



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

at Patriot Park

News and Updates

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BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Major General (Retired) Clair F. Gill is Chairman of the Board of Directors for Patriot Park Foundation. He is a West Point graduate who served for 34 years in the U.S. Army, beginning as an Engineer Platoon Leader in Vietnam, and later as a Company Commander during his third deployment to Vietnam. After that, he worked in various staff assignments and held commands in California, Germany, Hawaii and Missouri. He completed his military career as the Army's Budget Director in the Pentagon. Upon retirement, Gill worked in various engineering-related jobs in the Department of Energy and at the Smithsonian Institution.

He was born and raised in nearby Cambria County, PA and resides at Indian Lake with his wife, Sherry, of over 55 years. They raised three children who have produced eight wonderful grandchildren. Their son, MG Clair A. Gill is currently serving on active duty at Ft Novosel, AL as the Commandant and Army Aviation Branch Chief.

General Gill has been engaged with Patriot Park since its inception, out of a love of country and concern for the soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines who have served and sacrificed so much. He prays that their stories and examples told here will inspire future generations to step up to the plate and serve to defend our great Nation.

ALL ARE WELCOME

Board Meetings

Meetings of the Board of Directors of Patriot Park Foundation are held monthly, typically on the first Thursday of the month, at 9:30 AM. Anyone with interest in The Post-9/11 U.S. Armed Forces Memorial at Patriot Park is encouraged to attend. In winter, meetings are held online via Zoom, and Spring-Fall, they are both in-person and on Zoom. Watch your inbox for monthly invites!

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

HELP DESIGN OUR NEXT FEATURE

We are currently forming a Design Committee, and we are looking for input from volunteers who are interested in the future of the Memorial. We are beginning the process of creating a detailed design of a permanent feature: "Names of the Fallen Memorial Wall." Please contact us if you would like to join the Design Committee and be a part of the future design of the Post-9/11 U.S. Armed Forces Memorial at Patriot Park!



PERMANENT FLAG HOLDERS CAMPAIGN



The campaign to raise funds for over 7000 permanent flag holders for the Field of Heroes display is well underway. Hundreds of the holders have already been sponsored by generous corporate and individual donors from around the Nation. Please see the information on the second page to see how to get involved with a donation or with helping to install them.

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: _____

DONOR ADDRESS: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____