



## City of Bloomington Veterans Memorial Park Project

We would like to take a moment to introduce the City of Bloomington Vietnam War 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Partnership.

Through the efforts of dedicated City of Bloomington Human Services personnel, the City of Bloomington applied to become a commemorative partner for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Vietnam War and its' veterans.

This 3 year partnership requires a minimum of 2 recognition events or activities take place each year honoring Vietnam Era veterans. (Reunion Brunches, Veterans picnic, appreciation dinner, art events, etc.)

Through recognizing the benefits of this program, the City of Bloomington leadership has approved the pursuit of a veteran's memorial recognizing all Bloomington area veterans.

A volunteer committee has been established to promote and see to fruition this worthwhile commemoration of our veterans.

The committees consist of veterans, community volunteers, City of Bloomington personnel and local business partners.

The goal is to (with community input) design and build a veterans memorial honoring all local veterans' and their families.

The memorial area is currently proposed to be built on the east lawn area of Bloomington Civic Plaza grounds pending further approvals and design suggestions.

Current design plan suggestions include; walkways with pavers recognizing veterans, commemorative wall type recognition with veteran's names, statues, benches, possible gazebo and interactive displays for education and memorialization of veterans and their families.

The memorial is intended to not only recognize those directly involved in conflicts and their families, but also the men and women that played critical support roles in non-combat activities. An educational component will also be part of the memorial site.

We are in the initial phases of our venture and are currently looking for additional committee members as well as potential Bloomington area individuals and organizations willing to partner to help fund this enduring and evolving cause.

If you are interested in assisting as a committee member or would like to be a benefactor to this endeavor, we would like to speak with you further.

Please contact the City of Bloomington Human Services Division at 952-563-4944 and ask for Program Coordinators, Melissa Wurst-Persaud or Amanda Crombie for follow up.