



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

at Patriot Park

# News and Updates

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## FORMER POW JESSICA LYNCH SET AS KEYNOTE SPEAKER



The Patriot Park Foundation **Annual Benefit Dinner is to be held on August 14, 2025**, at the Friesland Event Center. We are pleased to present Ms. Jessica Lynch as the keynote speaker. 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.

## 2025 CALENDAR

### Upcoming Events

April 26	Flag installation
April 28-30	Flag installation
May 1	Park opening
May 25, (SUNDAY) 6:00 PM	Memorial Ceremony
July TBD	Memorial 5K
August 14	Benefit Dinner
September 11	Patriot Day
November 16	Flag removal

## GET INVOLVED!

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

## TOURISM GRANT AWARDED

Patriot Park Foundation was selected as one of the recipients of the 2025 Laurel Highlands Visitors Bureau Tourism Grant.



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The Foundation was chosen as a recipient of the Steelers Charities 50/50 raffle proceeds! Board Members Brenda Keitzer, Capt., Veteran, U.S.A.F., and William Szych, LT COL, U.S.A.F., retired, were honored at a recent home game. We would like to thank the Steelers organization for their commitment to honoring U.S. Veterans.

## FIELD OF HEROES PERMANENT FLAG HOLDERS PROJECT

The Field of Heroes Flag Plaza is a powerful reminder to all who view it of the tremendous sacrifice our U.S. Armed Forces make to keep us safe and free.

***Many visitors are overcome with emotion as they gaze out over 7000+ flags and realize each flag represents a U.S. Service member who has given their life on our behalf.***

What originally was built as a temporary feature has now become the centerpiece around which the Post-9/11 U.S. Armed Forces Memorial at Patriot Park will be built. The Flags require **daily maintenance**, and as we tend to the Flags, we are reminded of the loss their loved ones experience each day since their passing. **It is the Board's desire to provide a more stable and permanent holder in which to place the Flags.** After much experimentation a system has been designed to hold the Flags vertically, reduce breakage, and extend the length of the season the Flags may be on display. The durable system consisting of rebar and tubing has proven to withstand harsh weather conditions.

***The construction of this system will begin in the spring of 2025, and we need your help! Please consider a tax-deductible donation of materials or funds to complete this project.***

### **PROJECT GOAL:**

**FUND 7,000 PERMANENT FLAG HOLDERS AT \$4.00 EACH BY MARCH 30, 2025**

***HELP US PROVIDE THE FLAGS THE CARE AND PROTECTION THEY DESERVE.***

BY MAIL: Complete the attached form and submit it to the address provided.  
ONLINE: Scan the QR code to be directed to The Community Foundation for the Alleghenies-Patriot Park Fund. Mark your donation "FLAGS."



### **PERMANENT FLAG HOLDER DONATION FORM**

POST-9/11 U.S. ARMED FORCES MEMORIAL AT PATRIOT PARK.

#### **I WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR (CHECK BELOW):**

- 500 PERMANENT FLAG HOLDERS \$2000
- 100 PERMANENT FLAG HOLDERS \$400
- 50 PERMANENT FLAG HOLDERS \$200
- 20 PERMANENT FLAG HOLDERS \$80
- 10 PERMANENT FLAG HOLDERS \$40
- CUSTOM AMOUNT \$\_\_\_\_\_
- I WISH TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP WITH INSTALLATION

#### **PLEASE MAIL YOUR DONATION TO:**

PATRIOT PARK FOUNDATION, 6150 LINCOLN HIGHWAY, STOYSTOWN PA 15563

DONOR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

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