

Chapter 421 Members,

The Memorial Park at the corner of Manor Road and Martling Avenue was first erected in 1988 on New York State owned property. It was the State's responsibility to maintain the grounds. That didn't happen. Our Chapter was limited to what it could or could not do with respect to maintenance of the park. As such, time was taking its toll on the park.

In 2012 with the help of State Representative Michael Cusick we were able to secure the rights to the grounds. It was at that time that the Park was renamed to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Park.

This past year we completed the beautification of the park. Through the efforts of Frank Russo the various construction stages of the project were recorded. Not only were they recorded but they were turned into a documentary video which I feel should be shared with you.

At the February 27 meeting there will be a special showing of this video. I invite you, including your family to come and join us. You will look back into the past when the Memorial was first completed and witness the amazing transformation of this beautiful park. Please do not miss this event.

Sincerely,

Gene DiGiacomo
President, VVA Chapter 421