

# WISCONSIN VIETNAM WAR MEMORIAL

## VETERANS FREEDOM PARK, LA CROSSE, WI



My name is Jordan Briskey and I am a 2020 graduate of Holmen High School. I started this memorial project in May of 2016, when I found out that we did not have a memorial for our Vietnam Veterans here in La Crosse. I contacted the La Crosse City Park and Recreation Department and they informed me that they were developing the Veterans Freedom Park and were interested in my idea. I've had several meetings with the Parks and Recreation Department and have done a lot of research about the Vietnam War, along with having meetings with the developer of The Highground Memorial in Neillsville, WI. The artist that helped with a portion of The Highground Memorial, Mike Martino from La Crosse, did the drawing from the information I gave him. As you can see, there will be life size statues, along with the names of the 1239 military personnel that were KIA engraved on the half circle area. On the back of the main stone there will be etched pictures representing scenes of the war from the soldiers that I have interviewed. Below the battlefield memorial on the octagon pedestal, we will have a bronze star representing each branch of the military. When visitors enter this memorial, the design allows specific stories and emotions to be told which were inspired by actual Wisconsin Vietnam Veterans.



Due to Covid 19 our plans to build in 2020 have been delayed and we need your donation to complete the First Phase which includes the flags and the wall of the WI KIA that will honor and remember our soldiers and families that sacrificed their lives for the freedom we enjoy today.

Our Committee members consist of Sheryl Pederson, Jordan Briskey, and the following veterans from the Vietnam War: Tom Hundt, Roger McGinnis, Rodney Helgeson, Stan Roellich and Dale Schermerhorn.

**We are looking for sponsors and donations to reach our goal of 400,000. If you would like to donate, a check can be written out to "Vietnam Memorial" and mailed to Holmen Area Foundation - P.O. Box 432 Holmen, WI 54636.**

If you have any questions please contact me at 608-769-6101, Johnny Briskey at 608-769-2948 or Sheryl Pederson at 608-799-7524/sherylp@centurytel.net. For more information or to donate, visit us online at [wivietnamwarmemorial.com](http://wivietnamwarmemorial.com).

Thank You,

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