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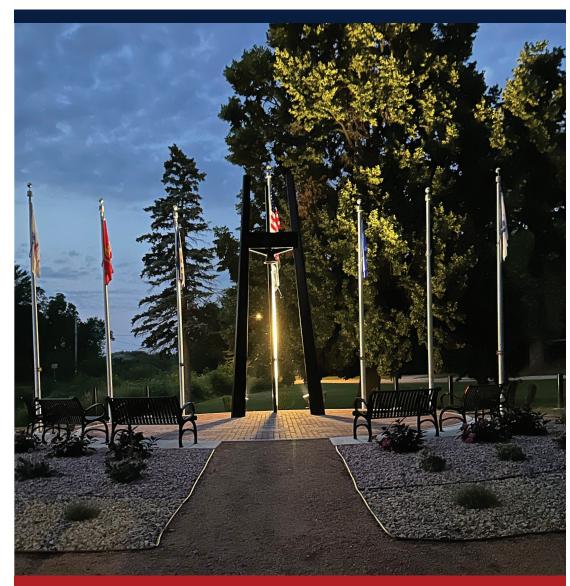
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Our Mission

To Honor, Educate and Remember those who have served our country and our community.

HONOR

2025 marks the Bell Tower Memorial's ninth annual Veterans Oral History Project (VOHP), which pairs local high school students with local Veterans to listen and record their stories and memories from their military service. Each of these recordings is then submitted to the Library of Congress as part of the National Veterans History Project (VHP).

On the national level, Congress created the VHP in 2000 and continues to provide support today. The project makes accessible the personal accounts of American Veterans so that future generations may hear directly from Veterans and better understand the realities of how our service men and women protect our nation. These first-hand accounts include stories from conflicts starting with WWI to the present time.

Given the Bell Tower Memorial's mission to Honor, Educate and Remember, this project is a great initiative that highlights our local heroes. This year we featured 13 Veterans from various conflicts, along with 13 students from Pewaukee High School and Waukesha South High School.

Without the hard work and flexibility of the wonderful Veterans, students, teachers, and staff, we couldn't have made this year's VOHP a success. From the Bell Tower Memorial Team, a huge "thank you" to everyone involved!

Since 2016, The Bell Tower Memorial's Oral History Project has featured 98 local Veterans from various eras and conflicts, including:

- WWII
- Korean War or Korean War Era
- Vietnam War or Vietnam War Era
- Cold War

- Iraqi Freedom
- Desert Storm
- Afghanistan



It was an honor to be part of this school program and work with Charlotte Neuenfeldt. I believe she felt what I was saying. Her questions were pivotal to my life in the service and on a ship. The school systems and the Bell Tower Memorial team put it all together very nicely.

Robert Fischer, Navy Veteran, WWII



I was honored to be part of the VOHP program. It's a great way to get students to know about military life in the States. When I met with Collin Anderson, he did a great job asking me about the details of my years in service at the Nike Hercules Missile Sites in Waukesha, and around Milwaukee from 1962-1965, that many people didn't know about. It brought back a lot of fond memories for me.

Gary Delaney, Army Veteran



I felt honored when I was contacted to be part of the Veterans Oral History Project. As a Vietnam Veteran, I do not easily share my story. I do appreciate the opportunity to share my story with a younger generation. When I had my introductory session, and my interview session, my interviewer, Zahra Dhoondia, showed genuine interest in what I was sharing. She was thoughtful and respectful. I think we both benefited from our discussion.

Mike Malloy, Army Veteran, Vietnam

2025 VOHP Participants



Jeremy Anders Army, Afghanistan





Dave Falada Army, Korea, Japan, Vietnam



























2025 VOHP Participants Cont...



Herman Kremkau Air Force, Vietnam/Iraq





Robert Pronold Navy, WWII











Mark VanderKinter
Air Force,
Japan/South Korea









Kate ButhPewaukee High School







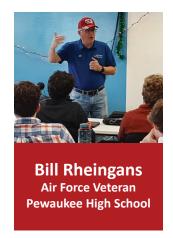


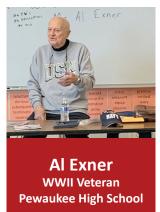


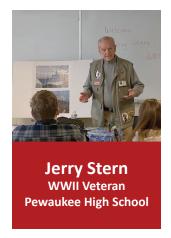


EDUCATE

In addition to the Veterans Oral History Project, we have found other opportunities to educate local students and the communities about what it means to serve our country. Inviting local Veterans into the classroom to talk to students about their service experience is one such program.







Our Take A Vet To Lunch program partners a service member who has recently left the military with a Veteran who has, or does, work in that person's interested career field. This pairing provides helpful guidance and assistance to our Veteran workforce.



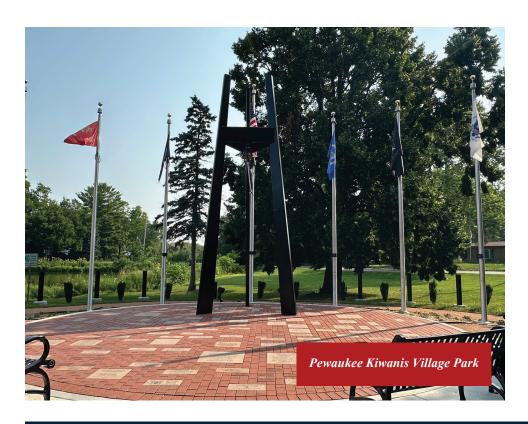


REMEMBER

The Bell Tower Memorial has always been about creating a space in Pewaukee where the community can honor all Veterans and pay tribute to special loved ones. We broke ground the week of August 26, 2024 on Phase I of the Veteran and community memorial within Pewaukee Kiwanis Village Park.

We are working with CCI, Corporate Contractors, Inc., Beloit/Delafield to construct the memorial which showcases a flag court representing each branch of the U.S. military, a beautiful memorial brick walkway leading to benches, and a decorative tower featuring a working bell.

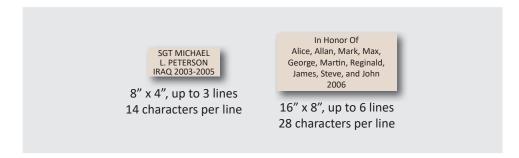
We are incredibly grateful to those who have already donated to the project and would be most appreciative if you would also consider partnering with us to complete this public memorial.



Memorial Bricks

You can purchase a memorial brick to honor a Veteran, first responder, friend, or loved one who's made a difference in your life and/or the community.





To order your brick(s), visit: www.donationbricks.com/belltowermemorial

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