

## Dunn County Veterans Memorial

Dedicated to the military veterans of Dunn County, men and women, who served their country in military engagements and support capacities. Many sacrificed their lives; many suffered lifelong disabilities. All are hereby remembered with gratitude.

This monument symbolizes the global participation of Dunn County veterans. They fought on every continent, every ocean, every air space. From the Civil War to the present the men and women of Dunn County have served their country with valor.

Those veterans who have gone before us, and those who have yet to serve, symbolize our continuing desire to pursue the hopes and spirit of a free people in a peaceful world.



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**In Recognition of Those Who  
Have Served Our Country**

## History of the Dunn County Veterans Memorial

In the mid-1990s the historic Second Street corridor was developed as a walking, biking, and driving route from Crescent Street to Main Street. When the streets were rebuilt, a central plaza was integrated into the pedestrian walkway at the northern end of the corridor. In 1998, community advocate Wesley Schulz met with Gerald Talen to discuss the idea of a veterans memorial. The plaza, which contained a circular concrete pad surrounded by brick in a herringbone pattern, was selected as the location for the veterans memorial.

The Veterans Memorial Committee of Main Street of Menomonie selected a stainless steel globe as the centerpiece to symbolize the worldwide participation of service veterans. To personalize the memorial, inscribed bricks were offered to donors who wished to honor individual veterans or support the memorial.

Although originally established to honor Dunn County Veterans, it was later decided that veterans need not be from Dunn County, nor must they have been involved in any war. The memorial was designated as *Dunn County's way of honoring men and women who had served their country in the military*. Some of the bricks were purchased by veterans themselves and many others by relatives and friends. In a broader sense, the memorial bricks have become Dunn County's Memorial to Veterans.

## Living Memorial for the Future

When the memorial was first dedicated, it was decided to have the Dunn County Veterans Memorial be a living memorial. Annually the Community Foundation of Dunn County offers the opportunity to have bricks inscribed with the names of people that have served in the armed forces.

This annual program began on Flag Day, June 14, 2000 when over 300 bricks were dedicated and the monument unveiled. The Dunn County Veterans Memorial Committee of Main Street of Menomonie, Inc. is responsible for the memorial and programs relating to it. The Community Foundation of Dunn County coordinates the brick program and manages the Dunn County Veterans Memorial Endowment Fund, which was established to maintain the memorial area.

A donation of \$250 or more received before February 1st purchases one brick inscribed with a maximum of 57 letters, numerals or spaces. The brick will be added to the walkway by Flag Day the following June.

To purchase a brick or make a donation to the endowment fund, please contact the Community Foundation at (715) 232-8019 or mail the attached donation form to: **Community Foundation of Dunn County, P.O. Box 498, Menomonie, WI 54751**