

PFC Geoffrey Morris Memorial Foundation

Support and Remembrance for "Those Who Have Borne The Battle"



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Heroes of Freedom Memorial



The people of Gurnee have set aside a 1.6-acre site located where the former Village of Gurnee police station stood at 4580 Old Grand Avenue as the site for a future Heroes of Freedom Memorial. A special public ceremony took place on Sunday, April 3rd, that officially dedicated the site for the *Heroes of Freedom Memorial*. The ceremony featured Lieutenant Governor Pat Quinn as the keynote speaker. The ceremony began with a Marine color guard presenting the Colors. An echo version of taps was played at the conclusion.



The Heroes of Freedom Memorial is dedicated to all men and women that have honorably served or lost their lives for our country in the Iraq and Afghanistan campaigns in the War on Terror. Three Gurnee families have been intimately affected by these recent and ongoing campaigns:



Kirk and Vickie Morris,
whose son, Geoffrey
Morris-USMC, 2/4
WPNS - 04 April 2004
- IRAQ -



Joani Neal whose son
Spc. Wesley Wells-US
Army, 20 Sept 2004 -
Afghanistan



Janet and Dan Maher
whose son, Sean Maher-
USMC, 1/3 WPNS
02 Feb 2005 - IRAQ

These families know personally the heavy cost that our Freedom and Liberties extol, and have banded together to help in the construction of the Memorial, along with a talented Committee made up of former

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Village of Gurnee Mayor Don Rudny, former Village Trustee Barb Thoma, Dan Robison Architect, Ron Adams of Pearson Brown Engineering, Cindy Seng sculptor, Village Trustee Ray Damijonaitis, Village Engineer David Ziegler, LtCol USMC Fritz Mielke, and two of Sean Maher and Geoff Morris's contemporaries Jacob Patrick and Jennifer Morris.



Cindy Seng has been commissioned by the Committee to produce three bronzes, symbolic of the three fallen sons from Gurnee but representative of all the fallen heroes defending America

A water fall feature surrounds the monument on three sides to give solitude and semblance of privacy.



Adopt-A-Brick; walkway to monument will be 4"x 8" pavers; one brick per Fallen Hero placed

chronologically. Interlaced will be 8" x 8" and 12" x 12" markers indicating strategic milestones and significant events in our Countries current struggle to keep terrorists at bay.



Funding will come from private sources No Public Monies are expected or requested. That means Fund Raisers and support from local businesses. Current efforts include:

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10 September 2005 - The Patriots Festival at Waukegan Harbor from 1:00 to 11:00pm

- 55 S Harbor Place Waukegan Harbor
- Booth location selling wrist bands, magnets, and beach balls

07 October 2005 - Heroes of Freedom Golf Outing

- Midlane Country Club, 4555 West Yorkhouse Rd, Wadsworth, IL 60083
- Flyer Available
- 18 Hole - Best Ball Scramble, Tee time 8:00 a.m
- Corporate Sponsorships available
- Prizes, 50/50, Raffles & Silent Auction

10 October 2005 – Wounded Heroes and Heroes of Freedom

Crash for Freedom see flyer
Pits open 3pm, first derby 7pm
Call (847) 707-4188, For information & rules.

23 October 2005 - Heroes of Freedom Poker Run

Bike Run from Fatmans in Gurnee
First bike leaves 0900 Last bike leaves 1030
All Bikes back to Fatman's by 1600.
Raffle Prizes, 1st & 2nd Place cash prizes

05 November 2005 Dinner Roast of Jim McMahon

Impact Players, Heroes of Freedom and Wounded Heroes Event
Hilton Towers, Chicago IL
16 Wounded Heroes and their families will be coming to Chicago for a week of RR
\$500 per place setting for VIP, \$250 per place setting for regular seating
More to come on this event.

Other fund raiser options will include; Donkey Basketball, 3 on 3 Basketball tournament, sale of scale models of the future bronze sculpture currently in design, donation boxes are also distributed at various locations around Gurnee. Commitments for in kind donations of labor and materials are also more than welcome.

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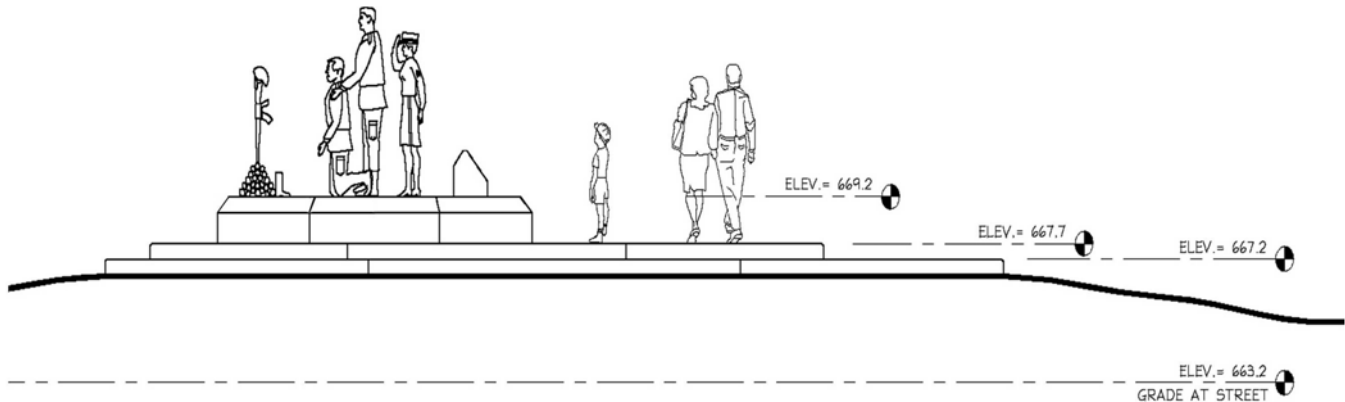
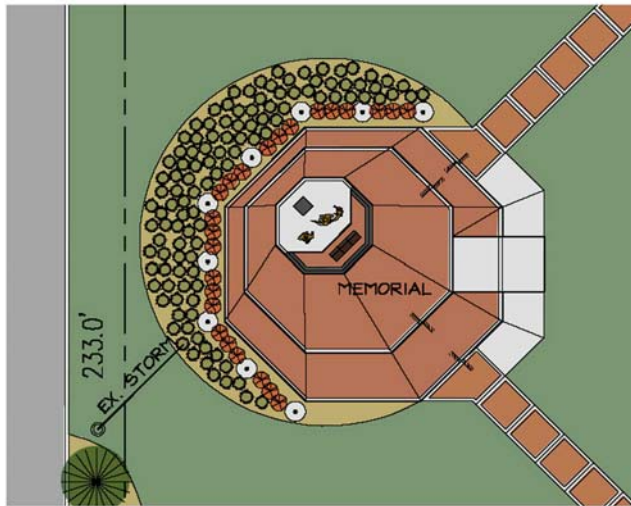


HEROES OF FREEDOM MEMORIAL

4580 OLD GRAND AVENUE

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To facilitate information and current updates a website is under construction at www.gsmtournament.com. In the mean time any questions can be directed to Kirk Morris at 847.263.4188 or 847.373.1668. Or any one of the Committee Members listed above



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