

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

at Patriot Park

News and Updates

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VAU FALLEN HEROES DOG TAG FLAG TRAVELING MEMORIAL

During July, over the week of Independence Day, the Veterans and Athletes United Dog Tag Flag Memorial was hosted at Patriot Park! 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, we will continue to fill in the blank tags at the end of the flag.

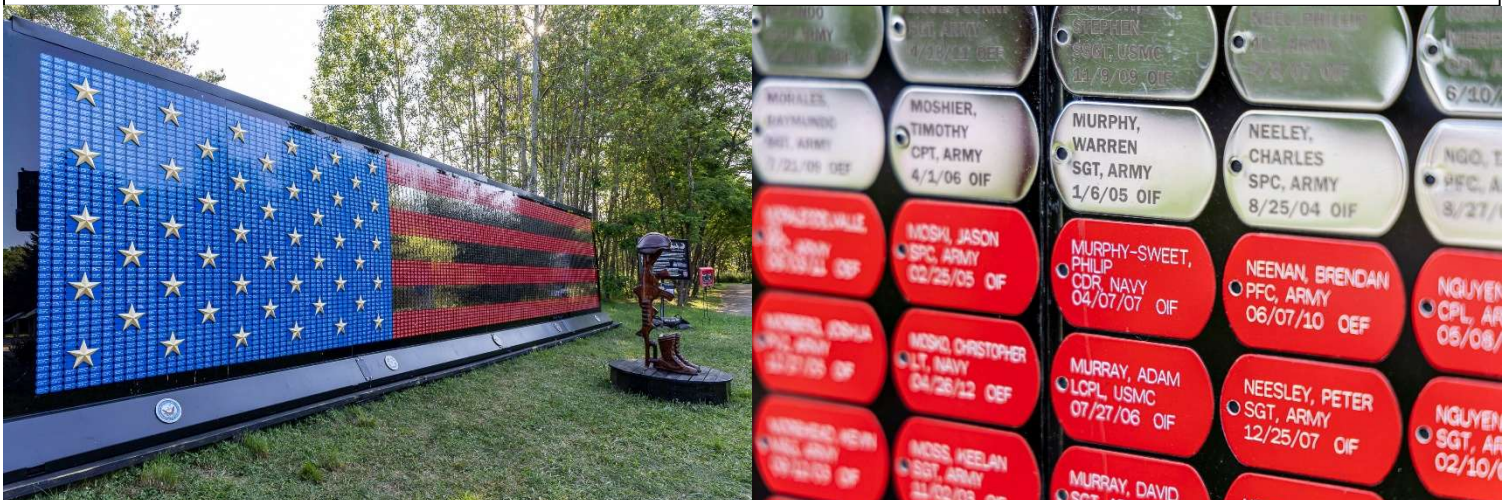
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A VISITOR PERSPECTIVE

Jeffery Kearns of Meyersdale writes: There is a memorial near Flight 93 called [Patriot Park](#) that is dedicated to all service members who have served since 9/11 and a special dedication to those who were KIA since then. I visited the mobile memorial of a flag made up of over 7000 dog tags with the names of all the service members killed. CDR Murphy-Sweet was an officer on the ship I served on. I found his dog tag and snapped a pic of it. He was killed by an IED in Iraq in 2007.

Photo Credit: Jeffery Kearns Photography



WELCOME CABIN COMING SOON!



The Board is excited for the opportunity to unveil the latest addition to the Post-9/11 U.S. Armed Forces Memorial at Patriot Park! The welcome cabin will serve as shelter and home base for our dedicated park representatives (greeters) and a protected storage place for items used to keep the park operational.



PARK REPRESENTATIVES NEEDED THROUGH SEPTEMBER 11 AND SEASON END

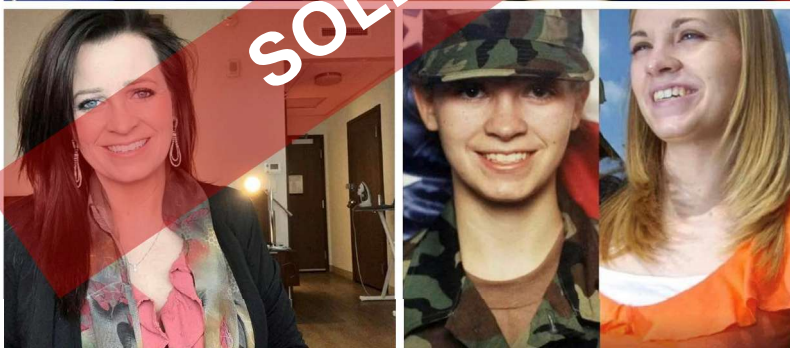
As always, we are in need of *volunteer greeters* at Patriot Park. We would like to have greeters at the park over the weekends, particularly throughout September and during the weekends around September 11 and for the rest of this season. If you are able to help please email farmer_linda@yahoo.com or call 814-233-0351.

3RD ANNUAL FUNDRAISING DINNER SOLD OUT!



The Patriot Park Foundation Annual Fundraising Dinner on August 14, 2025, **has been SOLD OUT!** We are in awe of the many generous supporters!

Attendees will certainly be inspired by the keynote speaker, Ms. Jessica Lynch. Jessica Lynch is a retired Private First Class (PFC) in the United States Army and a former Prisoner of War. On March 23, 2003, she was injured and captured by Iraqi forces after her unit was ambushed in Iraq. She was rescued after nine days in captivity on April 1, 2003 by U.S. special operations forces. Jessica's rescue was the first successful rescue of an American POW since World War II. Today, Jessica speaks to various groups around the United States about overcoming her obstacles and how perseverance helped her survive. Jessica further explains that despite the most difficult circumstances - whatever they might be - a positive outlook and determination can truly help individuals live fulfilling lives and accomplish their goals.



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