

Donations and brick orders are still coming in. To date, we have taken in almost \$21,000 and our expenses have been around \$14,000. We have orders for 117 bricks and 105 of them are engraved. The two additional stones, one in memory of Tom Williams and the other in memory of Leland Holland have been purchased and will be put in place once the weather allows. We have a donation for one bench and hope to eventually have four. As funds are available, we will put up a sign and add some urns.

Besides bringing you up to date on the status of the project, we believe it is time to encourage you to get your brick order in if you haven't already done so. Remember, a brick can be purchased for anyone who has served in the military – it can be an active military person - you do not have to live or even have lived in Scales Mound to have a brick. We welcome all!! We still have a list of people who have shown an interest but have not yet sent in an order so we would like to give everyone a friendly reminder to do so.

We have launched an "Adopt a Veteran" program which means if you don't have a military person in your family but you want to make the \$75.00 donation, you can choose a name from the list of veterans we are sharing with the Scales Mound Post Office. If you are not comfortable choosing a name, you can "draw one of the same names out of the hat" and honor that veteran. We will help you put the information together. The time to lay the bricks will be here before we know it and we would like to have as many engraved bricks as possible to put down. If you want to be assured that your brick will be put down before the rededication ceremony, your order should be in before the end of March. This will allow the engravers time to get them done. Of course this is an ongoing project and bricks can be purchased in the months and years to come but we need to set a temporary deadline for those to be included in the initial installation. The rededication of the park will take place during the Village's 160th Celebration in June. Plans are to hold it directly after the parade.

Our sincere thanks goes out to all who have helped with the project in any way. We have been able to move forward much quicker than we ever imagined. We believe the completed park will be simple in its own way but very remarkable. Thanks again!

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