



Bell Tower Memorial



*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. We provide educational programming that inspires learners of all ages, and preserves the legacy of our veterans.

The Bell Tower's first floor Education Center features room for exhibitions and programming space with state of the art projection and sound equipment. It will accommodate 30 - 55 people for classes, receptions, ceremonies and more.



Veterans Memorial Park will have walkways with engraved memorial bricks that will lead to a 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.

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 including patriotic, sacred, secular, and popular tunes.



We Need Your Help To Complete The Project Veterans Memorial Park & Bell Tower

Funding Needed: Please inquire

The goal is to complete a three-story building and landscaped grounds. The Veterans Memorial Park area will include rain gardens, walkways including memorial bricks, two engraved granite monuments, and a three-flag court with special lighting.

The actual bell tower will feature a first floor educational center for programs of interest to visitors of all ages. The second floor provides space for the office and storage of equipment. The third floor houses bell shells and speakers and is exposed to the elements.

We are grateful for the support we've received so far and hope to offer a wide variety of community programming and events like our Veterans Oral History Project for years to come. With help from our communities and donors like you, we know we'll reach our goal.

Donate now:

Checks can be given to any member of the BTM Board or Leadership Committee. If you'd like to mail your donation, please make checks payable to Bell Tower Memorial, Inc. and send to:

Bell Tower Memorial
Jean Miller, Treasurer
PO Box 681
Pewaukee, WI 53072

You can also make donations safely online by visiting our **Donate** page at **www.belltowermemorial.org**.

Thank you!



Inspiring Through Education

The Bell Tower Memorial will serve as a valuable storehouse of current and historical 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**, 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.

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."

Paul Farrow, Waukesha County Executive:

"It is such an honor to see these brave men and women recognized for their selfless service to our country. Hearing their many stories through the Oral History Project was truly inspiring. The Bell Tower Memorial does great work for our Veterans and communities."

Brookfield 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 Gerald F. (Jerry) Stern:

"As a recent participant of the Veterans Oral History Project, I found the students, parents, and project volunteers to be most engaging and committed. The experience of learning, teaching, and preserving the legacy of U.S. wars/conflicts and how they have affected and influenced the decision making of our forefathers and succeeding generations is profound. I strongly recommend giving your support to this fine project. The future of our Nation will be determined by well-informed youth."

Veterans Oral History Project

Educating the community is at the forefront of the Bell Tower Memorial’s continuing mission. During the spring of 2019, BTM partnered with Pewaukee High School, Waukesha South High School and St. John’s Northwestern Military Academy students to continue the Veterans Oral History Project (VOHP).

The VOHP paired high school students with local veterans to document the many stories these men and women experienced. The live interviews were recorded and submitted to the Library of Congress as part of a national oral history project.

Their hard work culminated with an honorary ceremony and luncheon held at St. John’s Northwestern Military Academy.





Alyssa Labs
Korean War Army Veteran
Don Peterson



Zoe Klett
WWII Army Veteran
Arnold Fuerstenberg



Ellie Kaczowski
WWII Navy Veteran
Bill Kosky



James Homann
Vietnam/Iraqi Freedom Air
Force Veteran Bill Rheingans



Zoe Klett
WWII Army Air Corps Veteran
Bob Winchell



Hailey Kiser
WWII Navy Veteran
Eugene Schulz



Andrew Drazy
WWII Army Air Corps Veteran
Forrest Gunderson



Douglas Kirkhofer & Bill Rheingans, both interviewed
WWII Army Air Corps Veteran Harvey Klotz



Sara Laszkiewicz
Cold War Army Veteran
William Vaitl



Robert Kubiak III
WWII Merchant Marines/Coast
Guard Veteran Norm Poberezný



William Tuttle
WWII Navy Veteran
Thomas Heaton



Elisabeth Prudlo
Korean War Marine Veteran
Earl Davison



Alan Cameron
Vietnam War Navy Veteran
Michael Krebs

2019 VOHP Participants

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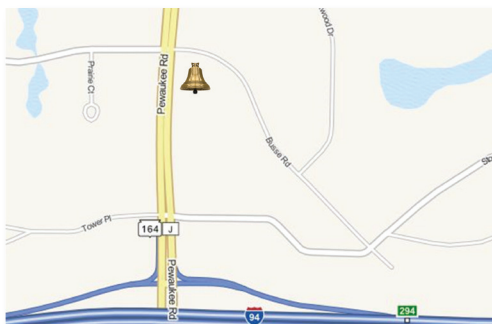
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