DON'T FORGET OUR TROOPS

HISTORIC CENTRAL MEDAL OF HONOR

HISTORY, BE A PART OF IT.

Become a permanent part of history. Help make the Veterans Memorial Garden of Westland a reality. Be a part of our team. Help thank a veteran for the freedom we enjoy today.

We are building this to support our Veterans. Warriors who have served us in the past and who are serving us now. Men and women who have fought to keep us free. What can we give to those who give us everything? Those who do it by giving up homes, families, careers, and even their lives. What they have every right to is a memorial so that no veteran will be forgotten. Help us achieve our goal. Donate now to help build this memorial and as always... Don't forget our troops!

A Veteran, whether Active Duty, Retired or Reserve, is someone who, at one point in their Life, wrote a blank check made payable to “The Government of the United States of America for an amount of up to and including their life.”

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Granite history panels can be sponsored, cost $6,300.00 each. These beautiful photo-etched black granite panels are a permanent tribute to all our veterans. A great way to show your support for our troops.

Granite pavers: engraving included in price.
6" x 6" paver: $130.00 4 Lines, 12 Characters Per Line
6" x 12" paver: $280.00 4 Lines, 17 Characters Per Line
12" x 12" paver: $530.00 7 Lines, 17 Characters Per Line

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Veterans Memorial Garden

A Project by the Westland Veterans Association
HONORING OUR VETERANS

The Veterans Memorial Garden of Westland will serve as the city’s central site of commemoration of the nation’s military actions and a reminder of the community’s local sacrifice. The site will share the library’s access to Central City Boulevard and will be prominently located along the entry drive and along the extended axis of the library’s atrium and drop-off area. Existing parking arcs around the Memorial Garden site will offer accessibility to all areas of the site.

The anchor of the Memorial Garden will be the Center Commemoration Plaza. This plaza will be used for ceremonies ranging from Memorial Day, celebration of returning service people, recognition of local heroes and Veterans Day. The centerpiece of the plaza will be a monument of ten granite panels representing wars recognized by the United States: American Revolutionary War, War of 1812, Mexican-American War, American Civil War, Spanish-American War, World War I, World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War, Gulf War, Iraq War, and Afghanistan War. The plaza will include flagpoles for federal, state and city colors. Each branch of the Armed Forces will be recognized with their own unique insignia. Special granite benches with donor engraved names and engraved granite donor pavers will be displayed throughout the plaza.

A wide entry court will accept visitors arriving from the parking area and funnel them into the site. Visitors will walk through a cluster of “Regimented Shade Trees” evoking an image of soldiers in parade formation. The entry court leads visitors to the Center Plaza. The sitting area will offer views of the surrounding gardens: masses of roses and ornamental grasses, perennials and tight groves of ornamental trees. The ground plane of each garden will be contoured to be higher in the middle, which allows views around the gardens to be buffered, only to reveal certain elements as the visitor moves around the site.

Extending out from the Center Commemoration Plaza is the “Walk of History”, which is designed to symbolize infinity. The path creates a never ending walking circuit, becoming the physical representation that the Veterans sacrifices will never be forgotten. The walk will serve as a chronological education trail through the most significant military events in history. Located along the walk will be coves with two engraved donor benches and donor engraved granite panels which will inform visitors of the history of each war represented on the Center Monument.

The POW/MIA Solitude Garden will be a unique feature dedicated to our heroes who are deemed missing in action or imprisoned. Terminating the garden’s axis to the west, the garden will feature a small sitting area enclosed by planting, evergreens and tall columnar trees creating a small light-well to the sky. This special cove will feature the POW/MIA symbol along with a monument and the Table for One. The Solitude Garden is intended to provide a place for quiet meditation and reflection removed from the more public spaces of the Memorial Garden.

The Veterans Memorial Garden will be a dedicated place for ceremonies and a place to honor our military heroes. The gardens will serve as a never-ending reminder of their courage, honor and sacrifice required to maintain the freedoms enjoyed in Westland and the United States of America.

FUND RAISING

The fund raising effort is being organized by the Westland Veterans Association. With the help and generosity of everyone, the Memorial Garden of Westland was dedicated Veterans Day, 11/11/2013.

The veterans Memorial Garden centerpiece will be comprised of ten granite panels representing the wars recognized by the United States:

- American Revolutionary War
- War of 1812
- Mexican-American War
- American Civil War
- Spanish-American War
- World War I
- World War II
- Korean War
- Vietnam War
- Gulf War
- Iraq War
- Afghanistan War

The cost of each Panel is $12,500.00, which can be sponsored in full, or half ($6,300.00).