



BATTLE GROUND VETERANS MEMORIAL

HONORING LOCAL VETERANS
WHO FOUGHT FOR OUR FREEDOM

FAQ SHEET

Frequently Asked Questions

For the Battle Ground Veterans Memorial Wall

Q. *How did the Veterans Memorial Project get started?*

A. In 2009, the City Council directed the Park Advisory Board (PAB) to work with City staff and other stakeholders in the design, development and construction of a Veterans Memorial to honor local veterans who have died in service to their country. This request was made after Andrew Shields, a local resident, had died in service to his country in Afghanistan.

The Park Advisory Board (PAB), with City Council approval, has identified an appropriate park site to locate the memorial wall; researched and investigated memorial design philosophy, examples of other memorials, interviews with people related to development and care of memorials; and selected a conceptual plan design.

Q. *How was the design selected?*

A. The PAB was successful in securing four conceptual design plans, three of which were submitted by local professional landscape architects and one by a landscape architect student. These four plans were unveiled at an Open House hosted by the PAB on January 13, 2010. The Open House had members of the VFW and American Legion being among the visitors who attended the event. The plans were displayed at the Battle Ground Community Center during the Loaves & Fishes senior lunch program, where many of the participants served in the military and showed interest in the project.

The City Council approved the conceptual design based on a recommendation from PAB and several comment cards received from the public on which plan they prefer and/or what design elements they liked. In general, people liked the overall simple design and intimate feeling that the selected plan imbued.

Q. *Where will the Veterans Memorial be located?*

A. Kiwanis Park was selected as the future site of the Veterans Memorial. This park is a popular community gathering place and has the infrastructure and capacity to accommodate this project.

Q. How do names qualify to be memorialized on the wall?

A. The Veterans Memorial will honor local veterans, by conflict, who died in service to their country. To qualify as a “local” veteran the person would have to have lived within the Battle Ground School District boundaries (as set forth at that time).

Q. What type of events will be held at the Memorial?

A. This place of honor would provide the community not only an area for private reflection but a small gathering place for events honoring the fallen as well. Veteran’s Day and Memorial Day are two examples of when local groups could hold special events to pay tribute to Military Veteran’s.

Q. Why is the project 100% donation based?

A. Due to budget constraints the City currently faces, the funding of the Veterans Memorial Project is solely dependent on public donations and contributions of in-kind services and materials. Contributions are vital in making this project a reality!

Q. How will my monetary donation be used?

A. Your donation will help to assure that Battle Ground’s Veterans Memorial Project will become a permanent place to honor local veterans who have died in service to their country. Donations will provide funding for:

- Design, development and construction of the Memorial
- Purchase of materials to construct, operate and maintain the Memorial (benches, memorial wall, name placards’, flags and poles, pavers for the plaza area, lighting, landscaping features, etc)
- Host future special community events honoring our veterans

Q. How do I make a donation?

A. Donations of money, materials and in-kind construction services are being accepted. The Parks Foundation of Clark County is a partner in this fundraising effort. The Parks Foundation is a local 501-(c)3 non-profit organization which provides this special project a mechanism to accept donations by acting as the fiduciary agent of the City.

You can make a **monetary donation** one of three ways: by mail, by phone or on-line! Visit the Parks Foundation of Clark County website to download a donation form or make a donation on-line at www.parksfoundation.us. **Donations of material and in-kind construction services** are also being accepted. Please contact Debbi Hanson, Parks & Recreation Director for more information.

Q. Is my donation tax deductible?

A. Yes! The Parks Foundation of Clark County is a 501-(c)3 organization, all donations are tax-deductible as allowed by IRS rules and regulations.

Q. Who do I call if I have more questions?

A. Please contact Debbi Hanson, Parks & Recreation Director, at (360) 342-5380 or email at bgparksandrec@cityofbg.org