

# **MUNROE FALLS VETERANS MEMORIAL**

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# Introduction

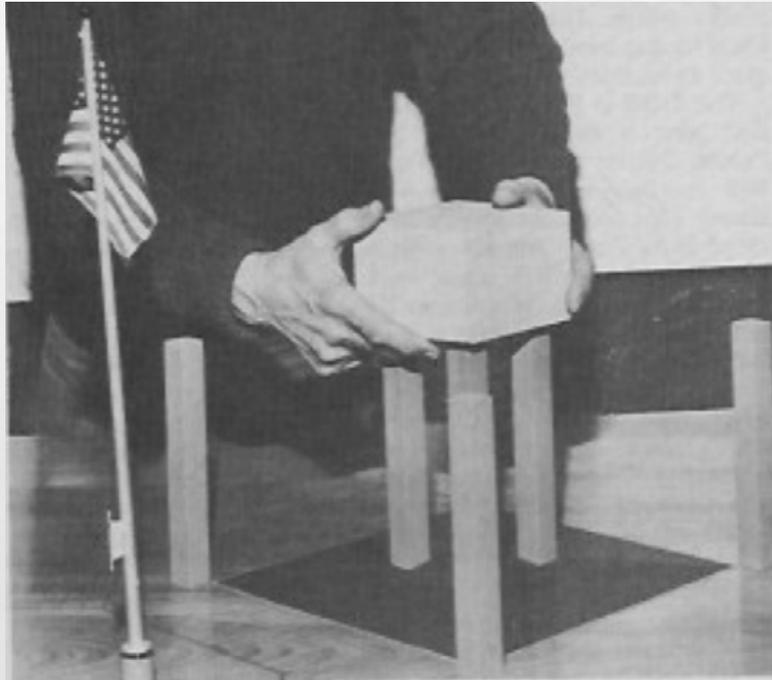
- The Munroe Falls Veterans Memorial was introduced as part of a larger Master Plan that included 6.5 acres of municipal property encompassing Guise Park, the historical Kingsmill House – which was to become a museum – and the Veterans Memorial.
- The Munroe Falls Veterans Memorial Committee was formed on April 28, 1986.
- Dennis Mersky of Environmental Design Group was hired by Village for the overall project.
- The Veterans Memorial Committee was to raise funds for an acre of land where the old Predico House was being removed to become the Memorial site.
- Although called a “memorial,” the MF Veterans Memorial was designed to be a tribute to anyone, living or deceased, who served at any time in any branch of the armed forces.

# EARLY PLANNING OF MEMORIAL

**1986-1987**

Memorial Committee  
Chairperson:  
Kay Brown

Sculptor: Carl Floyd



# Memorial Committee Meeting

June 30, 1986

- Presentation by Environmental Design Group
- Master Plan to include Guise Park, historical house and Veterans Memorial
- Cost of plan: \$2,000 - \$2,500
- Veteran's Memorial to be 10% of cost, includes overseeing construction
- Committee recommends entering into contract
- Kay Brown appointed Chairman, Pat Nixon appointed Secretary

## MUNROE FALLS VETERANS' MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

June 30, 1986

Members present: Kay Brown  
Jerry Hupp  
Pat Nixon  
Robert VanKirk

Member from the Board of Zoning attending was Lois Meine.

A presentation was made by Mr. Dennis Mersky of Environmental Design Group. Mr. Mersky has looked over our site and believes that he can design a Master Plan to integrate with our surrounding area.

The master plan will include the areas of Guise Park, the proposed historical house site and the Veterans Memorial. The whole Municipal Complex will be included in the Master Plan.

The cost of this design plan is to be between \$2,000 and \$2,500. Once the master plan is accepted, a set of working plans of the Veterans' Memorial would cost 10% of the project cost. This includes overseeing the construction of the project.

It was decided on by those in attendance that the Munroe Falls Veterans' Memorial Committee recommend to Council that Munroe Falls would enter into a contract with Environmental Design Group for not more than \$2,500. All other costs will be covered by Contributions and Fund Raising. Council was to meet July 1 and Kay Brown and Pat Nixon would attend in order to answer any questions should they arise.

Mr. Van Kirk made a motion to appoint Kay Brown as Chairman Pro Tem and Pat Nixon Secretary Pro Tem until an election of officers can be held. This motion was seconded by Mayor Hupp. Motion Carried.

The next meeting will be held July 14th at 7:30 P.M.

Meeting was adjourned.

Pat Nixon  
Secretary Pro Tem

# Letter to Council

July 1, 1986

- Committee reports to council on two important decisions:
  1. Best site for memorial is the land already owned by the village, directly across the stream from Town Hall
  2. A professional designer would be needed for the project
- Expected date of project completion: Memorial Day 1987

DATE: July 1, 1986

TO: Members of Council

FROM: The Munroe Falls Veterans' Memorial Committee

SUBJECT: Veterans' Memorial Project

The Munroe Falls Veterans' Memorial Committee was formed by citizens of Munroe Falls on April 28, 1986. There have been four meetings of the committee and much discussion has been held concerning site and design.

Two basic decisions were made.

(1) The best site for the memorial was the land already owned by the village directly across the stream from the Town Hall.

(2) A professional designer would be needed for this project.

With these decisions in mind, the committee met with Mr. Dennis Mersky of Environmental Design Group, Inc.. After much discussion, he consented to design a master plan for the municipal complex west of the Village Hall. This area includes Guise Park, the proposed historical house and the Veterans' Memorial. The cost of this design plan is to be between \$2,000 and \$2,500, and will not exceed \$2,500. Once the master plan is accepted, a set of working plans of the Veterans' Memorial would cost 10% of the project cost. This cost includes over-seeing the construction of the project.

Therefore, the Munroe Falls Veterans' Memorial Committee would like to request of council the sum of \$2,500 to begin the project, the cost of the master plan.

The remainder of the money for working plans and construction will be raised by the committee through a fund-raising campaign.

The target date for completion of this project is Memorial Day 1987.

We know this project will add to the beauty of the village and we sincerely would like to have your support.

Veterans' Memorial Committee

Kay Brown, Chairman Pro Tem

MUNROE FALLS VETERANS' MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

July 14, 1986

Attendance:

Kay Brown	Dan Miller
Rich Fawcett	Pat Nixon
Jerry Hupp	Al Rice
Dennis Lowe	Robert VanKirk

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jerry Hupp.

The nominations for officers were made and voted upon.

The elected officers are as follows:

Project Chairman-Kay Brown  
Fund Raising Chairman-Dennis Lowe  
Secretary-Pat Nixon  
Treasurer-Dan Miller

The meeting was turned over to Chairman Kay Brown.

Kay introduced Dennis Mersky of Environmental Design Group to the members of the committee.

Mr. Mersky gave out Program and Facilities analyses to be filled out by the individual committee members. Mr. Mersky would like these filled out within the next two weeks. Kay requests that we fill them out and return them to the town hall in about a week to speed up the study.

Mayor Hupp suggested that Mr. Mersky meet with the Village Engineer for Maps, Utilities, etc. needed.

The Members of the committee gave their views on the type of Memorial they want for the Village.

Mayor Hupp will talk to the Law Director concerning legality of the committee in regards to the funds.

It was suggested that the Mayor try to get us a flag for our memorial that has flown from the capital.

Alan Rice suggested that we try to get the West Point Military Band for the dedication ceremony. West Point will send the band at no cost for this type of traditional memorial. We will have to put in a request now for Memorial Day.

Pat Nixon will get some publicity to Stow paper.

Robert VanKirk suggested we put up a sign at the future site of the Veterans' Memorial.

Kay Brown may have a couple more people that would like to be on the committee. She will contact them and invite them to our next meeting.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE AT 7:30 AUGUST 7TH. AT THE TOWN HALL.

The meeting was adjourned.

Pat Nixon  
Secretary

# Memorial Committee Meeting

July 14, 1986

- Dennis Mersky of Environmental Design Group distributes Program and Facilities Analyses
- Mayor Hupp suggests Mersky meets with Village engineer; will talk to Law Director about legality of committee in regard to funds; and will search for a flag that was flown over capitol
- Members give views on type of Memorial they want for Village
- Discussions include the dedication ceremony, a sign at the future site and invitation to others who may be interested in joining committee

## Memorial Planning begins

Plans for the Munroe Falls Veterans Memorial are beginning to develop as a committee of village residents are meeting regularly to make the tribute to all the veterans a reality.

The committee, which was organized in April, will assist with the development of the project and will be a part of the master plan de-

signed by Dennis Mersky of the Environmental Design Group of Stow. The master plan will encompass the entire municipal complex, west of the Town Hall which will include a historic site and the Veterans Memorial. A dedication ceremony for the memorial is tentatively scheduled for Memorial Day, 1987.

Fund raising for the construction of the project will be the responsibility of the committee. In addition to specific fundraising events, the committee will be accepting donations from individuals, businesses, and local civic, cultural and religious organizations, wishing to support the project to honor the veterans.

Chairing the Veteran's Committee is Kay Brown. She is assisted by fundraising chairman, Dennis Lowe; secretary, Pat Nixon; and treasurer, Dan Miller. Also serving on the committee are Rich Fawcett, Jerry Hupp, Lois Meine, Al Rice and Robert VanKirk.

The next meeting of the committee is Thursday, Aug. 7. To make a donation or for additional information, call the Munroe Falls Town Hall at 688-7491.

## VIEWPOINT

### *Support is needed*

The Munroe Falls Veterans Memorial beautification project, which will be enhanced by reflections of the heritage of the village, will surely become a reality with the commitment, dedication and hard work demonstrated by the members of the committee working on the project. The plans for the veterans memorial, to be located on the six and one-half acres of municipal land at the Town Hall site, is part of a master plan for the development of that site.

Chairman Kay Brown has indicated that the memorial is expected to be very traditional and in keeping with the overall appearance of the village. Mrs. Brown and the committee of villagers: Dan Miller, Dennis Lowe, Richard Fawcett, Alan Rice, Pat Nixon, Lois Meine, Bob VanKirk, Mayor Gerald Hupp and Village Engineer Gene Krannich, have responded to the call and have proceeded with the task of securing funds to pay for the project.

Letters will soon be mailed to business leaders and village residents asking for financial support for this project. While council appropriated funds for the design of the area, private support is needed for the development and implementation of the plan. Cost is expected to be about \$20,000.

We urge villagers to participate in this project which will serve as a focal point for the community, a recognition for those who served our country and reflection of the lifestyles and traditions of the village of yesterday.

# Memorial Committee Meeting

August 7, 1986

- Dennis Mersky of Environmental Design Group gives progress report, as well as presents results of member survey and review of inventory (type of soil and wind patterns)
- Committee decides to contact a sculptor
- Mersky requires information on property and adjacent area

VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

August 7, 1986

Attendance:

The Minutes of the July 14th meeting were approved as typed.

Dennis Mersky of the Environmental Design Group gave a progress report showing a drawing of the area. Mr Mersky also gave us the results of the survey taken among members of the committee. The committee then walked over the area to get a first hand view.

Mr. Mersky gave a review of the inventory at the property. Stating the type of soil at the site and the wind patterns.

The committee talked about the kind of a memorial it wants. We decided we should talk to a sculptor.

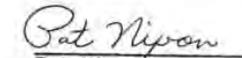
Dennis Mersky will need more information on the new property and adjacent area. At some point we will need a survey made. County may have aerial views we could purchase.

NEXT MEETING-----MONDAY AUGUST 25th at 7:30 TOWN HALL

If Town Hall gets calls about donations checks should be made out to the Veterans Memorial Committee. Dan will get a checking account.

Denny Lowe has been working on a letter to send out for contributions. We will start with Businesses and Civic groups then to residents.

We would like to invite members of the Park Board and Historic Society to our committee.

  
Pat Nixon  
Secretary

# Memorial Committee Meeting

August 25, 1986

- Committee discusses need for field survey and 1985 aerials
- Dennis Mersky from Environmental Design Group presents two options for Master Plan
- Committee combines parts of each plan; revised Master plan to be presented at Sept 3 Village Council meeting
- Initial cost of single-object sculpture too high; search continues
- Solicitation letter drafted for businesses, civic groups and residents

## MUNROE FALLS VETERANS COMMITTEE

August 25, 1986

### Attendance:

Kay Brown	Gene Krannich	Dan Miller
Bentley Hudson	Dennis Lowe	Pat Nixon
John Koshar	Dennis Mersky	Bob Van Kirk

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Kay Brown

Dennis Lowe made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 7th meeting. 2nd by Dan Miller.

There was some discussion on getting a field survey and in getting 1985 aerials.

Dennis Mersky from The Environmental Design Group showed us two plans for the Master Plan. These were discussed. We combined parts of both plans. New Master Plan will be drawn up and presented to the Planning Committee on September 3rd. 8:00 at the Town Hall. It was suggested that a member of the Veterans Committee should be at this meeting.

Kay Brown had talked to a sculptor and the price was approx. \$22,000 for a single object. This price is too high for our budget. Kay was going to get some other names and some ideas for the memorial.

Fund Raising Chairman-Dennis Lowe had a draft of a letter to present. We made some suggestions and changes. The letter will go out to Businesses, Civic Groups and residents of Munroe Falls.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE SEPTEMBER 17th at 7:30 at the Town Hall.

Pat Nixon

Secretary

## Munroe Falls planners

# Master plan is unveiled in the village

By RON ANTONUCCI

With the enthusiastic recommendation of Mayor Gerald L. Hupp, the Munroe Falls Planning commission approved a "total concept plan" for the proposed veterans' memorial park area and the museum to be located in the recently purchased Kingsmill House on Munroe Falls Avenue.

The plan was presented at last Wednesday's meeting by Dennis J. Mersky, Vice President of the Environmental Design Group. The design provides for an open, flat area between the museum and Guise Park that may be used for festivals, ceremonies and informal sporting activities. The memorial itself, which has not been designed as yet, will be erected in approximate location of the Predico House, which Mayor Hupp informed the commission "will probably be torn down within the next thirty days." The memorial will face Munroe Falls Avenue but will not be completely visible from the Village Hall due to the contour of the land and the trees that will surround the area.

Mersky stated that one of the primary concerns of the Veteran's Memorial Committee was the "control and straightening out of traffic patterns" around the Village Hall and Guise Park Lodge. "We want to reorient parking to make the area more conducive to pedestrians between Village Hall, the park and the museum." He indicated that some of the existing

parking area, which the committee feels is superfluous, will be used for trees and shrubbery. Mersky said that it was the committee's desire to "create a sense of space" in the open park area.

The plan calls for a tree-lined walkway between the memorial and the museum, with an area around the memorial to be used for ceremonial functions.

In urging the commission to accept the concept, Mayor Hupp stated that a time schedule would be arranged almost immediately.

"It's going to be very pleasant," said Hupp, "very well-designed. I feel it will enhance the residential neighborhood and probably even improve their property values. It will take time, but I really like the master plan."

Hupp stated that he hopes the project can be finished next year.

In other action, Mr. and Mrs. John Burton, owners of the property at 15 N. Main Street, next to the vacant gas station on the corner, informed the planning commission of their objections to the proposed donut shop to be located

on the site. They stated that their main objection was to the planned drive-up window and driveway that would run alongside their property and that they feared the gas fumes from the automobiles. Burton claimed that some of the trees that Wal-Let, Inc., owners of the site, propose to cut down are actually on his property, or on the property line. Burton said that he would like to know where the

surveyor measured from.

The Burtons also stated that they were concerned about traffic on Route 91 blocking their driveway. They requested the erection of a 6-foot privacy fence if the drive-up window were approved.

There were no representatives of Wal-Let, Inc. present at the meeting. Wal-Let's proposed site plan was listed on the agenda as a "continuing item."

## Stow Sentry

September 8, 1986

- Memorial to be erected in approximate location of Predico House, which is to be torn down
- Plan calls for tree-lined walkway between memorial, museum
- Design provides for an open, flat area that may be used for festivals, ceremonies and informal sporting events

# Memorial Committee Meeting

September 17, 1986

- Dennis Mersky of Environmental Design Group presents new Master Plan
- Mersky presents lists of potential sculptors
- Committee discusses contacting residents for financial support
- Committee discusses contacting Stow Sentry for coverage

## Munroe Falls Veterans Memorial

- Fund Raising Chairman - DENNIS LOWE
- Treasurer - DAN MILLER
- President - KAY BROWN
- Secretary - PAT NIXON

September 17, 1986

### Attendance:

Kay Brown  
Rich Fawcett  
Gene Krannich

Dennis Lowe  
Dennis Mersky  
Pat Nixon

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Kay Brown

Minutes of the August 25th meeting were approved as mailed.

Dennis Mersky showed us the new MASTER PLAN.

Dennis Mersky brought us lists of sculptors. This will be our next step.

Discussed how we were going to contact Residents

Going to get an article in the Stow Sentry.

Pat Nixon  
Secretary

# STOW SENTRY

"WERE FIRST WITH THE LOCAL NEWS IN STOW AND MUNROE FALLS...  
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## Campaign begins in village for memorial

By TRICIA MARKS

The residents of Munroe Falls have many things to be excited about, one of which, is the plan to erect a Veterans' Memorial at the Town Hall complex. The memorial is actually part of a larger master plan that includes six and one-half acres of municipal property encompassing Guise Park, the historical Kingsmill House which will become a museum and the veterans' memorial.

A Munroe Falls Veteran's Memorial Committee was formed in April at the suggestion and invitation of Mayor Gerald Hupp. Kay Brown of S. Main Street was elected chairman. The secretary is Pat Nixon of Park Ridge Drive and Village Councilman Dan Miller of Donaldson Drive serves as treasurer. Dennis Lowe, a resident of Belmont Avenue, serves as the fund-raising chairman. Other committee members include: Alan Rice, Lois Meine, Bob VanKirk, Rich Fawcett, Mayor Hupp and Village Engineer Gene Krannich.

Dennis Mersky of Environmental Design Group in Stow was recommended by the committee and hired by the village council to look

at the area and draw up the master plan to upgrade the entire property and draw all areas together into an aesthetically pleasing and workable plan. The Village Council paid for the plan in order to get things started. The Munroe Falls Historical Society will be responsible for the raising of funds for the section of property which will house the museum; the Parks Board of the village will be responsible for the Guise Park improvements; and the Veteran's Memorial Committee will have to raise the funds for the acre of land where the old Predico House is being removed, which will be the memorial site.

Improvements to the area will include landscaping, paths and lighting. The memorial will be in the center and the committee envisions it as a very traditional one. "Right now we're thinking of a design that would be in the middle of a fountain," stated Mrs. Brown. It will sit high enough to be seen from the Guise Park area, the museum and the main village intersection at S. Main Street and Munroe Falls Avenue. The master plan was app-

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## Memorial plans underway

(From page 1)

roved by the planning commission of the village.

Dennis Lowe stated that the Veterans Memorial Committee hopes to raise the necessary funds from public donations. Seventy-five letters were sent to businesses in the village as well as to village residents who own businesses elsewhere. Approximately \$20,000 will be needed.

Every citizen in Munroe Falls will soon be receiving a letter asking for a donation for this project. There are approximately 5,000 residents in the village - over 1,400 families. "If every home gave a minimum of \$20, we could reach our goal without any problem," added Dan Miller. Donations may be mailed to: Munroe Falls Veterans' Memorial, in care of the Town Hall, attention Dan Miller, 43 Munroe Falls Ave., Mun-

roe Falls, Ohio 44262. Checks should be made payable to Munroe Falls Veterans' Memorial. "Prompt consideration would allow the committee to proceed with the plans," Mrs. Brown stated.

The next step will be to commission an artist to design the memorial. The committee has already begun a search and has a list of finalists. The artist and the committee will then work together to come up with a design that would satisfy the artistic requirements set by the committee. "We want to keep it traditional in conjunction with Town Hall and the historical house. We want it to be inspiring," added Mrs. Nixon.

Lowe further added that the committee "will need the support of the entire community if we are to be successful." The committee expressed a real desire for the project to be undertaken by the residents of the village and for the

residents of the village. They are planning a dedication of the site on Memorial Day in May of 1987. The committee feels that it will be a wonderful and particularly appropriate time for the dedication as 1987 marks the 200th anniversary of the U.S. Constitution.

Miller stated that although it is being called a memorial, the piece they plan to dedicate will be "a tribute to anyone, living or deceased, who served at any time in any branch of the armed forces." Both Miller and Lowe are Viet Nam veterans.

The committee is working hard to involve the residents of Munroe Falls in a project that will be a benefit to all. They served as the impetus for the plan to tie the entire municipal area together, with the acquisition of the historical house and the reorganization plan for the park.



MEMBERS OF THE Munroe Falls Veterans Memorial Committee plan their strategy for raising funds. They hope to receive the support of all residents and businesses that will enable them to bring the project

to fruition. Members are, from left: Kay Brown, Pat Nixon, Dan Miller and Dennis Lowe. (Sentry photo by Tricia Marks)

## Stow Sentry

October 18, 1986

Members of Veterans Committee plan their strategy for raising funds (from left): Kay Brown, Pat Nixon, Dan Miller and Dennis Lowe

## Stow Sentry

- Contributions begin coming in for Veterans Memorial project
- First donor: Marv Mills (right), owner of Mills Decorating Center in Stow



ACCEPTING THE FIRST contribution from Marv Mills (right), a member of the business community for the Munroe Falls Veterans Memorial is Fundraising Committee Chairman Dennis Lowe. Mills, a resident of the village is owner of Mills Decorating Center in Stow. He also serves as vice-president of

the Stow-Munroe Falls Board of Education and is a member of the Board of Zoning Appeals in the village. Letters have been sent to all members of the business community in the village asking for financial support for the memorial project. (Sentry photo by Tricia Marks)

# Memorial Committee Meeting

October 27, 1986

- Donations to date: \$609.25
- Resident solicitation letters sent out: 1,577
- Committee reviews works of Carl Floyd, an environmental sculptor from Madison, OH
- Committee discusses adding a fundraising thermometer at Memorial site

## Munroe Falls Veterans Memorial

- Fund Raising Chairman - DENNIS LOWE
- Treasurer - DAN MILLER
- President - KAY BROWN
- Secretary - PAT NIXON

October 27, 1986

### Attendance:

Kay Brown  
Rich Fawcett  
Jerry Hupp  
Dennis Lowe

Lois Meine  
Dennis Mersky  
Pat Nixon  
Bob VanKirk

Minutes of the September 17th meeting were approved.

Donations to date are \$609.25 with expenses of \$64.14

There were 1577 letters mailed to residents. Bill Monbeck let us mail them through his Bulk Mail rate.

Would like to see a Memorial Book put in the Historical House for all to see.

We reviewed some of the works of Carl Floyd an Enviromental Sculptor who lives in Madison, OH. He will be invited to give us a presentation.

Discussion was held on Fund Raising and if we should have some kind of Fund Raising Thermometer at Memorial site.

We will be notified of the date of our next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned

Pat Nixon  
Secretary

*Going...*



*Going...*



*Gone!*



THE PREDICO HOUSE in Munroe Falls was razed last week to make way for the Veterans Memorial and Town Hall Complex on Munroe Falls Avenue. At one time, the Predico House was considered as a possible home and museum for the Munroe Falls Historical Society; however, the village recently acquired the Kingsmill property and home which will be used for that purpose. (Photos courtesy of Doug Scott)

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## Stow Sentry

November 3, 1986

- Predico House raised to make space for Veterans Memorial and Town Hall Complex
- Predico House was once considered a possible home for the Munroe Falls Historical Society
- Once village acquired Kingsmill property and home next door, which will be used for museum

# Memorial Committee Meeting

December 10, 1986

- Donations to date: \$609.25
- Resident letters sent out: 1,577
- Committee reviews works of Carl Floyd, an environmental sculptor who lives in Madison, OH
- Committee discusses adding a fundraising thermometer at Memorial site

## Munroe Falls Veterans Memorial

- Fund Raising Chairman - DENNIS LOWE
- Treasurer - DAN MILLER
- President - KAY BROWN
- Secretary - PAT NIXON

December 10, 1986

Attendance: Kay Brown                      Dennis Lowe  
                  Rich Fawcett                    Lois Meine  
                  Jerry Hupp                                Pat Nixon  
                  Gene Krannich                            Bob Van Kirk

A presentation was made by Sculptor Carl Floyd of Madison, Ohio. followed by a discussion on the slides presented by Mr. Floyd.

Treasurers report was read Balance of \$1,952.72 receiving 80 contributions.

Chairman Kay Brown is going to have another letter made up and will make personal visits to some of the businesses.

Trisha Marks from the Stow Sentry will interview the sculptor we decide upon.

Mr. Floyd would like a \$500.00 retainer if we select him.

Bob Van Kirk made a motion that we enter into a contract with Mr. Floyd Lois Meine 2nd. A vote was taken and unanimously accepted.

We will have the Law Director look at the contract before it is signed.

Rich Fawcett made a motion to pay Mr. Floyd the \$500.00 retainer. 2nd by Dennis Lowe. Voted on and All in Favor.

Meeting Adjourned.

NEXT MEETING-WILL BE NOTIFIED AT A LATER TIME.

# Example of Solicitation Letter

January 1987

Various forms of this letter were distributed throughout the project to area businesses, civic groups and residents.

## Munroe Falls Veterans Memorial

- Fund Raising Chairman - DENNIS LOWE
- Treasurer - DAIN MILLER
- President - KAY BROWN
- Secretary - PAT NIXON

January 1987

Dear Friend:

Because of your business association with the Village of Munroe Falls we're turning to you at an important time in the history of our town.

Internationally known sculptor, Carl Floyd, has been commissioned to prepare a Munroe Falls Veterans Memorial that will become part of a carefully-planned village center near Town Hall.

Our challenge now is to raise the needed twenty to thirty thousand dollars from the entire Munroe Falls community. May we count on your gift that will help to create a permanent salute to all Munroe Falls veterans? Checks payable to Veterans Memorial Committee should be sent to Munroe Falls Village Hall, 43 Munroe Falls Ave., Munroe Falls, Ohio 44262; Attention: D. Miller.

Your gift will be recorded on a permanent register as part of our community's history. And please join us on the Fourth of July weekend for the dedication celebration.

Sincerely,

*Dennis M. Lowe*

Dennis M. Lowe  
Fund Raising Chairman

# Memorial Committee Meeting

February 18, 1987

- Letter to be sent to veterans groups
- Sculptor Carl Floyd discusses ideas and asks for input; will bring drawings to next meeting

## Munroe Falls Veterans Memorial

- Fund Raising Chairman - DENNIS LOWE
- Treasurer - DAN MILLER
- President - KAY BROWN
- Secretary - PAT NIXON

FEBRUARY 18, 1987

Attendance: Kay Brown Dennis Lowe  
Rich Fawcett Lois Meine  
Carl Floyd Dan Miller  
Jerry Hupp Pat Nixon  
Gene Krannich

Treasurers Report: 101 Donations = \$14,760.00  
Expenses 877.04  
Total \$13,882.96

Account changed at bank so that now we get interest.

Kay Brown and Rich Fawcett will draft another letter to be mailed to the Veterans Groups.

Carl Floyd discussed his ideas with the committee. Wanted our input and ideas. Mr. Floyd will be making drawings for our next meeting.

NO MEETING DATE HAS BEEN SET UP--EVERYONE WILL BE ADVISED LATER.

MEETING ADJOURNED

# Memorial Committee Meeting

March 9, 1987

- Letter to be sent to veterans groups; second mailing to residents
- Sculptor Carl Floyd presents drawings; will flesh out two concepts in more detail
- Cost: Approx. \$50,000
- To help with funding, Floyd to donate 10 drawings to sell at \$1,000 each

## Munroe Falls Veterans Memorial

- Fund Raising Chairman - DENNIS LOWE
- Treasurer - DAN MILLER
- President - KAY BROWN
- Secretary - PAT NIXON

VERETERANS MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

March 9, 1987

Attendance: Kay Brown Dennis Lowe  
Rich Fawcett Dan Miller  
Carl Floyd Pat Nixon  
Jerry Hupp Bob Van Kirk

Rich Fawcett is mapping out a campaign. He is working on drafting a letter to be sent to Veterans Organizations....Also he is working on a flier update to be a second mailing to residents.

Carl Floyd brough several drawings for us to go over. It was decided that he will give us more detailed drawings of two concepts.

The cost is going to be approx. \$50,000....1/3 at beginning 1/3 mid way and 1/3 at finish. He will help with funding by donating perhaps 10 drawings that we will be able to sell at \$1,000 each.

WE WILL BE CONTACTED AS TO THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.....

# Sculptor Carl Floyd shares design proposal

March 9, 1987



# Memorial Committee Meeting

May 17, 1987

- Donations to date: \$14,700
- Second mailing to residents reviewed
- Discussion on Memorial design; agreement to scale down size to fit within budget
- Request to revise scale and design to meet \$20,000 budget

## Munroe Falls Veterans Memorial

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- Fund Raising Chairman - DENNIS LOWE
- Treasurer - DAN MILLER
- President - KAY BROWN
- Secretary - PAT NIXON

MAY 14, 1987

Dan Miller reported that we have Approx. \$14,700.

Letter for Second mailing was read. Dennis Lowe made a motion to mail second mailing-2nd by Jerry Hupp. Motion passed.

Discussion on Memorial Design. It was agreed that we were going to have to scale down the size of the memorial to fit with our finances.

Rich Fawcett made a motion that the committee chairperson (Kay Brown) call the sculptor, Carl Floyd, asking that he revise the memorial project in scale and design to limit the total to the sculptor to \$20,000. 2nd by Pat Nixon. Voted on and Passed.

Kay Brown will contact Carl Floyd.

KAY WILL ADVISE US OF DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

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# Environmental sculptor to design M.F. Vet. memorial

By CATHY OROSZ

Emphasizing the armed services while using environmental

factors as design elements, Carl Floyd, environmental sculptor, has been chosen by the Munroe Falls Veterans Memorial Com-

## Stow Sentry

August 4, 1986

Works by Floyd can be viewed at the Holden Arboretum, Lake County Metro Park and S. Brooklyn branch of the Cleveland library

mittee to design plans for the monument as part of the Town Hall complex.

Floyd was chosen by the committee not only because they liked his work, but also for his fine reputation as an artist/sculptor, according to Kay Brown, chairwoman of the committee.

"He doesn't just construct a statue to be placed on a spot. He relates the work to the whole of its surroundings," said Mrs. Brown.

Floyd has taught for 16 years at the Cleveland Institute of Art and four years at the college of architecture at the University of Kentucky. He resides in Lake County with his wife and two daughters.

His education began with engineering and landscape architecture at Utah State University and The University of California at Berkely. In 1964 he received a Bachelor of Fine Arts in sculpture and painting from Kansas City Art Institute. He went on to achieve a Master of Fine Arts in sculpture and architecture from Cranbrook Academy of Art in 1967.

"The past 20 years, I've devoted a sincere effort toward involving industry, government, general public, educational institutions and park systems with environmental factors, in turn supporting art as an integral part of our manmade and natural environment," said Floyd.

His public sculptures can be viewed in the Holden Arboretum in Mentor, at the South Brooklyn branch of the Cleveland Public Library, at the West 25th Street project in Cleveland, an underwater project in Kirtland, and in Lake County Metro Parks, a Park for All People (aimed to



**ENVIRONMENTAL SCULPTOR** Carl Floyd has been chosen to design the Munroe Falls Veterans memorial, which will be a part of the new Town Hall complex.

challenge the disabled) and in St. Albans, Vt., Bad Kreuznach, West Germany and Lexington, Ky.

Also, Floyd's exhibits can be viewed at the Cleveland Institute of Art, Cincinnati Art Museum, Chicago Federal Plaza and Dulin Gallery, Knoxville.

As he has with past projects, Floyd will integrate the city's history (including pre-historic indian mounds, the river's economy and canal boat traffic and railway travel) with its sociology. The memorial will pay tribute to the four branches of the service. It will be set on a 40-foot circle on the acre of land where the old Predico House was removed (off of Munroe Falls Avenue directly

west of the Town Hall). "The socio-psychological side of the monument's design is primary since it is what will bind time past to future, thus making it universal and timeless," said Floyd.

Dennis Lowe, fundraising chairman, has collected approximately one-half of the funds needed to begin the monument's construction. He said the funding will be comprised of donations from village residents and businesses, without the use of federal funds. Donations may be made in honor or memory of someone who served in the armed forces. The contributions will be recorded in a book to be placed in the historical museum as part of the Municipal Complex.

# Munroe vet memorial design reflects

By Bonnie Hilliard  
Record-Courier staff writer

MUNROE FALLS — Between the Village Hall and the Historical Museum, where the Predico House once stood, is a stand of evergreen trees — a fitting bower for the natural sculptured veterans memorial which will soon grace the spot.

The word sculpture is misleading. What environmental artist Carl Floyd plans to erect will not be a person or singular object.

Internationally known for his work, Floyd has taught at the Cleveland Institute of Art for 16 years and has projects trailing from Cleveland to Vermont to West Germany.

Chosen as designer of the

memorial in December, he met with members of the Veterans Memorial Committee recently to present tentative plans and garner committee members' input on the \$35,000 project.

A 40-foot wide circular area inside four white cross-like pillars was introduced as a possible outer structure, timeless in its message and built to last, Floyd said.

He plans to intertwine patriotism, a touch of religion and homage to the four branches of the military with collective historical information from the area.

"History is very important here," he explained. The economics of the river prior to the trains, the mining... there were quite a few Indian

mounds found around here, too. All this helps determine the design of the piece."

He is currently working on four projects, including one at the Holden Arboretum in Mentor, where he has built a hinged, irregular-shaped dock which branches out in different directions into the bog.

With a strong response to the flexibility of nature, the deck floats, has several levels and provides a habitat for wildlife and plants.

"He doesn't do an 'it,'" said Kay Brown, member of the veterans memorial committee. "He doesn't do a statue and place it on a spot. It must relate to the whole area."

Floyd creates from and for

the human perspective, zeroing in on sounds, touch, sight and smells of an area to determine the form of each project.

"There is an interconnection between nature and the observer," he stressed. "Each piece I do is unique; the site is the determining factor."

A project at Lake County Metropolitan Park bares to the sun eight monoliths, surrounded by three earthen berms. Floyd geared it toward handicapped people at what is called the "Park For All People."

The sounds and smells of Lake Erie, the sun slanting off of the huge stones and the windy air feed the senses, he said. A model of the entire project is there through which blind visitors can "see" it with their

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## area's history

fingers.

With the combination of Munroe Falls' historical bounty, the park-like eight acres of the Village Hall complex and Floyd's immense talent, Brown said the veterans memorial will be both unique and beautiful.

"We're looking for a nice, quiet place; not a cemetery or military atmosphere," she

said, adding that almost half of the money needed has been raised.

It is funded through private, civic and business donations, including memorials to veterans, which will be recorded in a book in the Historical Museum. Donations can be sent to the Munroe Falls Village Hall, 43 Munroe Falls Ave., 44262.

# Memorial Committee Meeting

June 8, 1987

Modified design to include:

- 14-foot brick square base
- Four square columns on outside perimeter
- Four columns at center of square to support carving
- Total dimensions: 6x6x4 feet

Committee approves new design and authorizes payment

## MUNROE FALLS VETERANS MEMORIAL

June 8, 1987

The Veterans Memorial Committee met on June 8, 1987 at 9:00 P.M.

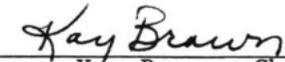
The committee met with designer Carl Floyd to review the modified design of the memorial. The modified design has a 14' brick square base with four (4) square columns on the outside perimeter and four (4) columns at center of square to support the carving. The carved sculpture will be 6x6x4'. A bronze placque will be placed in center of brick base beneath the sculpture.

Dennis Lowe moved to accept the modified design. Motion seconded by Lois Meine. Motion passed.

Dan Miller moved to authorize \$15,000.00 be paid to Carl Floyd upon signing of a contract, with \$5,000.00 to be paid upon the placing of the stone for sculpture and \$5,000.00 upon completion of sculpture, a total of \$25,000.00. This plan does not include the flagpole. This motion was seconded by Dennis Lowe. Motion passed.

Lois Meine moved to authorize Mr. Floyd to proceed with construction as soon as contract is signed. This motion seconded by G. Hupp. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 P.M.



Kay Brown, Chairman



**SCULPTOR CARL FLOYD** presented a model of his design for the Munroe Falls Veteran's Memorial before members of the Village Council and the Memorial committee. Projected time of completion is late spring. (Photo by Karen Sidaway.)

## *Floyd presents final plans to MF*

by **KAREN SIDAWAY**

The Munroe Falls Planning Commission got an idea Wednesday night of what the Munroe Falls Veteran's War Memorial will look like.

Carl Floyd, an environmental sculptor from Madison, Ohio and professor at the Cleveland Institute of Art, unveiled his preliminary drawings for the carvings on the war memorial.

The memorial, to be located just west of the Munroe Falls Village Hall, will depict scenes from the four branches of the armed forces. The memorial will rest on four columns and will have a 4-foot by 6-foot carving on each of its four sides. Four more columns will surround the memorial. The eight columns will represent the eight major conflicts in which the United States has been involved since the Constitution was signed.

Kay Brown, chairwoman of the Veteran's War Memorial Committee, said that the memorial has been in the planning stages for two years and will cost

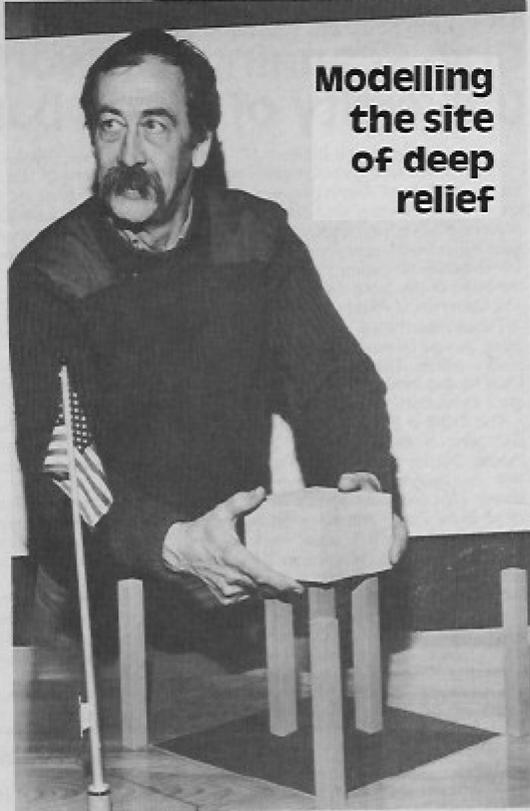
\$25,000. She said that she expects the memorial to be "90 percent complete" for the dedication ceremony on May 30.

Floyd, who has works on display at the Holden Arboretum and the West Side Market Square in Cleveland, said that the memorial should take four weeks to complete, weather permitting. The work will be done outside at the site so that the public will be able to view his progress.

Donations for the memorial are still being taken and should be sent to The Veteran's War Memorial Committee, 48 Munroe Falls Ave., Munroe Falls.

In other action, the Planning Commission approved final plans for the third phase of the Steeplechase development that is located off Route 91.

The commission also approved the extension of zoning for the construction of Kathy's Preschool located at 259 S. Main St. The approval includes a provision for sidewalks to be built for the preschool in the future.



### Modelling the site of deep relief

*Carl Floyd, environment sculptor*

Carl Floyd, a renowned environmental sculptor from Madison, OH, captivated members of the Munroe Falls Planning & Zoning Commission recently with a scale model of his unique plan for the village's proposed Veterans Memorial.

The full-size version of the stone he's putting in place atop four of eight columns will actually be a 15-ton block of granite. Deep relief carving on the sides will depict each of the four branches of service with dramatic montages. Each column represents one of the eight wars in which the United States has fought.

Floyd's \$25,000 work of art will be dedicated May 30 on a site connecting the Historical Museum and the Village Hall.

Price #6 (see p. 4) 2474-16th, Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44222

## About Sculpture

- Memorial to feature a 15-ton block of granite atop four of eight columns
- Deep relief carving on sides of block to depict four branches of service with dramatic montages
- Each column represents one of the eight wars in which the United States has fought
- 14-foot diameter brick circle to be laid underneath columns
- Floyd's \$25,000 work of art to be dedicated May 30 on a site connecting the Historical Museum and the Village Hall

# Memorial Committee Meeting

July 20, 1987

- Solicitation letters sent out to area foundations
- First payment of \$15,000 issued to Carl Floyd
- Dedication ceremony targeted for Sept 17-19
- Committee to ask veterans groups, Stow band, and girl and boy scout troops to participate
- Invitations to be extended to government officials and community leaders
- Floyd's drawing to be included on invite

## Munroe Falls Veterans Memorial

- Fund Raising Chairman - DENNIS LOWE
- President - KAY BROWN
- Treasurer - DAN MILLER
- Secretary - PAT NIXON

July 20, 1987

Attendance: Kay Brown Dennis Lowe  
Rich Fawcett Pat Nixon  
Jerry Hupp

Letters were sent out to the Foundations. Several have been answered. More information will be sent out to foundations that sent in requests.

A contract was drawn up by Richard Goldsmith and Signed by Kay Brown. A Check was issued to Carl Floyd for \$15,000.

Another \$5,000 will be due to set the stone in August. We will see if we can get crane to set the stone in place.

When Carl Floyd starts carving the stone we will owe him another \$5,000.

Dedication ceremony is aimed at Sept. 17 thru 19th.

We will invite Veterans Groups, Stow Band, Girl & Boy Scouts to participate in our ceremonies.

Invitations will also be extended to State Rep. Tom Sawyer, Tom Watkins, John Glen, Rob Ray, The Governor and Mayors of Munroe Falls, Stow, Cuyahoga Falls, Tallmadge and Silver Lake.

A picture of Carl Floyd's drawing of Memorial on the invitation.

We will get more information on procedures for Memorial Dedication. Mayor Hupp will get these.

We will have to plan ceremonies & plan for refreshments as soon as possible.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE AUGUST 6, at 7:00 PM

# Munroe Falls Veterans Memorial

• Fund Raising Chairman - DENNIS LOWE  
• Treasurer - DAN MILLER

• President - KAY BROWN  
• Secretary - PAT NIXON

AUGUST 6, 1987

Attendance: Kay Brown  
Rich Fawcett  
Gene Krannich

Lois Meine  
Dan Miller  
Pat Nixon

Minutes of the July 20th meeting were read and approved.

Balance in our account \$1,135.63 plus another \$95.00 in checks totaling \$1,230.63

We had 163 individual donations 128 residential. The average residential donation was \$20.47. We have paid \$15,500 to the project to date.

We have heard back from 9 foundation with 4 no's. We are in process of getting A Tax Exempt Number.

We will make up a working calendar and check with Carl Floyd for his input.

Carl Floyd does not believe there will be enough to dedicate if we are going to try for September 19th. It will be between two and four weeks before the stone will be set. We still have to get a crane and the grading has to be done. The brick work and lighting will be done in the spring. Carl may have to wait until spring to do the sculpture. Carl suggests that we plan for Memorial Day of 1988.

Rich found out that our guests will need at least 6 months notice.

The following target dates were set:

Rough Grading, Mounding---August 25th  
Landscaping---Mid to End of September  
Set Stone---Mid September  
Garage taken down---When Carl is finished using it for storage

Carl still has the following to give us target dates on:

Stone Setting  
Curbs & rough work  
Carving  
Brickwork  
Plaque

We will look into getting Receptacle for flags instead of permanent flag poles.

We will ask the Jaycees if we can have a table at the Fall Festival. We will see if Carl will let us have the working model to display and put container out for donations also have form and envelope in case someone wants to give us a check later.

We will be sending a second letter to Businesses.

Kay will call with the date of the next meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNED

## Memorial Committee Meeting

August 6, 1987

- Donations to date: 163 individual, 128 residential  
(Average residential donation: \$20.47)
- Due to project status and amount of notice needed for dignitaries, ceremony rescheduled for Memorial Day, 1988
- Target dates set for project; flag poles discussed

# Donations

Contributions received from area businesses, organizations and individuals throughout the project

The enclosed check for \$100 is a donation from the Munroe Falls Garden Club for your Veteran's Memorial Fund.  
Elsie Ball Lewis.

In memory of  
Lyle N. Brown.  
World War I Veteran  
by his wife  
Signe N. Brown

**Lawsons**

February 16, 1987

Mr. Dennis M. Lowe  
Munroe Falls Veterans Memorial  
Munroe Falls Village Hall  
43 Munroe Falls Ave.  
Munroe Falls, OH 44262

Dear Dennis:

Per your letter of January, attached is a check for \$20.00 to go towards the permanent sculptured Munroe Falls Veterans Memorial that will be placed near the Town Hall.

We at Dairy Mart/Lawsons are happy to support such a worthy cause and wish you such success in your campaign.

Sincerely,  
*[Signature]*  
Cely A. Madaglia  
Vice President  
Human Resources

cmh  
Enclosure: Check #166134

**Stow-Munroe Falls Jaycees**  
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**THE JAYCEE CREED**

We believe ...  
that faith in God gives meaning and purpose to human life;  
that the brotherhood of man transcends the sovereignty of nations;  
that economic justice can best be won by free men through free enterprise;

That government should be of less rather than of man;  
That earth's great treasure lies in human passion;  
And that service to humanity is the best work of life.

June 12, 1987

Veterans Memorial Committee  
Munroe Falls Village Hall  
43 Munroe Falls Avenue  
Munroe Falls, Ohio 44262

Attention: Dennis M. Lowe

Dear Mr. Lowe,

On behalf of the Stow-Munroe Falls Jaycees I am pleased to enclose a check for \$500.00 as our contribution towards the Veterans Memorial.

The planning and commitment that you and your committee have put into this worthwhile project are to be commended. We wish you every success in reaching your goal and look forward to seeing this project upon completion.

If we may be of any other assistance, please feel free to contact us. Thank you

Sincerely Yours,  
*[Signature]*  
Dennis Rak,  
VP Business Affairs  
Stow-Munroe Falls Jaycees

# CONSTRUCTION OF MEMORIAL

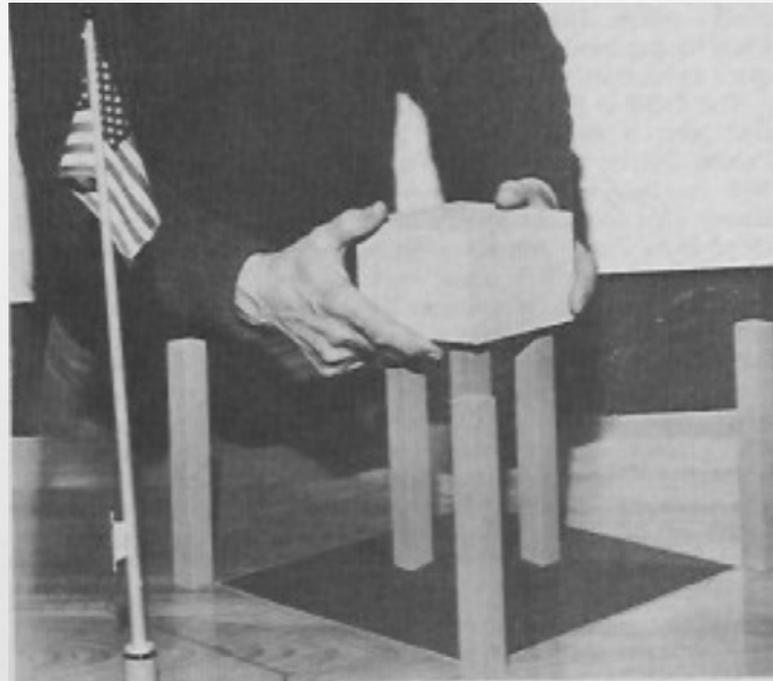
**1987**

Ground breaking:  
August 1987

Construction begins: September  
1987

Expected completion:  
Late Fall 1987

Actual completion: Winter 1987



# Munroe Falls Veterans Memorial ground breaking

August 25, 1987

(First from left)  
Sculptor Carl Floyd

(Fifth from left)  
Memorial Committee  
Chairperson Kay Brown



Sign notifying  
citizens that work  
is beginning



Arrival of 15-ton  
stone, the focal point  
of the monument



Building platform and pillars  
to hold huge stone in place



Unloading  
15-ton stone  
onto platform  
September 2, 1987



# Munroe Falls memorial taking shape

By Bonnie Hilliard  
Record-Courier staff writer

**MUNROE FALLS** — Neither rain nor a 15-ton stone can put a damper on progress on the natural sculptured veterans' memorial being erected next to the Village Hall.

Internationally-known environmental artist Carl Floyd had poured eight columns for the unique art piece early in the summer and on a recent drizzly day hoisted a 15-ton stone onto the inner four columns.

Kay Brown, chairwoman of the Munroe Falls Veterans Memorial Committee, said placing the stone atop the columns was exciting and went "very smoothly," considering the weight and size of the stone.

The eight columns will bear brass plaques, each inscribed with one of the eight major conflicts in which Americans have served. The four faces of the stone will be carved with a design representing branches of the military.

Brown said Floyd plans to complete the carvings by fall, although he has not released what the carvings will look like. "You can't tell an artist what to create," she said.

A brick circle, 14 feet in diameter, will be laid underneath the columns, with two illuminated, tree-lined walkways leading into the circle, one leading from the Village Hall parking lot and one from the Munroe Falls Historical Museum. The sculpture is situated between the two buildings.

Random seating will be placed within the memorial grounds so that visitors can enjoy what Floyd has promised will be an environmentally blended peaceful place.

Memorial Day 1988 has been targeted for the dedication of the sculpture in conjunction

with the village's 150th anniversary celebration.

The \$30,000 project has been funded thus far through donations or memorials, however. Having raised \$18,000 to date, Brown said the memorial committee also has applied to several arts foundations for

grants.

"We need more donations and memorials so that we can do it within the village," Brown said.

Donations may be sent to the Veterans Memorial Committee, Village Hall, 43 Munroe Falls Avenue, Munroe Falls 44262.



MANEUVERING A 15-ton stone into place atop four inner cement posts was all in a usual day's work for internationally-known sculptor Carl Floyd and his assistant Rob Bliss. Munroe

Falls Veterans Memorial chairwoman Kay Brown and Mayor Gerald Hupp also braved the rain to watch the impressive action.



ENVIRONMENTAL ARTIST Carl Floyd and assistant Rob Bliss unharness the 15-ton stone they helped guide into place atop the four inner pillars of the Munroe Falls Veterans Memorial, as Memorial Committee chairwoman Kay Brown and Munroe Falls Mayor Gerald Hupp look on. Floyd will be at the site several days a week this fall carving the four faces to represent each of the four branches of the military.

## M.F. Veterans Memorial is starting to take form

Several Munroe Falls officials and art lovers showed up last Wednesday for the placing of the 15-ton stone atop the four inner pillars of the Munroe Falls Veterans Memorial, by the Town Hall.

The columns were poured early this summer and allowed to set while Carl Floyd, the environmental artist commissioned for the project, traveled to Europe to work on another project.

The process of moving the stone was surprisingly smooth, considering the size and weight of the stone. A harness, which did not look very secure to the untrained eye, was fastened around the roughly square block and a crane lifted it from the bed of a truck and laid it on a bed of special paper designed to record the stress across the bottom of the stone.

It was then hoisted again and

guided by Floyd and his assistant Rob Bliss into place on the four pillars. A cement sealant had been set on top of the pillars and wood two-by-fours were placed between the stone and the pillars to absorb some of the shock when the stone settled on top of them.

Floyd said the next step will be to install the capitals between the pillars and the stone. Unlike classical capitals, which extend out from a column, these will be recessed and darker in color than the column to create the illusion that the stone is floating above the pillars.

In the original design, the stone was to have been suspended from the four outer columns by steel cables, but the Veterans Memorial Committee decided that this might pose a risk, and opted for the present design with the inner four pillars supporting the stone. One advantage of the new design is the symbolism of the eight columns, which represent the eight major

conflicts in which the country has been involved.

Floyd has done extensive research into the design of the four carvings that will adorn the faces of the stone, one for each of the branches of the military. He will construct a scaffolding on the site and begin the carving in the next few weeks. He hopes to be finished by the end of fall.

When the project is completed, the ground underneath the memorial will be a circular and slightly domed brick area, with tree-lined paths leading up to the memorial. Random seating will be provided around the memorial site for viewing the monument. The pillars will have brass plaques naming the major conflicts the United States has been involved in.

The memorial is being funded entirely through private donations. Anyone wishing to contribute to the funding should contact the Veteran's Memorial Committee through Munroe Falls Town Hall.



Floyd at site several days a week throughout the fall and winter, carving the four faces to represent each of four branches of military



# Sesquicentennial Report

By ANDY BISHOP

This year marks the 150th year that Munroe Falls has been in existence. Therefore, the Munroe Falls Historical Society formed the Sesquicentennial Committee,

which is planning a huge celebration for Saturday, June 25, 1988.

At last week's meeting of the committee, a tentative schedule of the day's activities was informally presented to the 15 or so members

who had attended the meeting, including Mayor Gerald Jones and Councilman Paul Hadley.

The day will begin with a parade that will start at the Triple Crown Restaurant on Route 91 and con-  
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## Committee plans Sesquicentennial

(From page 1)

line north on 91 until it reaches Munroe Falls Avenue. From there, it will turn, pass the town hall and end at Guise Park. The parade will start at 10 a.m. and will conclude around 11:15.

Next, there will be an opening ceremony at the town hall. At noon, the new Veteran's Memorial will be dedicated. The Munroe Falls Historical Society will be serving food, soft drinks, and beer at the New Museum, which is the house just west of the town hall on Munroe Falls Avenue. The Museum will also be dedicated that afternoon.

TV-8's Dick Goddard is to be in the parade and award prizes to the youngsters who win the Committee-sponsored coloring contest. Throughout the afternoon, different entertainment groups will be performing behind the Museum at Guise Park.

Brad Sisak, Sesquicentennial chairman, reported on several of the celebration's main features.

Sisak started out by presenting information on the parade to Charlie Rush, Munroe Falls Fire Chief, and Steve Stahl, Munroe Falls Police Chief.

Stahl brought up concerns about the details of the parade. He said that signs will be posted on the parade routes notifying people that those roads would be closed for the morning hours on June 25.

Sisak then moved on to the topic of Ron Pitts' cannon firing. The Committee would like to have Pitts fire off his cannon to begin the parade. Later in the afternoon, Pitts would do a few presentations of his old time cannon firing. Pitts has been safely demonstrating his cannon's fire power for 22 years, including his performance at the dam during River Days 1976.

Next, Richard Dennis, a member of the Munroe Falls Lions Club, brought up the subject of the watercolor paintings which were done by Harriet Elson, local artist. Prints of the four original paintings will be sold in sets only. The four separate paintings consist of: the falls, the new Munroe Falls Museum, the stone kitchen, and the town hall. The price has not as yet been set. They will be sold by the Lions Club in conjunction with the

Historical Society.

Other souvenirs that are being considered for sale are: an old 1833 map of how Munroe Falls was to be developed; a pin that has the date and some inscriptions on it; and a copy of a video cassette depicting life in 1988, which will be buried in a time capsule to be opened 50 years from now - in the year of 2038.

On other topics, Fire Chief Charlie Rush brought to the attention of the committee the fact that parking may be a problem. Sisak replied that he was checking with local businesses to find out if their parking lots could be used.

A tentative schedule of the order of the parade units was presented by Dale Fawcett, the parade coordinator. Fawcett asked for people to check around for any antique cars in which dignitaries could ride during the parade. So far, such dignitaries include: Munroe Falls Mayor Gerald Jones, Roy Ray, Tom Watkins, and Dick Goddard.

Maxine Kline, President of the Munroe Falls Historical Society, commented when the meeting had ended that "after tonight, I think things are moving now."

And they definitely are moving.

# DEDICATION CEREMONY

**June 25, 1988**

Part of Village's  
Sesquicentennial Celebration

Two years, two months and  
two days after committee  
appointed



## 'We had a mountain to climb'

By Andy Bishop

It was two years, two months, and two days after the Veterans Memorial Committee was appointed that the Munroe Falls

Veterans Memorial was dedicated on June 25, 1988.

"The Memorial...is the result of a great deal of work by a small group of dedicated people," stated Dan Miller in his opening comments during the ceremony.

In April of 1986, a committee was appointed by the Mayor Gerald Hupp. Kay Brown was elected to chair the committee, while Pat Nixon served as secretary, Village Councilman Dan Miller as treasurer, and Dennis

Lowe as fundraising chairman.

"We had a mountain to climb," commented Hupp in his dedication speech while thinking back to the early days when the whole project was still in the planning stages.

Late in the summer of 1986, a master plan for the area (which encompasses Guise Park, the new museum, the Memorial site, and the Town Hall complex) was designed by Dennis Mersky of the Environmental Design Group of Stow. The plan detailed landscaping, paths, and lights that would attractively connect the entire area.

The next step for the Committee was to select a sculptor for the memorial itself; Carl Floyd of Madison, Ohio, was chosen to

both design and sculpt the work. Floyd, of the Cleveland Institute of Art, is an environmental sculptor, one who designs his work to fit in with the surroundings.

The design chosen consisted of eight pillars which represent the eight major conflicts the U.S. has been involved in since the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The 15-ton stone has etchings of the four branches of the armed forces on each of its four sides.

"The socio-psychological side of the monument's design is primary since it is what will bind time-past to future, thus making it universal and timeless," said Floyd in April of 1987.

The columns were poured early in the summer of 1987. The rock was set in place in place on September 2, and Floyd went on to design the four etchings over the winter.

The next step was for the Committee to put all of its energy towards the raising of funds. Munroe Falls businesses and residents came through full force.

"Every time we reached the limits of our funds, someone or

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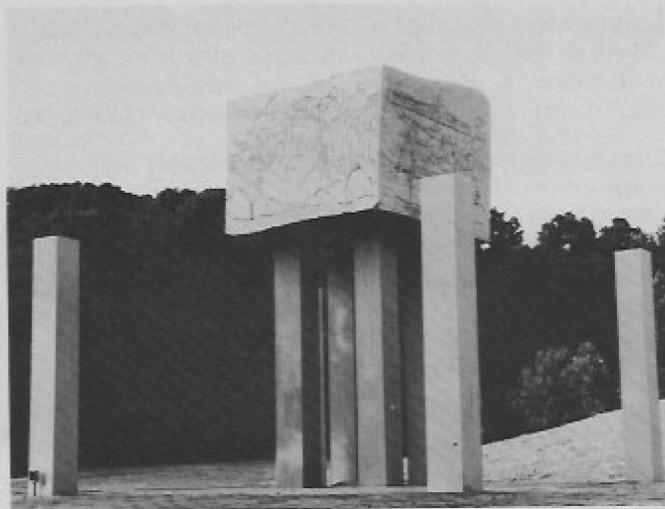
**THE LONG-AWAITED DEDICATION** of the Munroe Falls Veterans Memorial took place during the Village's sesquicentennial celebration. Undraping the finished sculpture was former mayor Gerald Hupp and sculptor Carl Floyd. (Photo by Ed Anderson.)



# Dedication Ceremony Program

June 25, 1987

## MUNROE FALLS VETERANS MEMORIAL



Dedication Service  
June 25, 1988  
Munroe Falls, Ohio

## MUNROE FALLS VETERANS MEMORIAL DEDICATION SERVICE

Welcome ..... Councilman Dan Miller  
Presentation of Colors  
National Anthem ..... State Rep. Tom Watkins  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Invocation ..... Dr. Michael Thomas  
Fall Baptist Temple  
Remarks and Recognition of Guests .. Mayor Gerald P. Jones  
Music ..... ETC Chorus  
Dedication ..... Gerald L. Hupp  
Immediate Past Mayor  
Remarks by Sculptor ..... Carl Floyd  
Music ..... ETC Chorus  
VFW Firing Squad ..... VFW Post 3383  
Benediction ..... Rev. David Enzman  
Holy Family Church  
Taps ..... Wes Thompson  
Craig Thompson

# Dedication Ceremony Program

June 25, 1987

## SCULPTOR CARL FLOYD

Born in 1936 in Somerset, Kentucky, Floyd now lives in Madison, Ohio, and teaches sculpture at the Cleveland Institute of Art. He received a bachelors degree in fine arts in painting and sculpture in 1964 from the Kansas City Art Institute where he studied with environmental sculptor Dale Eldred. In 1967, he received a masters degree in fine arts from the Cranbrook Academy of Art and from there, he went to teach sculpture and architecture at the University of Kentucky.

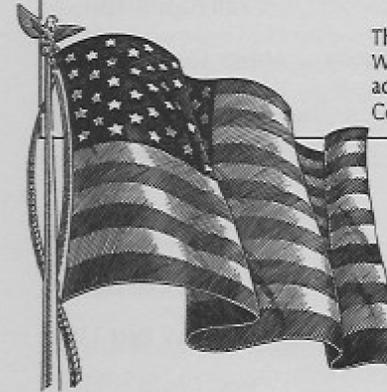
From the late 1960s to the present, certain themes have remained constant in Floyd's artwork. One theme reflects his interest in the interrelationship of forms in space, which he attributes to his study of the flux and flow of growing things in nature. An avid student of botany, Floyd views nature as his sketchbook and his sculptures as a result of this study of how natural forms interact. The interrelationship of living things has provided him with ideas that can be adopted into art.

Since the late 1960s, Carl Floyd has conceived of his work as a means to integrate environment and people. While some of his concepts are abstract and technically complex, he believes if the artist can find a way to embrace people and make the environment more habitable through art, then the resulting sculpture will succeed on a public level. Floyd's sculptures integrate art, society and the environment through a carefully planned context which overlays the built environment with society, politics and culture.

## THE AMERICAN CREED

I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic; a sovereign nation of many sovereign states; a perfect union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.

I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it; to support its constitution; to obey its laws; to respect its flag, and to defend it against all enemies.



The American's Creed by  
William Tyler Page was  
adopted by an Act of  
Congress, April 6, 1918.

Our thanks to the citizens and business community for their generous support and encouragement.

A special thanks to Bob Moore, Bentley Hudson, Jim Brown and Gene Krannich for all their extra time and help.

Thanks to the Memorial Committee for donating their time and talent for the last 2 years, 2 months and 2 days.

Kay Brown, Richard Fawcett, Bentley Hudson, Gerald Hupp, Dennis Lowe, Lois Meine, Dan Miller, Pat Nixon, Al Rice, Robert Van Kirk

## *Memorial dedicated in M. Falls*

(From page 8)

some group would donate more money and we would be on our way agin," said Hupp.

Enough money was raised for the Memorial, with \$1,200 left over. (It was incorrectly reported that the figure was \$12,000.) The leftover money, according to Kay Brown, will be used for installing a flag pole to the east of the Memorial. The money will also be used for the landscaping, which will not be started until the drought is over--perhaps this fall.

**MANY DIGNITARIES** WERE present at the dedication on June 25 which was the Sesquicentennial Celebration Day. Mayor Gerald Jones gave special thanks to the people involved in the project. Both Tom Watkins and the ETC choral group sang, while sculptor Floyd spoke to the audience on the meaning of the Memorial. Gerald Hupp gave the dedication, and Dan Miller was the master of ceremonies.

Hupp concluded his part of the program by saying to all those involved: "I don't know how far up the mountain you got, but yours was a prodigious climb. I thank and congratulate each of you for placing this memorial project so very high on your agenda."



**SCULPTOR CARL FLOYD** examined the foundation and stone before beginning the carving process on the Munroe Falls Veterans Memorial. (Photo by P. Cordell Leiter.)

# CONCLUSION

Enough money (\$12,000)  
was raised for Memorial,  
with \$1,200 leftover

Remaining funds used to  
install a flagpole to east of  
Memorial

Funds also utilized for fall  
landscaping



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# UPDATE

**2019-2021**

Fundraising to help restore Memorial and allow for replacement of deteriorated bricks

Engraved bricks available in two sizes:  
4x8 (\$100) and 8x8 (\$200)

Other planned enhancements include benches,  
re-installation of flag poles and beautification

Funds also to be set aside for future maintenance



# UPDATE

2022

Fundraising continues  
Contact Munroe Falls City Hall to  
learn more

