



# PATRIOT PARK

# News & Updates

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## President's Report

Your help and financial support during the last two years has allowed Patriot Park to become a special place where the sacrifices of millions of men and women who answered the call to duty after 9/11 and fought to keep us free and safe are honored and the 7054 who made the ultimate sacrifice are forever remembered.

On May 28, sixth graders from Conemaugh Township Middle School visited Patriot Park. Yesterday, I received a letter from their class. It read in part, "Thank you for the wonderful visit. It was an honor to listen to the Veteran speaker. We were very humbled by the visit." They voted unanimously to donate \$50 to Patriot Park! YOU have made it happen, and it is having an impact on those who visit.



THANK YOU! – **Randy Musser**



**FLAG PLANTING:** On May 4 and 5, volunteers planted over 7000s flag to reestablish the Field of Heroes Flag Display for the 2023 season. On Thursday, High school students and their advisors from Somerset County Technology Center and North Star, Shanksville Stonycreek and Shade Central City school districts worked through cold and wet conditions to plant over 6000 flags on Thursday. The rain that had been forecast all week miraculously took a four-hour break while the students were working and the wet conditions provided soft soil allowing for ease in planting the flags. On Friday, the sun came out and another group of volunteers completed the planting. The park opened on Saturday, May 6.

## Blue Star Memorial Plaque installed

On May 16 members of the Somerset Garden Club and Patriot Park volunteers installed a Blue Star Memorial Plaque at Patriot Park.

The Club purchased a flowering dogwood tree and many flowers to beautify the site. Musser Construction provided manpower and a mini-excavator to aid with the installation. A special thank you to the Garden Club for all their support.



*We are always in need of volunteers ... for grounds keeping, flag repair, and clerical work, as well as greeting visitors on weekends and helping with special events. Honor those who served by sharing your time and talents at Patriot Park!*

