

ONTELAUNEE PARK, NEW TRIPOLI

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2024 11:00 AM TO 7:00 PM

- Celebrate Veterans Day at Ontelaunee Park with your friends and neighbors.
- **Food Trucks** will provide great food from 11AM to 7PM, enjoy in the park pavilion all afternoon or take something home for dinner.
- Great **guitar music** by Chris Noll plus **basket raffles** during the day. Meet with Memorial Committee members to learn about the new project for the memorial site.
- Kutztown Pipe Band **3:00 PM Bag Pipes** will perform a Military Tribute, Amazing Grace and other patriotic tunes to recognize the service of our local veterans.
- Northwestern Lehigh **Middle School students** will conduct an educational Scavenger Hunt featuring the symbolism, history and quotations around the memorial site.











For more information

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NORTHWESTERN LEHIGH VETERANS MEMORIAL

Friends, Neighbors, Patriots and Veterans,

The Northwestern Lehigh Veterans Memorial Committee is launching a project to expand the space available in the memorial for engraving veterans' names well into the future.

The original design was based on the 2484 names that were submitted and included space for 333 name additions among the 14 war periods and 30 historical quotations. After our three-year effort to search for veterans who lived in our area, we received requests to add 100 more names following the Memorial Dedication in 2022, with another 19 requests in 2023.

Today there are 2603 veterans memorialized on the granite panels with 214 open spaces throughout the 14 war periods. Each year we accept names to be added in the spring for our Memorial Day program. However, the Cold War and Vietnam War periods are nearly filled limiting our ability to add veterans who served in those wars.

As a result, the memorial committee has unveiled a new design that will allow new names to be added when requested by veterans or their families, and to provide a place for our children and grandchildren who will answer their call to serve in the future.

The new proposal replaces the existing metal fence around the memorial perimeter with a beautiful stone wall capped with 32 granite stones. Each cap is sized to have three columns of names, as they appear on the existing panels, providing for an additional 900 names.



We hope to complete this project one year after the 250th Birthday of America's Independence for the Memorial Day ceremony in 2027. Our cost estimate for this project is \$160,000, which is about \$175/name, plus \$100 for the future engraving. The committee is planning fundraising events and donation requests relying on the generous financial support from our local residents and businesses.

Please visit our website <u>nwlehighvetsmemorial.org</u> and consider making a donation to kick off this project to honor of our local veterans who unselfishly served to keep America free.

Thank you for your continued support,
The Northwestern Lehigh Veterans Memorial Committee