

# Bell Tower Memorial, Inc.



*Help us honor, educate, Remember*

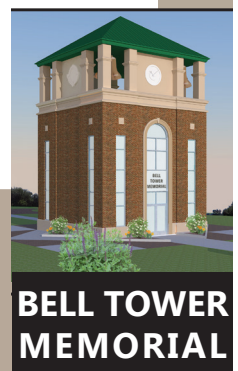
## Our Mission - Honor, Educate, Remember

The Bell Tower Memorial has been established to honor veterans through the construction and maintenance of a community memorial park. The Bell Tower Memorial provides educational programming that inspires learners of all ages, and preserves the legacy of our veterans.

### Features

Features include a Memorial Park with beautiful plantings and a walkway paved with inscribed memorial bricks from donors to honor and thank those who made a difference in our lives and whose names are forever etched in recognition. Armed Services insignias will be engraved in granite monuments formed in the shape of our state.

The carillon bells will offer an unforgettable experience of inspiring sounds, helping to make this site a desirable and attractive landmark destination.





**The Tower's** first floor Education Center features room for exhibitions and programming space with state of the art projection and sound equipment. Exhibits will recognize veterans, focus on community service, and inspire future generations to serve. It will accommodate 30 - 55 people for classes, receptions, ceremonies and more.



### **The Community Memorial Park**

will be landscaped with floral plantings and year-round foliage. Walkways with engraved memorial bricks and benches will lead to a five-pedal memorial garden honoring each of the branches of the military. Decorative lighting will enhance the Bell Tower structure while illuminating the flag court consisting of Stars and Stripes, State of Wisconsin and POW/MIA flags. Two granite monuments with special lighting will greet you as you enter the park.

**Carillon by Verdin** is a state of the art system that reproduces the sound of cast bronze tower bells and offers a wide repertoire of music, whether patriotic, solemn for memorial services, or festive for happy times. The carillon will set the tone for every occasion and make this a desirable and attractive landmark destination.



## Inspiring Through Education

The Bell Tower Memorial will serve as a valuable storehouse of information about our state and country. Students of all ages can learn to understand and honor the ideal of serving one's country and community. It's a perfect opportunity to help the generations connect, as children come to understand what their parents, grandparents, family and friends experienced. Veteran's organizations, schools, civic organizations, and local businesses, can learn through the telling of their history and stories.

Visit our website at [www.belltowermemorial.org](http://www.belltowermemorial.org), to hear local student and veteran interviews, and for more information regarding our commitment to education in our community.



## What People Are Saying About Us

Community leaders have come together with a vision to create a beautiful public amenity that honors our past while nurturing and celebrating future generations.

### **Vice Admiral Dirk J. Debbink, United States Navy Reserve (retired):**

*"It was an honor to speak to the attendees of the 2016 Veterans Oral History Project luncheon. The work the Bell Tower Memorial is doing to bring attention to the veterans who have served our country and communities is truly admirable. The memorial will provide a shared space to remember all those who have given so freely."*

### **Margaret Farrow, Former Lt. Governor:**

*"We know we learn from the past and I believe it's important to honor the past and this Bell Tower represents that to me."*



**Fire Chief Charlie Myers, USAF Veteran:**

*"It has truly been an honor to be asked to participate in the Bell Tower Memorial Veterans Oral History Project. The program preserves the history of veterans for other generations to view and understand. It has also been my privilege to participate in the "Take a Veteran to Lunch" program. The program provides veterans with an opportunity to assist other military veterans attending college in finding career paths that meet their goals and ambitions. It is one more chance to "give back" on a personal level. I can't say enough about the Bell Tower Memorial project and programs."*

**Tommy "T" Tradewell, Past National Commander Veterans of Foreign Wars:**

*"Seldom in life do we get an opportunity to actually be part of an historic development like The Bell Tower Memorial. Every citizen and community minded business that wishes to honor and remember someone who has protected them now has the chance. Being a small part of this project has truly enhanced my life, and if you choose to support this project I am sure it will do the same for you."*

**Mike Cady, Superintendent, Pewaukee School District:**

*"It is so important to our nation, and to our children in particular, that we understand our past and what was involved with the creation and preservation of our free and democratic system of government. I am personally honored to be involved with an organization focused on such important work. Furthermore, we are grateful to the Bell Tower for the powerful and authentic educational opportunities provided to our students by facilitating meaningful interaction with veterans."*

**Scott Klein, City of Pewaukee Administrator:**

*"I see the Bell Tower Memorial as a community gathering place to honor veterans and loved ones in ceremonies and celebrations. It is certainly unique to Waukesha County and SE Wisconsin."*

**WWII Navy Veteran Al C. Exner:**

*"The Bell Tower Memorial volunteers have done a very impressionable program. They are keeping alive the veterans of all wars telling about their duties and sacrifices. Their work with our youth in all area schools is keeping past history memorable. Our youth will be more knowledgeable about veteran sacrifices. Wishing continued success for this important program."*



## Why give now?

The land has been acquired from the City of Pewaukee and an agreement is signed with the Verdin company for a carillon bell system to be installed in the Bell Tower Memorial once built. Construction documents are moving forward and working committees are being expanded. Your support ensures this project will be fully realized, carrying out our mission to **Honor, Educate and Remember**.

### Educate visitors

Through informational programs and memorabilia displays, visitors can discover the past and explore the meaning of service to our country. Students can collaborate to present informational programs to the public with respect to civic and other classroom projects. Our local university students can play an important role in the educational elements available through programs.



### Remember our past to shape our future

Stories of the national conflicts and local history of Pewaukee and SE Wisconsin need to be preserved and retold to keep our history alive. Sharing these memories and their impact also strengthens connections across generations. The Bell Tower Memorial encourages all visitors to contemplate the past - and apply its lessons to the future.

### Enhanced Phase 1 - Bell Tower Memorial Park:

The goal is to complete items needed for final engineering work. This includes: site preparation, installation of rain gardens, parking lot and lighting, grass and initial landscaping, footings and foundation for the tower, walkways including memorial bricks, two engraved granite monuments, and three-flag court with special lighting.

**Funding Needed: \$400,000**





## Veterans Oral History Project

Educating the community is at the forefront of the Bell Tower Memorial's continuing mission. During the spring of 2017, BTM partnered with St. John's Northwestern Military Academy, Pewaukee High School and Waukesha West High School students to create a Veterans Oral History Project (VOHP). The VOHP paired high school students with local veterans to document the many stories these men and women have to tell. The live interviews were recorded and submitted to the Library of Congress as part of a national oral history project. The project culminated with an honorary ceremony and luncheon held on May 21, 2017.



Alan Cameron  
USAF Veteran - Fire Chief Charlie Myers



Douglas Kirkhofer  
Navy Veteran John Eskau



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Army Veteran Harry Baker



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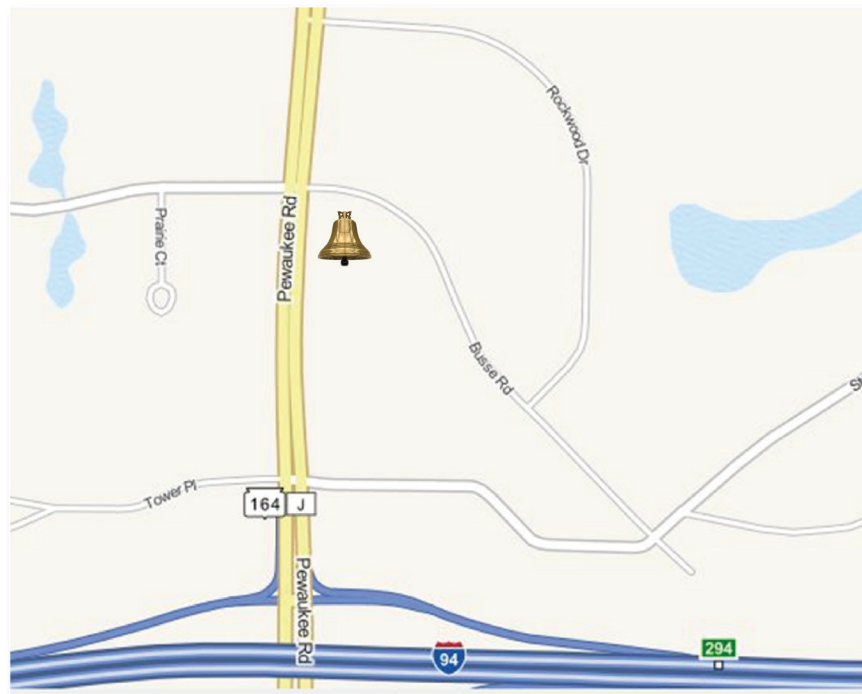
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