

## **Local Veteran's Memorial Project Searching for Names and Sponsors**

Design plans are well underway for the new Hartington Area Veterans Memorial to be located in downtown Hartington across from the Old Hartington Hotel with the entrance of the memorial to be located on the west end of the memorial off of Broadway Ave. The main attraction of the memorial will be up to six granite monuments placed in the center of the memorial with the veteran's names engraved and listed in alphabetical order on the monuments. Since the process of gathering veteran names for the monuments will be a lengthy process, the goal now is to get a head start on the process and begin acquiring the veteran names beginning now.

Currently, an effort is being made to come up with a complete list of all living and deceased veterans that have any affiliation at all with the Hartington area. The initial veteran names are being compiled from records of area cemeteries where veterans are buried and the three local veteran organizations membership records. Marilyn Schumacher from Hartington is heading up the committee to locate both the living and deceased veteran names, and when this list is compiled, an effort will be made to contact the living veteran or a relative of a deceased veteran in order to have the veteran sponsored and their name included on the monument wall. "We believe the list of veterans will grow beyond the sources we are exploring, as veterans from outside the local area surface that are not on our initial list, and hopefully more names are made available from relatives and friends who know of a veteran and they want to sponsor them and have their name included on a monument," says Marilyn.

To be considered a veteran, one (man or women) must have served and been honorably discharged from either the regular Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Merchant Marines and Coast Guard or had served in any of the National Guard and Reserve units. "Each name to be engraved on the veteran's memorial wall will have a sponsor and will require a donation of \$150.00 per name in order to help fund the cost of the entire memorial project. The sponsorships are expected to come from living veterans or family members, relatives and friends of a deceased veteran. The period that we expect to cover are any veterans from the Civil War period up to the present time. A separate monument or two will be placed with the other monuments to provide for all future veteran names to be added as they come available. We also welcome any names of area veterans that may already have their name engraved on another community memorial," says Dan Kathol, Chairman of the Hartington Area Veterans Memorial Project.

Besides the \$150.00 donation per veteran name, the veteran's full first name, middle initial and last name as well as which branch of the service they served in needs to be included. A form has been developed to be filled out and mailed in to provide the needed information as well as a contact so that if there are questions, the donor can be reached. If someone is sponsoring more than one veteran, one should include all the veterans on the form and make out just one check to cover all the veterans. If one is sponsoring more than three veterans, simply include their information on a separate piece of paper and include with the form and check. "We expect that a number of veterans will not have a sponsor because no relative or friend can be notified to sponsor the veteran. In this case, we are asking people if they would consider adopting and sponsoring a veteran in order that no veteran is left behind. A list of these veterans will be available to pick from and to sponsor," says Kathol.

This sponsorship form as well as an ongoing update on the progress of the Hartington Area Veterans Memorial project will be available on a Facebook page and a Web-Site that is currently being developed.

# Hartington Area Veterans Memorial

## Sponsoring Veteran Names For Memorial

Open to all military veterans who have any affiliation at all with the Hartington area having lived here or away and both living and dead. A veteran must have served in any one of the five (5) branches of the military to include both National Guard and Reserve outfits and were honorably discharged from the military.

### ORDER FORM FOR MEMORIAL NAMES \$150.00 Donation Per Veteran

<u>Veteran</u> (Example)	<u>First Name</u> John	<u>MI</u> H.	<u>Last Name</u> Smith	<u>Branch of Service</u> Army
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____

(Please Print Legibly)

**\$150.00 Donation** X Number of Veterans \_\_\_\_\_ Total Amt. Due  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Payment: Make check payable to Hartington Veterans Memorial Fund

Send To: Hartington Veterans Memorial  
P.O. Box 882  
Hartington, NE 68739



#### Donors Contact Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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