

Bell Tower Memorial, Inc.



Help us honor, educate, Remember

Our Mission - Honor, Educate, Remember

The Bell Tower is intended to signify the foundation on which our culture is built. Events, exhibits and programs will portray our heritage and depict the American Dream, American Experience and American Way.

Our Vision

The Bell Tower Memorial is a symbol for encouraging our communities to honor all veterans, first responders and loved ones through educational programs and activities that will inspire learners of all ages. It will enhance the community with a gathering place for traditional celebrations, memorial occasions and events and programs in collaboration with local organizations and schools. It will provide much needed meeting room space for local organizations to gather.

Features

Features include a Memory Garden 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 stands for freedom and is symbolic of the foundation of our dynamic U.S. history. The three-story tower features exhibition and programming space with state of the art projection and sound equipment. Exhibits focusing on community service and recognition of veterans will inspire future generations to serve. The first floor can accommodate 30 - 55 people gathered for presentations, receptions, ceremonies, and more.



The Grounds symbolize peace, serenity and contemplation as well as accommodate family-friendly gatherings and celebrations. The site will be landscaped with beautiful, environmentally-friendly plantings and rain gardens for year round foliage. 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 on display.

Carillon by Verdin projects voices of our legacy throughout the centuries. A state of the art carillon system reproduces the sound of cast bronze tower bells and offers a wide repertoire of music to fit any theme. Whether patriotic for Fourth of July or Veteran's Day, solemn for memorial services, or festive for happy times, the carillon will set the tone for every occasion.



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

Scott Klein, Mayor City of Pewaukee:

“As Mayor, I see the Bell Tower Memorial as a community gathering place to honor veterans and loved ones in ceremonies and celebrations. It is unique to Waukesha County and SE Wisconsin because it has a classroom for educational programs and displays.”

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.”

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.”



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 community and country. It's a perfect opportunity to help the generations connect, as children come to understand what their parents, grandparents, family and friends experienced. Schools, civic organizations, local businesses, veterans' organizations, and companies around the state can learn through the telling of their history and stories...

JoAnn Sternke, Superintendent, Pewaukee School District:

"The Pewaukee School District stands as a supporter of the Bell Tower Memorial project. It's mission "to honor, educate, and remember" is one we strongly support as we look to educate our students in citizenship."

Dr. Ryan Krohn, Assistant Superintendent, Waukesha School District:

"The School District of Waukesha supports the Bell Tower project as an example of a community education experience."



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, working committees are being expanded, and a business plan is in place. 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, students can discover the past and explore the meaning of service to our country. They 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 impacts 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, 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



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Veterans Oral History Project

Educating the community is at the forefront of the Bell Tower Memorial's continuing mission. During the summer of 2016, BTM partnered with St. John's Northwestern Military Academy and Pewaukee High School students to create a Veterans Oral History Project. This pilot project paired high school students with local World War II and Korean War Veterans to document the many stories of bravery these service men and women endured while serving their country. The live interviews were recorded and submitted to the Library of Congress as part of a national oral history project. After receiving such positive reviews, we hope to replicate these works with additional veterans in the future.



Liana Jackson
Veteran Army Nurse Marge Behlen



Aidan Nordquist
Navy Veteran Wayne Iverson



Coast Guard Veteran Dallas Kobriger



Kyle Turba
Army Veteran John Kent



Lydia Heinen
Navy Veteran Harry Boehler



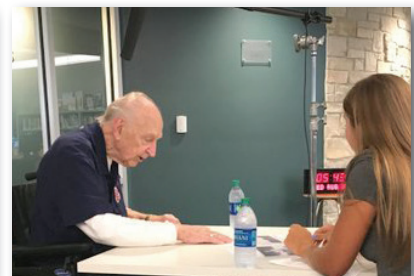
PHS students at SJNMA with Steve
Schweiss, Special Programs



Army Veteran Fritz Krause
BTM Member Steve Peterman

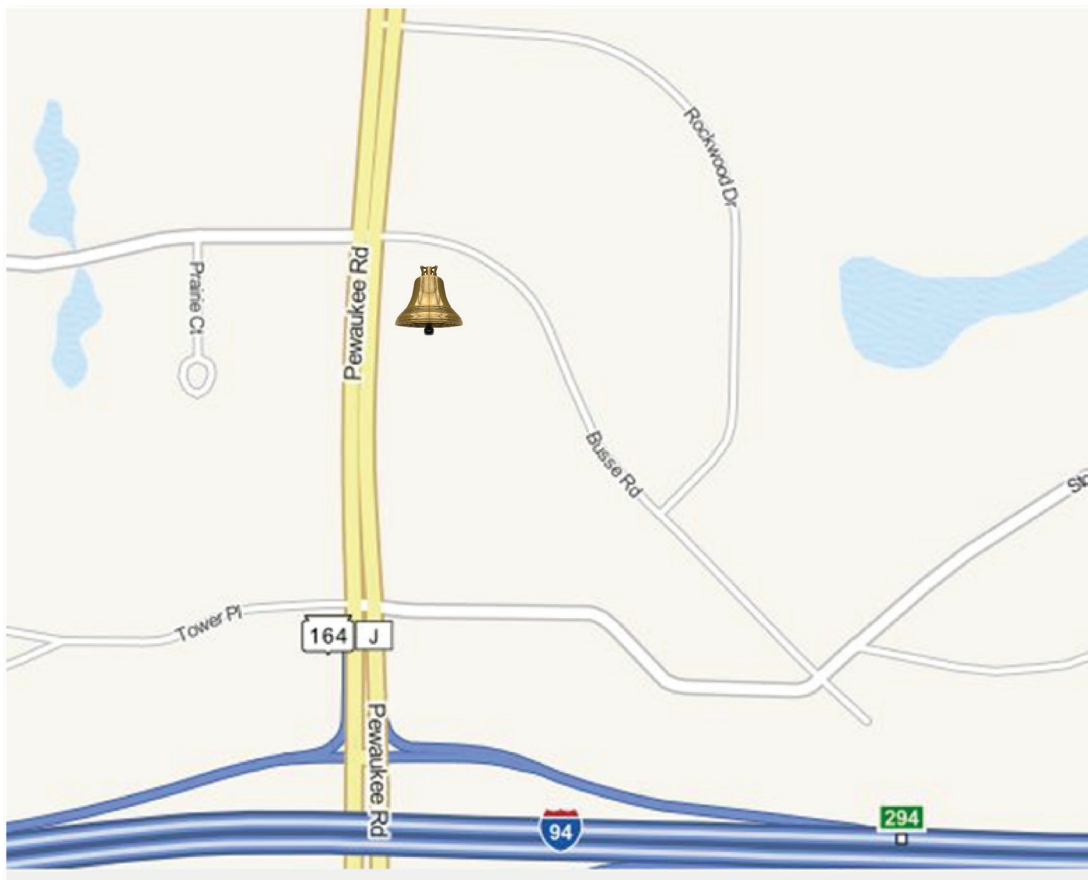


PHS Students at SJNMA



Kendall Schoenike
Army Veteran John Bosch

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