

THE VETERANS BELL MEMORIAL NEWSLETTER



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Greetings from the Veterans Bell Memorial Committee. It has been 8 months since our dedication ceremony. The memorial has been open on a daily basis since December 23, 2016 and our attendance has been good despite the winter weather. Visitors have come from as far away as Canada and Germany.

We believed that once the memorial was open that visitors would flood us with veterans to put in the memorial. That has not happened. A couple factors are at work here. An important misunderstanding persists that veterans displayed in the memorial must have some connection to Montrose. **THIS IS NOT TRUE. WE WILL INCLUDE U.S. MILITARY VETERANS FROM ANY STATE** as well as people currently serving in the military. The next problem is that the building is complete and people think we don't need any more donations. **WE CONTINUE TO NEED DONATIONS TO MAINTAIN AND OPERATE THE MEMORIAL.** The heating and electric bills come in every month and we hope to change the displays periodically.

WE NEED YOUR HELP. As someone interested in the Veterans Bell Memorial, please help us get the word out to families who have veterans. Please ask them to visit our website at www.vetsbell.org to download a copy of the donation form so that they might honor their veterans in our memorial. The submission forms are available in the memorial as well. Also, if you or your friends wish to make a donation, it will be used to take care of the memorial. If you haven't visited the memorial please do so. It is open daily when Barber Memorial Park is open.

Upcoming events:

We will be doing some **landscaping** on **May 20** sponsored by the United Methodist churches in the area from 9 am -2 pm.

Memorial Day May 29. American Legion Post 367 will host the Memorial Day services beginning at the fishing pier in Barber Park at 10 am. The ceremony will continue at the Church in the Montrose Township Cemetery at about 10:15 am. The Veterans Bell Memorial will be open for visitors all day.

Flag Day June 14 The Boy Scouts will be doing a **flag retirement ceremony** at the Veterans Bell Memorial. You may wish to bring any American Flags that are in bad shape to be retired in this ceremony.