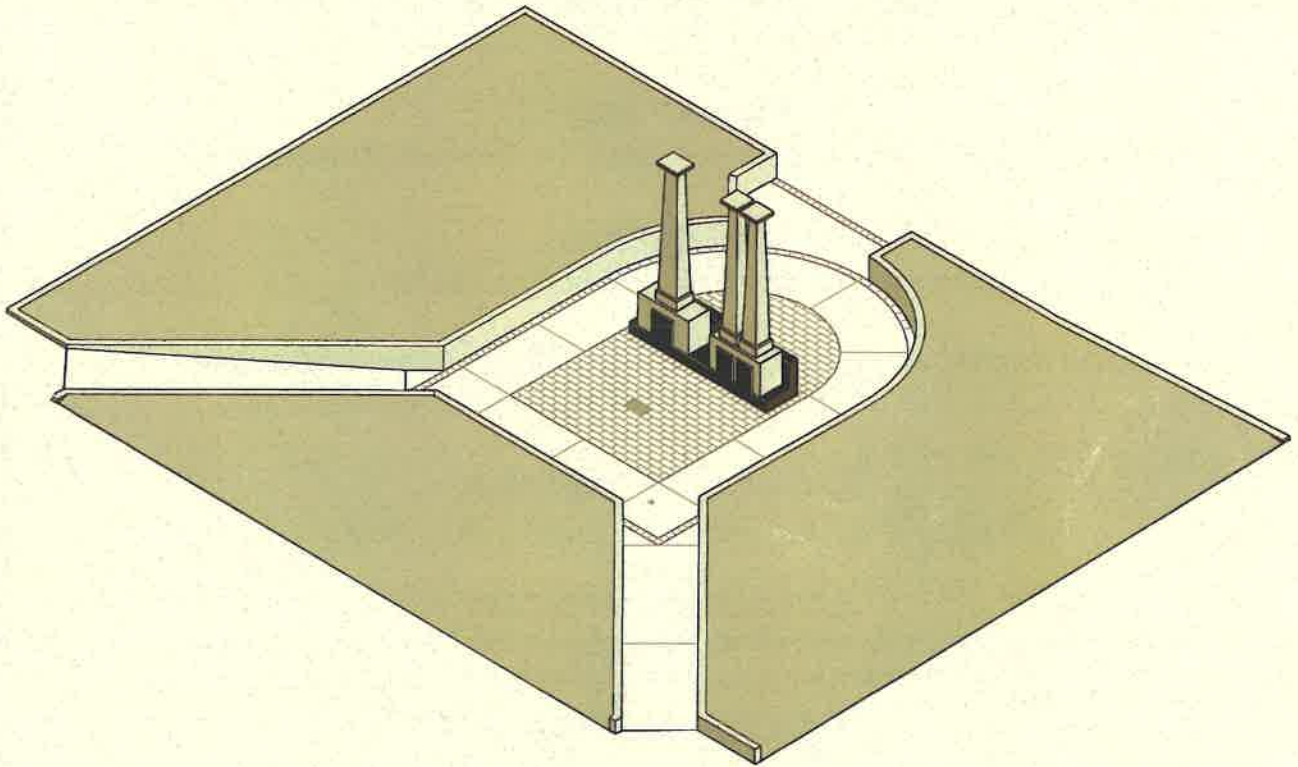


# *World War I & II Veterans Memorial Peoria County*



## *Dedication Ceremony*

*Peoria County Courthouse Plaza*

*Saturday, May 26, 2007*

*10:00 A. M.*

# Program

## Welcome

Mr. Roger Monroe, Memorial Committee Member & Master of Ceremonies

## Invocation

Doctor Ben Johnston, Senior Pastor, Grace Presbyterian Church

## Posting of Colors & Honor Guard Review

Peoria County Sheriff's Honor Guard

## National Anthem

Woodruff, Richwoods, Peoria Notre Dame, Manual & Peoria High Schools

## Introductions

Peoria County Sheriff Michael D. McCoy

## Comments & Introduction of Special Guest Speaker

Honorable Ray LaHood, 18th District United States Congressman

## Special Guest Speaker

General Wayne A. Downing, United States Army (Ret.)

## Reflective Comments

Honorable Robert H. Michel, Memorial Committee Honorary Chairman

## Offering of Wreaths

### Honored Veterans of World War II

Honorable Robert H. Michel

Honorable Jim Maloof

Mr. Victor Reynolds  
P.O.W., Held by the Japanese

Mr. Anthony (Tony) Janicki  
P.O.W., Held by the Germans

### Escorted by

Honorable Jim Ardis  
Mayor, City of Peoria

Honorable Lynn Scott Pearson  
Peoria County Board Member

Maryann Morrison  
Caterpillar, Inc. & Memorial Committee Member

Colonel William Robertson  
Commander, 182nd Air Lift Wing

## Comments

Honorable Richard J. Durbin, United States Senator, Illinois

# Program Continued

## Presentation of Dedication Proclamation & Acceptance

### Presenting on Behalf of the Memorial Committee

Honorable Robert H. Michel, Memorial Committee Honorary Chairman

&

Col. Hal Fritz, United States Army (Ret.), Congressional Medal of Honor

### Accepting on Behalf of the Citizens and Veterans of Peoria County

Honorable William R. Prather, Chairman of the Peoria County Board

## Closing Remarks

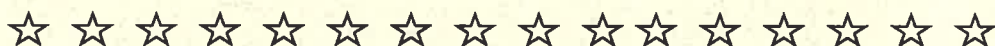
R. Steven Sonnemaker, Memorial Committee General Chairman

## Taps

Peoria County Sheriff's Honor Guard

## Benediction

Doctor Ben Johnston, Senior Pastor, Grace Presbyterian Church



The World War I & II Veterans Memorial Committee wishes to express a **special thank you** to the following for their efforts on the Memorial Project:

Mr. Henry Holling, Caterpillar, Inc.

Mr. David Henderson, for his assistance researching names of our lost veterans

Julie Traenkenschuh, for organizing the Dedication Ceremony's music

Gary Kailey, for his creative artwork of the Memorial Project logo

Honorable Ray LaHood, 18th District United States Congressman

Honorable Richard J. Durbin, United States Senator, Illinois

George P. Shadid, Illinois State Senator (Ret.)

Williams Spears, Peoria City Councilman

### Music provided by students of the following high school bands:

Woodruff High School; Julie Traenkenschuh, Music Director

Richwoods High School; Mark Jirousek, Music Director

Peoria Notre Dame High School; Chris Vandre, Music Director

Manual High School; George Graves, Jr., Music Director

Peoria High School; Rudy Higgins, Music Director

### Memorial Construction

Mr. Jeffery S. Poss, Professor, University of Illinois, & Memorial Architect

Mr. Jim Ash, STS Consultants & Memorial Architect

William Aupperle & Sons, Inc., General Contractor

### **Patriot Contributors:**

Caterpillar, Inc. - County of Peoria - City of Peoria - Senator George P. Shadid, on behalf of the State of Illinois - CEFCU - Donald & Sylvia Fites - Methodist Medical Center - Medina Township - L.R. Nelson - R.L.I. Corp. - Builders Association of Tazewell County - Wayne Baum Family Foundation - George P. Shadid & Family - Limestone Township - Lexus of Peoria - Chillicothe Township - Glen & Polly Barton - Bruce & Teresa Thiemann - Roger & Nancy Monroe - City of Elmwood - City of West Peoria - Core Construction Foundation - Michael Fay - Heritage Bank - Heyl, Royster, Voelker & Allen - Jack & Pat Hidden - International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers - Laborers Local #165 - Trudy & Michael A. Landwirth - Robert H. Michel - Mohammed Shrine - Otto Baum Company - Gordon S. Peters - William R. Prather - Richwoods Township - Rosefield Township - OSF Saint Francis Medical Center - United Brotherhood of Carpenters - Village of Bartonville - Village of Bellevue - Village of Peoria Heights - Wal-Mart Foundation - West Peoria Township - Plumbers Local #63 - George F. Jacob - Jim Maloof Realty - VFW Post #814 - Central Sales Co.



### **Peoria County World War I & II Veterans Memorial Committee**

Honorable Robert H. Michel, Honorary Chairman  
United States House Minority Leader (Ret.)

R. Steven Sonnemaker, Committee General Chairman & Peoria County Clerk

Roger G. Monroe, Peoria County Board (Ret.), U.S. Army Veteran

Thomas Maher, U.S.M.C. Veteran

M. Ernie Crowl, U.S. Navy (Ret.)

Maryann Morrison, Caterpillar, Inc.

Bruce Thiemann, Attorney & U.S. Army Veteran

Charles R. Schofield, (deceased), Peoria County Sheriff & U.S.M.C. Veteran

Lt. Col. Lester D. Bergsten, U.S.A.F. (Ret.)

Michael D. McCoy, Peoria County Sheriff

Lt. Col. Harold A. Fritz, U.S. Army (Ret.), Congressional Medal of Honor

Stephanie Sanders, Caterpillar, Inc.

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Victor Reynolds, U.S. Navy, WW II P.O.W.

### **Memorial Committee Mission**

The mission of the Peoria County World War I & II Veterans Memorial Committee was to raise necessary funds, establish requirements for the design, and oversee construction of a fitting memorial to honor the more than 28,000 Peoria County Veterans who served in the U.S. Armed Forces during World War I & II and the 873 who never returned.

The Memorial Committee has devoted seven years to this project and it has truly been a labor of love and gratitude. The Committee trusts that the citizens and veterans of Peoria County will believe we have honorably completed our mission with the monument we dedicate here today.

The Peoria County World War I & II Memorial stands 26' tall and weighs approximately 67 tons. The Black Standard Granite base of the monument was quarried in Zimbabwe and supports columns of Honor White Granite quarried in North Carolina. Tecstone Granite of Ohio manufactured the granite used for the Memorial.