

About the Park



This project started in 1998 with a request from the Frank R. Vaise VFW Post #1263 to locate a memorial in Liberty Park. After reviewing a number of potential locations the former Holmes site was recommended and taken to the Renton City Council in April of 1998. The Renton City Council authorized the site's use for the Veterans Park on the condition that it only be used for that purpose and that the veterans raise the money to construct the project. The property was dedicated for memorial purposes in order to commemorate veterans who honorably served their country. Veterans being honored at this memorial are not required to be Renton City residents, and can be living or deceased. However, proof of honorable service is required.

Eventually, working with the Frank R. Vaise VFW Post #1263, the Fred Hancock American Legion Post #19, and numerous volunteers, including David Clarke of Calvin Jordan Associates who donated time for the development of numerous concepts and the 3D model, a design was chosen.

Over the next four years there were a series of meetings to discuss design, construction materials, tile cost, and wall height. The walls were initially designed to be much higher – the wall height was based on the number of tiles that needed to be sold to fund construction of the park.

Approximately \$100,000 was raised through fund raising events including the sale of tiles and donations, with the City of Renton agreeing to help fund the balance of the project.

The memorial features five walls in the shape of a star representing the five different branches of the service. Local artist Sheri Nagy designed the bronze statue of an eagle and American flag that is positioned atop the stand in the middle of the star. Engraved tiles line the walls. The 6"x 6" memorial tiles cost \$75 each. There is space for three lines of engraved text, with up to 16 characters per line.

Applications for the plaques to commemorate veterans are available online at rentonwa.gov/veteranspark or call 425-430-6600 to receive an application by mail.

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