

DeQuincy Veterans Memorial Park



Our beautiful Veterans Park in the center of town came into being from the vision of local dentist, Dr. Howard Snider. Dr. Snider, a United States Marine, witnessed the raising of the U.S. flag on Iwo Jima which was depicted in the iconic photograph seen around the world. He began advocating and pursuing this vision. He passed away in 2017 before he was able to see his dream become reality.

In 2017, the DeQuincy Veterans Park was registered. Memorial bricks began being sold to raise funds to create this grand monument. After Dr. Snider's death, the Blackburn brothers, Bubba and Don, rallied the troops to continue. Along the way, they inspired many others to join in the campaign. Anthony Busceme Jr., a former marine joined the hard-working group of individuals trying to make things happen. Brian Cooper, local welder, offered his services to ensure the metal sculpture depicting the flag raising was created and crafted. In 2020, the first phase was completed and an opening ceremony was held.

Since its opening, a brick and metal archway has been constructed. Additional landscaping has been added also. Space for additional memorial bricks was also added.

Another very special addition was also added. In the 1980s, a war memorial was placed on the grounds of the DeQuincy Railroad Museum. It honored all DeQuincy citizens who had died while serving in the military during WWI, WWII, Korea and Vietnam. The effort to construct the war memorial was led by Chairman George (Bubba) Cockerham along with members, W.A. Irwin, Dennis McNamara, S.E. Snider, Wesley Wells, Tommy Ellis and King Alexander. It was suggested and the idea was floated around that the war memorial be moved to the Veterans Park. It was thought that if the war memorial was moved onto the grounds of the Veterans Park, the viewing traffic would increase. It was placed front and center in the Veterans Park.

The DeQuincy Memorial Veterans Park/War Memorial is an impressive sight in the most prominent place in DeQuincy. You would be hard pressed to find a more impressive site anywhere else. Keep watching as more improvements are made in the future.

Located 300 W Fourth St. (Next to Brookshire Bros. Parking Lot)