

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 brick 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 (now Downtown Menomonie, Inc) 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 as 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 Downtown 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 Fund, which was established to maintain the memorial area.

A donation of \$250 or more received before February 1st each year 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 Dunn County Veterans Memorial Fund, please contact the Community Foundation at 715-232-8019 or mail the donation form below to:
The Community Foundation of Dunn County, P.O. Box 498, Menomonie, WI 54751.

Veterans Memorial Brick Donation Form

In the spaces below, write in up to 57 letters, numerals and spaces that you want inscribed on the brick. **PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY.**

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Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

For an inscribed brick, I have enclosed the amount of: \$ _____

I wish to donate to the Dunn County Veterans Memorial Endowment: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: The Community Foundation of Dunn County
In the memo line: Veterans Memorial

Mail to:
The Community Foundation of Dunn County
800 Wilson Ave, Suite 235
Menomonie WI 54751