

Local Organizations look To Enhance Bellevue's Memorial Day Celebration

Area organizations are seeking to enhance the Bellevue Memorial Day celebration by creating visual reminders of those city residents who have made the ultimate sacrifice. Representatives of the **Russell Madden Memorial Fund**, **The Barracks Project**, and **In-Vue**, have been collaborating to purchase and install 27 banners honoring city soldiers who were killed in battle. The groups have been raising the funds necessary to purchase and install the Hero Banners along Fairfield Avenue in time for the annual Bellevue/Dayton Memorial Day Parade. Each banner would include a photo of the soldier, as well as their branch of service and the date of their sacrifice. Bellevue has a long history of honoring military service with one of the oldest Memorial Day Parades in the state of Kentucky but this year, the groups are hoping to expand this tradition with the addition of the Hero Banners. The groups are seeking the assistance of the public in identifying family members of the heroes and encouraging them to contact the city to provide photos and information about their family heroes.

A list of Fallen Heroes is posted below. If you are a relative of the soldiers listed or, if you know the family of the soldiers listed below, you are asked to have them contact the City of Bellevue through the provided link: <https://bellevueky.org/veteran-banner-project>. The groups are encouraging families to contact the city as soon as possible in order to get the banners prepared and installed on Fairfield Avenue in time for the 93rd Annual Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 26th. Submissions must be received by Friday, April 4th. The website also includes contact information to learn more about this project.

William Andrew Karman WWI – US Army	Charles Jackson Jr. WWII – US Army
Russell Messer WWII – US Army	Norman Weber WWII – US Air Force
Fred Funken WWII – US Army	Frank Duell WWII – US Army
Edward Huber WWII – US Army	Kenneth Alexander WWII – US Marines
Donald Grollig WWII – US Army	Edward Hackman WWII – US Army
Lyall Lipscomb WWII – US Army	Wendall Moore WWII – US Navy
William Hambo WWII – US Navy	Harold Martin WWII – US Marines
William Burton Sr. WWII – US Army	Hugh Dennedy WWII – US Marines
Harry E. Kable Jr. WWII – US Marines	Eugene F. Morris WWII – US Navy
Gilbert Searcy WWII – US Army	Allen F. Walker WWII – US Navy
Wayne D. Heath Korea – US Army	George Schoulthies Korea – US Army
Delmar Anderson Vietnam – US Marines	Dennis L. Henry Vietnam – US Army
Eugene Spencer Vietnam – US Army	Justin A. Scott Afghanistan – US Army
Russell E. Madden Afghanistan – US Army	

There will be no charge to the Gold Star Families for these banners as we are independently raising the funds necessary to purchase and install the banners. If you would like to donate to raise the funds necessary for this project, you can donate by scanning the QR code below or by going to the maddenmemorialfund.org website and clicking on the DONATE TODAY link at the top of the page.

