



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

at Patriot Park

# News and Updates

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## OPENING DAY!

**The Post-9/11 U.S. Armed Forces Memorial at Patriot Park**  
is officially open for the 2026 season daily until dusk.

We would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation for the dedicated volunteers for rising to the occasion once again. The Field of Heroes flag installation was completed quickly and efficiently last weekend, thanks to the many hands and hearts! We'd also like to thank everyone that donated to our flag campaign.

Those in attendance also paid respects to the lives lost in Operation Epic Fury with reading of the names and placing flags in their memory.

**Please visit soon.** We have many events coming up, including the Memorial Ceremony on Sunday, May 24th at 4:00 P.M., Display of the VAU Veterans and Athletes United Traveling Memorial from August 1st to 11th, and our 4th Annual Fundraising Dinner on Tuesday, August 11th.

Thank you, Tina Haydu Photography for capturing these moments so beautifully.



## GET INVOLVED!

There are many ways to help at Patriot Park Contact us today to get started!  
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# **ANNUAL MEMORIAL CEREMONY**

**Sunday, May 24, 2026, 4:00 PM**

### **STORYBOARD TO BE DEDICATED IN HONOR OF MILITARY WORKING DOGS**

**Sharing the special story of Military Working  
Dog (MWD) Grief M107 03/18/2006-10/24/2010.**

MWD Grief, completed his basic training on Lackland AFB. Grief was one of the MWDs to receive orders under the Marine Expeditionary Force (1MEF) as a Patrol and Explosive Detection Dog.

Grief and his handler, Sgt. Alfred Brenner were hit by an improvised explosive device (IED), which killed Grief and left Brenner with life changing injuries. Grief is remembered as a hero.



### **KEYNOTE SPEAKER:**

**Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.) Jason Weigle**, a 1997 Somerset High School and 2001 University of Pittsburgh graduate, joined the Army after 9/11 and was commissioned in 2003 as an Ordnance Officer. He served in South Korea, Iraq, Afghanistan, and multiple U.S. assignments, including ROTC instructor and logistics roles supporting major operations like Operation Inherent Resolve.

Over a 21.5-year career, he completed advanced military education and earned an MBA in logistics, culminating in teaching at the Command and General Staff College before retiring in March 2024. He received numerous awards, including the Bronze Star and Meritorious Service Medal.

The Central City VFW Honor Guard, the Bellwood Community Choir, and local students will also be part of this inspiring ceremony.

*Please bring a lawn chair if you are able. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held at Camp Allegheny, 100 Camp Allegheny Drive, Stoystown, PA 15563*