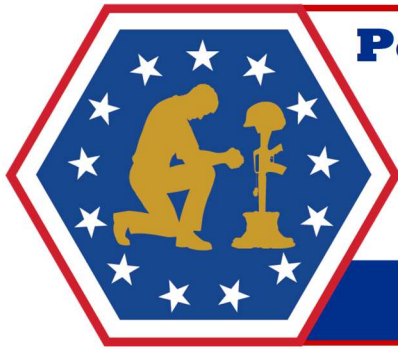




Post-9/11 U.S. Armed Forces Memorial

at Patriot Park

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VAU FALLEN HEROES DOG TAG FLAG TRAVELING MEMORIAL

On August 5-15, 2026, the Veterans and Athletes United Dog Tag Flag Memorial will be at Patriot Park once again! Last year, hundreds of visitors from around the country stopped in to see the 28 foot wide by 6 foot tall American flag which symbolizes the shape of the flag when draped on a fallen service members casket. It is formed of over 7000 dog tags of all those who have fallen in the War on Terror. There are 50 gold stars honoring all gold star families nationwide. Displayed in front of the flag is a battlefield cross sculpted from mahogany wood by veteran artist Alicia Dietz.

Tags are in alphabetical order ranging from 11SEPT 2001 to 31 Dec 2017; thereafter the tags are in chronological order of the date Killed in Action (KIA). Sadly, as the war continues, they will continue to fill in the blank tags at the end of the flag.

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GWOT 25th ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY OCT 9-11

GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM

25th Anniversary Remembrance

OCTOBER 9 - 11

7,050⁺

Names of the Fallen

Over three days, every name will be read aloud. A living roll call so that none are lost to time, and none are forgotten.

Volunteer Readers Are Needed



Board Meetings

Meetings of the Board of Directors of Patriot Park Foundation are held on the

First Thursday of the Month

Anyone with interest in the Park is encouraged to attend via Zoom. Watch e-mail for the Zoom link a few days before the meeting.

GET INVOLVED!

There are many ways to help at Patriot Park. Contact us today to get started!
e-mail: info@patriotparkfoundation.org text/call: 814-233-0351

THANK YOU FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

We have accomplished many things this spring and early summer at Patriot Park. We are excited about the purchase and arrival of the interactive touch screen kiosk that will enhance the visitor experience. Volunteers have upgraded the interior of the welcome cabin, and we have implemented our Guide Program, so there are trained guides to greet visitors as they arrive at the park. Our helpful volunteers have stained the storyboards and benches to weatherproof and improve the aesthetic. We have also rebuilt the gazebo display table to make it more sustainable for the future.

We have been experiencing a good growing season in the area, which is great for growing crops, but has made mowing between the flags a more demanding task. Thankfully we have volunteers that have helped with the additional work. We are thrilled that the Annual Fundraising Dinner has sold out weeks early.

The committee is wrapping up final design of the permanent memorial walls. Thanks to the committee and Healy Kohler Design for their help. We agree with a recent visitor that said that Post-9/11 U.S. Armed Forces Memorial "should be nationally recognized." We have had a very successful summer so far, and we are looking forward to the fall which brings the 25th anniversary of 9/11 and our GWOT remembrance ceremony on Oct 9-11.

THE INTERACTIVE KIOSK HAS ARRIVED!



We are excited to announce that our new weatherproof interactive touch screen kiosk has arrived at the park! It will be located under the porch of the welcome cabin near the entrance to the Inspiration Plaza. It will feature a Names of the Fallen search tool and a secure way to sign our visitor log. Our volunteers are working to get it mounted and functioning soon!

3RD ANNUAL FUNDRAISING DINNER SOLD OUT!



The Patriot Park Foundation Annual Fundraising Dinner on August 11, 2026, **has been SOLD OUT!** We are in awe of the many generous supporters!

Attendees will certainly be inspired by the keynote speaker, General Curtis "Mike" Scaparrotti who served concurrently as Supreme Allied Commander, NATO, and Commander, US European Command, 2016 to 2019. His military career spanned 11 years, from West Point to key commands, including US Forces Korea/United Nations Command/Combined Forces Command, South Korea, Director of the Joint Staff, Commander International Security Assistance Force, Deputy Commander of US Forces – Afghanistan, Commanding General I Corps and Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Commanding General 82nd Airborne Division, plus command of forces during Operations Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan) and Support Hope (Zaire/Rwanda). Recipient of many military awards and decorations, 69th Commandant, West Point, member of multiple boards, trusts and associations, he is currently Senior Counselor, The Cohen Group and Trustee of the German Marshall Fund.