENTS

Spot Cafe
Staples Dairy Queen
Katie Zeigler
Deb Otteson
Brian Sterriker
Joan Batcher Rhymers

Staples Bakery
Staples True Value
Gary & Dawn Timbs
Wayne Berry
Emilyann Dueck
Tristan Jenkins

Staples Host Lions
Barry Klein
Dr Ryan Kroll
Motley American Legion Color Guard

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