

A VIEW OF THE FALLS

Office of the Mayor - Richard B. Milne

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Dear residents,

The Village of Honeoye Falls in conjunction with an enthusiastic group of local veterans and residential volunteers has been working diligently on developing plans for a Village of Honeoye Falls Veterans Memorial. The attached conceptual drawing shows a completed memorial (concept plan) that will be completed in phases. This is a project that is long overdue in my opinion and I am honored to be a part of the group that is bringing this to a reality. Honoring our local veterans from the past and the future and showing them in some way that we are thankful for their service and that we remember all they have given and will give in the future is important to our community.

Today, you can see the initial development of Phase #1 at the Village Cemetery on North Main Street. The flag poles are up and will provide representation for all the branches of the armed forces and we include the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, US Coast Guard and Merchant Marines. The armed forces flags will guard the flag of the United States of America and we will plan to have the POW flag represented as well. Phase #1 will be officially introduced with the raising of the flags by members of each branch of the service on Memorial Day 2012 with a special ceremony. There will be representative drawings of each phase of this project presented on Memorial Day at the annual Memorial Day program as well.

Phases #2 & #3 will include plaques of each branch of the service under its respective flag pole and the poles will be lit with individual lights. This will be built into a decorative wall and there will be a walkway for visitors as depicted. It is also anticipated that bricks will be sold to install in specific parts of the walkway area and that these bricks will be for individual memorials that families, friends or others may wish to purchase in memory or honor of a loved one who has served our great nation. There will be benches for quiet reflection for visitors and possibly a garden area. Much of this is still being planned and there will be fundraisers for the completion of this project

Regarding a timeline on the completed project, this will be determined by donations and fund raised at the various events that will take place. Approximately \$35,000 will be needed to complete the project based upon current plans and estimates.

Please watch for more updates in the Sentinel and on the Village website (www.villageofhoneoyefalls.org) and be sure to attend the Memorial Day parade and Memorial Day service at the Honeoye Falls Village Cemetery at 11:30 AM, May 28th.



Rick Milne
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