

MEMORANDUM

TO: Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator
FROM: Richard Klimes, Director of Parks and Recreation
DATE: September 13, 2013
RE: Request to Place Memorial Plaque on Muscatine Riverfront

INTRODUCTION:

Please accept this memo and the attached information as a request for approval for the WWII Honor Tour Committee to place a memorial recognition plaque on the Muscatine Riverfront.

BACKGROUND:

Attached is a letter of request from the WWII Honor Tour Committee of Pam Ramer, Diane Riggan and Yvonne McConnaha asking permission to place a recognition plaque on the Muscatine Riverfront next to the flag poles in front of Pearl City Station. "The purpose of the plaque is to give back to the community and to show respect to the WWII Veterans by placing a monument on the riverfront commemorating their service to this great nation."

The Committee did explore the development of a greater memorial at the site of 8th and Cedar, but have rescinded their request for the development of that site. Additionally, they are not interested in developing a memorial at the Duncan Park site.

RECOMMENDATION:

At this time, the City Staff would recommend that the City Council approve the request from the WWII Honor Tour Committee to place a recognition plaque on the Muscatine Riverfront next to the flag poles in front of Pearl City Station.

BACKUP INFORMATION:

1. WWII Honor Tour Committee Letter

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

C: Les Dennis, Park Maintenance Supervisor

WWII HONOR TOUR

**2144 Hwy.61 S.
Muscatine, IA 52761**

August 19, 2013

**Muscatine Parks & Recreation
Mr. Richard Klimes
215 Sycamore St.
Muscatine, IA 52761**

Dear Mr. Klimes,

In October of 2008 the “WWII Honor Tour” made its first successful trip to Washington, D.C. with 30 of Muscatine’s finest WWII Veterans. On this four day, three night event, the veterans were given the opportunity to view their WWII Memorial and many other memorials & monuments while in D.C.

This would not have been made possible, had it not been for the people of Muscatine & the surrounding communities that gave so generously to this cause. Due to the generosity and respect to our GREATEST GENERATION, there were a total of six trips out of the wonderful city of Muscatine, as well as four from outlying communities.

The WWII Honor Tour coordinators would like to give back to the community and show respect to the WWII Veterans by placing a monument on the riverfront commemorating their service to this great nation.

We request the permission from the city of Muscatine to place this monument in a prominent location on the river front for all the public to be able to view. We are confident the city will consider this an honor to demonstrate the bonds of a strong community and show their support of those who serve this country. To discuss in more detail please contact Diane Riggan at 563.299.8619.

Sincerely,

**WWII Honor Tour Committee
Pam Ramer
Diane Riggan
Yvonne McConnaha**

cc: Mayor DeWayne Hopkins

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WWII HONOR TOUR



**SALUTING OUR VETERANS
FROM THE HEARTLAND**

"WW II HONOR TOUR"

2008 - 2012

The World War II Memorial in Washington, DC. honors the 16 million who served in the Armed Forces of the US, the more than 400000 who died, and all who supported the war effort from home. Symbolic of the defining event of the 20th Century, the memorial is a monument to the spirit, sacrifice and commitment of the American people. It was 59 years later before this memorial was constructed to honor the veterans who served.

The "WWII HONOR TOUR", lead by local volunteers, gave many of the WWII Veterans from our community the opportunity to travel to Washington, DC. to view the memorial that was built in their honor.

Thank you Muscatine and surrounding communities for your generous support to our "WWII HONOR TOUR" and the "GREATEST GENERATION".

"We can't all be heroes, because somebody has to sit on the curb and applaud when they go by." - - -Will Rogers