# HONORARY & MEMORIAL OPPORTUNITIES

Name of Area	Total Gift
Large Shelter	\$50,000
Small Shelter 1	\$30,000
Small Shelter 2	\$30,000
Small Shelter 3	\$30,000
Small Shelter 4	\$30,000
Army Bench	\$15,000
Marine Bench	\$15,000
Navy Bench	\$15,000
Air Force Bench	\$15,000
Coast Guard Bench	\$15,000
Park Benches	\$10,000

### WAYS OF GIVING

- Pledging (up to 5 years)
- Cash Contributions
- Life Insurance Policies
- Planned Gifts
- Construction In-Kind Support



For More Information & **Donation Support, Contact Us:** P.O. Box 5573, Grand Forks, ND 58206 vmp@gra.midco.net gfparksfoundation.org

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## RECOGNITION **OF DONORS**

Donors of \$1,000 or more will have their names displayed on a Donor Honor Wall in the Veterans Memorial Park.

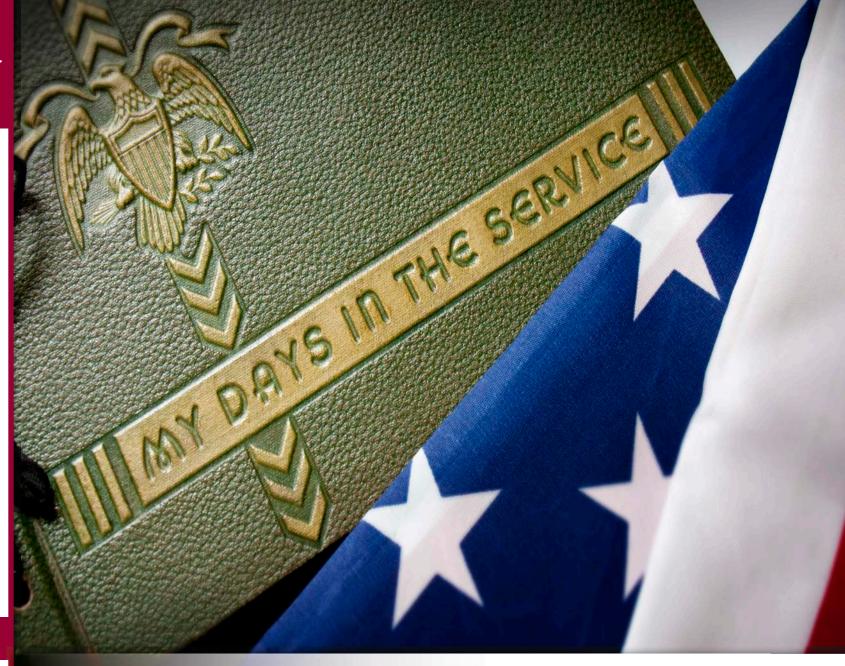
Special recognition will also be provided on the Donor Honor Wall to individuals who name the Grand Forks Parks and Recreation Foundation in their will with a special designation to the Veterans Memorial Park.

Gifts to support the construction of the Veterans Memorial Park: • Up to 5 year pledge period

 Bank reoccurring automatic withdrawals through a checking or savings account on a monthly or annual basis.

• The Grand Forks Parks and **Recreation Foundation website** also features an online giving page at gfparksfoundation.org

BS	4 Star Leader \$50,000 and Up
CLUB	3 Star Leader \$35,000 - \$49,999
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GIFT	1 Star Leader \$15,000 - \$24,999
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# **EVERY VETERAN AND MILITARY MEMBER** NEEDS TO BE HONORED.

Help us honor them for their service and the sacrifices they and their families made to protect our freedoms.

# **CAMPAIGN FOR A** VETERANS Memorial Park



# VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK

## THE CAMPAIGN

The Veterans Memorial Park is a place where the legacy of American military veterans can be recognized and honored. The Park, when completed, will represent all five active-duty United States Uniformed Services and their respective Guard and Reserve Units (Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard).

Through the efforts of veterans, military members, and their families and friends and supporters, a Veterans Memorial Wall will be built on a six acre site located NW of the Columbia Mall and adjacent to the roundabout at 24th Ave. South and 34th Street.

The campaign has a base goal of \$960,000 (main structure to include pads for equipment and obelisks) and a challenge goal of \$1.6 M (need for proposed design).

## **A SENSE OF PRIDE**

Our community has a rich military tradition from the North Dakota National Guard's 164th Infantry dating back to 1885, the Grand Forks Air Force Base dating back to the 1950's and the thousands of community members who have served or are serving honorably in the military service branches throughout the world.

The Veterans Memorial Park will have a Black Granite Wall 6 feet high and 40 feet long with images laser-etched into the granite describing the role of American veterans from the first wars and conflicts to the present, to include the latest equipment.

Veterans, military members, their families and friends will have a sense of pride in knowing the community cares, honors, and respects the veterans' sacrifices.

Through community philanthropy, members of a Veterans Memorial Park Committee will design, execute, and conduct a fundraising campaign to raise the necessary dollars to create and build the Park which will feature:

- Five Obelisks representing each of the five branches of military service
- veteran role from the first wars and conflicts to the latest electronic warfare
- An anchor from the USS Kiska, a Navy ammunition ship that saw service during the Vietnam War
- Park Shelters and Benches for meditation / reflection •
- Future development incorporating additional military equipment

# THE NEED

Grand Forks is one of the few cities in the state that does not have a Veterans Memorial Park, an outdo gathering place large enough for veterans, military members, their families and friends to celebrate, recognize, remember, and honor the lives of those who are serving or have served in the United State Military.

While there are a couple of small statues around the city that recognize fallen heroes, there is not a formal place where veterans can gather to conduct Memorial Day and Veterans Day services or to celebrate Independence Day or the birthdays of our military service branches.

The proposed Veterans Memorial Park will be large and the future location was secured. enough to allow such functions, will project the appropriate patriotic atmosphere, and allow families Prominent support of the Grand Forks Park District, to feel a degree of privacy in which to meditate and Grand Forks Parks & Rec Foundation, the Red River Valley Motorcyclists, the City of Grand Forks, veteran reflect on their loved ones who have served. organizations and a number of local veterans will bring this vision into existence.



The Park & Memorial Granite Wall will show:

- Veterans, the community remembers and honors their service.
- forces have done for our community and country.

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- particularly our youth.
- and their families and friends.

An educational Memorial Granite Wall with laser-etched images to depict the American

Memorial stones to honor loved ones who have served or are currently serving

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### **BRIEF HISTORY**

at	The Veterans Memorial Park vision began with a veteran
oor	named Roger Westerso. Roger envisioned a park with a
/	wall and various sculptures complemented by pillars
	representing all five branches of the military. A portion of
e	his artwork was added to a Harley Davidson chopper,
es	dedicated as the "Veterans Memorial Bike". Don Purpur
	and John Hanson met at a Red River Valley Motorcyclists
	Show in 2010 where the Veterans Memorial Bike was on display.
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ct	They began a discussion on the importance of dedicating

### a Veterans Memorial Park in our community. This led to establishing a formal group dedicated to advancing this idea. Energized by veterans, local community members and veteran organizations, the vision gained momentum

The community, which has a rich military tradition, cares and strongly supports what our armed

Visitors, the sacrifices our veterans have undergone for the freedoms we have.

The ability to instill a sense of patriotism and serve as an important educational tool for visitors,

An opportunity for veterans, military members, family members, and friends to purchase Memorial Stones to remember, respect, and honor those who have served or are serving.

Along with the Memorial Stones, they can create a healing effect for veterans, military members,