



The First Step - Setting the Tank

The VMPJC is hosting a special fundraising campaign to complete the Veterans Memorial Park of Jackson County. The goal is to raise \$250,000 by June 1, 2019 to complete the Park by Veterans Day, Nov 11, 2019.

The Veterans Memorial Park of Jackson County, Inc was formed as an IRS 501(c) (3) nonprofit Corporation in 2015 for the purpose of constructing a park to:

- 1) honor the memory of veterans from Jackson County, many of whom paid the supreme sacrifice in the defense of freedom
- 2) recognize and honor those who served and are currently serving in our nation's military
- 3) promote patriotism and knowledge of U.S. military history in our schools.

The Park Board is comprised of members of local Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6073 and American Legion Post 30 and other public and local organizations' officials.

To date park construction has been funded with donations with volunteer labor, cash, construction services, equipment use and materials. The completion value of installed work is approximately \$250,000.

Our next phase is the purchase and installation of the black granite monuments and informational kiosks. Phase 2 work includes a pavilion and a center statue. The estimated cost of this remaining work is \$250,000.

Significant financial assistance is now needed in order to complete the park in 2019. Donations of any size are requested, and donors of larger amounts will be recognized on a donor's monument. Additional information on the park, including construction photographs, is shown on our web page: VMPJC.com



The Present



Phase 1 to prepare the park for the monuments is essentially complete as shown in the above aerial photograph which shows the park as it is today.



The Future



The modified photo shows the central features of Monument Circle. There will be an Honor Wall with the names of Jackson County service members killed-in-action, 5 black granite monuments, one for each branch of the Armed Forces, and a monument for POW-MIA. Additionally, there will be 6 informational kiosks, each containing 6 "pages" on United States military history (i.e. history of branches of service, information on wars, service academies, etc.). A covered pavilion with bathrooms will offer convenience for school and other groups to visit the park.



Educating Future Generations

That "Freedom is Not Free"

The Veterans Memorial Park of Jackson County's purpose is to honor the veterans who protect and defend our country, our constitution and our way of life. In addition to honoring our current service members and veterans, we want to provide a legacy asset that educates the future generations that "freedom is not free". The Veterans Memorial Park of Jackson County has many goals set for 2019. One of those goals would be to form a partnership with Jackson County and Scottsboro City Board of Education. It is important to the Veterans Memorial Park Board of Directors that we continue to educate our citizens as well as supplement instruction for students within the community and beyond.

The Alabama Department of Education Course of Study: Social Studies is the educational foundation

that drives social studies and/or civics instruction within our school systems. Below, is an informational chart that outlines the Alabama course of study for students in grades 3-12 within Scottsboro City and Jackson County Schools. This table shows selected Course Standards that will be reinforced by material provided by the VMP's 6 Kiosks (with a total of 36 pages), the Services and POW/MIA Monuments and the Wall of Honor. The VMP will be in place to positively supplement student & community learning opportunities with veterans who can give hands on experience that provides additional learning not taught in the schools but also better prepare them for the newly mandated Civic Exam.

Alabama Department of Education Course of Study: Social Studies

Grade	Alabama Course of Study Overview
3	Geographical & Historical Studies: People, Places, and Regions
4	Alabama Studies
5	United States Studies: Beginnings to the Industrial Revolution
6	United States Studies: The Industrial Revolution to the Present
7	Geography
8	Civics
9	World History
10	United States History I: Beginnings to the Industrial Revolution
11	United States History II: The Industrial Revolution to the Present
12	United States Government & Economics

It is the VMP vision that each grade shown above would have the opportunity to participate in an annual field trip in the late April/early May time frame 2020 within Jackson County and Scottsboro City Schools. We anticipate that 1400 plus students will enter the park the very first year if not more.

The Veterans Memorial Park Board of Directors are optimistic in soliciting County wide Letters of Support or Commitment for the VMP. Every dollar counts to secure additional funding.

The success of VMP thus far has been because of community support.

To Make A Donation

Donations can be made to Veterans Memorial Park of Jackson County, Inc and mailed to 1616 Heroes Drive, Scottsboro, AL 35768. If you need additional information, please call Larry Becker, Board President at 256-656-9824 or email: larrybecker1944@gmail.com.

