

# News&Notes



## Warren County Memorial Park

*A Garden Cemetery with Heart*

### CALENDAR

- **Sat., Sept. 2-** Volunteer set-up of the Field of Flags: 9 AM
- **Mon., Sept. 4 -** Labor Day!
- **Mon., Sept. 11 -** Patriot Day!
- **Wed., Nov. 1 - Wreaths Out,** Summer bouquets will remain on the flower racks until Nov. 15
- **Sat., Nov. 11 -** Veterans Day
- **Thur., Nov. 23 -** Thanksgiving
- **Sun., Dec. 24 -** Christmas Memorial Candles Placed
- **Mon., Dec 25—We wish you a very Merry Christmas!**
- **Mon., Jan 1 -** Welcome the New Year with a candle
- **Wed., Feb. 14 -** Valentine's Day: order candles for loved

### DON'T FORGET TO ORDER:

#### Christmas Candles

**\$25**

Placed at gravesite

Dec. 24-26

Extra Days - \$6 each

### Winter Wreaths are Ready— Order Early for Best Selection!

- Weather resistant
- Custom-designs in three sizes
- Simplicity - Basic greens with a bright red bow
- All wreaths feature a *hand-tied-by-me* bow.
- Mounted on our own wind-resistant heavy-duty stands. (Stands are also available for purchase.)

Order for here ... or for elsewhere. Some folks even hang them on their front doors!

Order details are below.  
As always, thank you for choosing to order from us. We appreciate you!

Have a wonderful fall and holiday season.



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- ♦ Use the enclosed Order Form
- ♦ Call us - (814) 723-1541
- ♦ Visit our website at [www.wcmpark.org](http://www.wcmpark.org)
- ♦ Stop in, say hi & see the wreaths on display!

## The Cost of Death

Recently, as you will read in the Family News section, I lost my Dad and even being in the industry the cost of Death was a bit overwhelming to me and my family.

My parents had taken care of some of the decisions and financial obligations related to their final arrangements when it came to their choice of permanent resting spaces at the cemetery and related fees. However, they did not secure any type of pre-arranged funeral contracts. While the cost of the funeral reflected average pricing for today's level of service, the amount of savings they received from the arrangements they had made ahead of time at the cemetery was quite astounding!

Pre-purchasing their spaces, burial containers, and opening & closings saved them thousands (yes, that is correct—thousands) of dollars. Even though my parents chose Cremation as their form of final disposition they still believed in the importance of a final resting space and were able to save that money—especially in a tough economic time.

We want you, our families, to have that same peace of mind, and ability to save funds that otherwise could be used for the livelihood of your family. We offer all burial spaces, cremation options, outer burial containers (required by our cemetery for burial), and opening and closing charges to be pre-arranged in order to save you and your family money on inflationary price changes.

By making these purchases today, at your own discretion, whether paid in full or on an affordable payment schedule, you lock in prices at today's rate instead of what pricing may be in 5, 10, or 20 years (hopefully a lot longer!).

Our industry predicts costs doubling every 7-10 years—the problem is that a \$15,000.00 life insurance today is still a \$15,000.00 life insurance then! Let's make sure your life insurance goes to your family—let us help you make these decisions and lock in these prices today!

## WHAT I WISH I'D KNOWN BEFORE BECOMING A CAREGIVER

There is no road map for navigating your way through the experience of caregiving for a spouse, and it will be different for everyone. But here are some very practical things I wish had known beforehand.

### Be there for every hospital stay

Hospitals are understaffed. Things fall through the cracks. More than once, I marched a meal tray out to the nursing station after my husband—a diabetic suffering from heart disease and kidney failure—was given a meal of forbidden foods. Or the doctor who changed a medication order but forgot to sign it. No one noticed until I asked.

### Learn the Terrain

Be there at dawn for morning rounds and get to know the nurses you'll need to deal with. Hospitals keep temperatures frigid to help slow bacterial and viral growth, so bring warm clothes—your spouse will be kept warm, but you're on your own.

### Accept Help

You don't get extra credit for doing it alone. When friends offer to form a meal train or a neighbor volunteers to walk the dog, just say yes. If someone asks what you need, tell them honestly and specifically. A friend stood guard over my husband while I strolled the aisles of Target buying nothing. I called it practicing self-care.

By: Ann Brenoff

*(originally printed in the June/July 2023 AARP Magazine)*

"Pain (any pain--emotional, physical, and mental) has a message. The information it has about our life can be remarkably specific, but it usually falls into one of two categories: 'We would be more alive if we did more of this,' and, 'Life would be more lovely if we did less of that.' Once we get the pain's message, and follow its advice, the pain goes away." ~Peter McWilliams

When we took over the park from Ed in August of last year, one of the things we wanted to bring back was the 9/11 Memorial Service.

This service had been stopped for a variety of reasons, however we see the value that this type of service can bring to the community. While we were unable to commit to the service this year, we are excited to announce that we will be having the service in 2024.

We will be looking for volunteers for a 9/11 memorial service committee in the coming months and look forward to bringing back this wonderful event.

If interested in being a part of this event, please let us know!

Sincerely,

WCMPark Staff



**"If we learn nothing else from this tragedy, we learn that life is short and there is not time for hate."**

**Sandy Dahl  
wife of Flight 93 pilot  
Jason Dahl**

## **NEWS&NOTES**

### **is GREEN!**

In an effort to be more environmentally friendly, and to reduce the ever rising expenditures, we are sending News&Notes by email. Please send your email to [info@wcmpark.org](mailto:info@wcmpark.org) or give us a call to receive your digital News&Notes today!

A taxi passenger tapped the driver on the shoulder to ask him a question.

The driver screamed, lost control of the car, nearly hit a bus, went up on the sidewalk, and stopped inches from a store window.

For a second, everything was quiet in the cab. Then the driver said, "Look, friend, don't ever do that again. You scared the living daylights out of me!"

The passenger apologized and said, "I didn't realize that little tap would scare you so much."

The driver replied, "Sorry, it's not really your fault. Today is my first day as a cab driver—I have been driving a funeral van for the last 25 years."

## “Support Our Troops” Partnership—Please Help!

In cooperation with John Gertsch Memorial Post, WCMPark is collecting donations for **Support Our Troops**. You can help by donating any of the following by Oct. 1 for Christmas packages.

Batteries—AA & AAA	Eye drops	Prepaid phone cards
Black boot laces (72-inch)	Flea collars	Pre-sweetened drink mixes
Bandanas (tan)	Foot powder or spray	Ramen noodles
Beef Jerky	Feminine products	Shampoo
Bug Repellent	Gum	Snacks
Crossword puzzle books	Hand-held games	Socks
Cards/letters from children	Hand sanitizer	Sunglasses
Chap stick	Hard candy	Tablets/envelopes
Cookies	Instant coffee packets	Teabags
Dental floss	Lotion	Travel-size Kleenex packets
Deodorant	Mouthwash	T-shirts (tan)
Disposable Razors	Playing cards	Wet-wipes (individual)

If you know someone serving in the military, please let us know so they will receive packages, cards & letters. S.O.T. needs the following information:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Military Address \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday \_\_\_\_\_ Branch of Service \_\_\_\_\_

Country of Deployment \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Date of Return \_\_\_\_\_

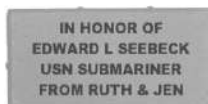
Your contact info (in case a package is returned)

### ~ DONOR & MEMORIAL BRICKS AVAILABLE ~

**Standard Brick - \$100 Donation**

**Up to 4 lines,**

**20 characters/spaces per line**



**Double Brick - \$250 Donation**

**Up to 8 lines,**

**20 characters/spaces per line**

**Clipart images are also available**

**Call or stop in for more details.**

## CALL TO ACTION!

If you have not yet let us know if you would like to continue to receive your News&Notes by mail or would like to sign up for the digital version via email—PLEASE DO SO TODAY! If you have already responded, Thank you!

We want to continue to deliver News&Notes to those of you who wish to receive it—via your preferred method! However, we must acknowledge that the cost of print and mailing has increased substantially over the past few years. We are always looking for ways to divert funds back into the cemetery beautification and improvements.

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We kindly thank you for your time and response!

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**Warren County Memorial Park**

**20050 Rt. 6**

**Warren, PA 16365**

**Or email it to us at [info@wcmpark.org](mailto:info@wcmpark.org)**

## ***Updates at the Park—Technology***

Warren County Memorial Park is excited to announce to you all that we have committed to digitizing our records to make it easier and more convenient for the families we serve.

We started this process with a company called WebCemeteries, who specializes in cemetery websites and software. This partnership has allowed us completely revamp our website which will be going live by the end of September. The new website will allow you to purchase flowers, wreaths, candles, and memorial maintenance as before—but in the near future will also provide you the opportunity to locate your loved one, see available property, and even schedule appointments to come us.

The software we are currently transitioning to will provide us with digital copies of our records—some of which will take some time to enter manually into the system. However, included in this is a geolocation of every grave in the cemetery, which allows you to see a satellite image of the exact location of your loved ones cemetery space. This will also allow you to see what available property is close to your loved one. In addition, over time we will be uploading photos, obituaries, and photos of the memorial into this program—and you as family and friends will have the opportunity to upload information as well if you so choose!

We are excited to take this step forward, and to be able to roll out the next stage of our “Cherished Hearts/ Cherished Memories” program for you all!

Keep and eye out for our press release when the new site goes live!

**"Self-care means honoring and respecting the miraculous being that you are. Self-care means learning to listen with the ear of a dedicated mother to your physical, emotional, and spiritual needs, and then taking full responsibility for getting them met. Self-care means taking 100% responsibility for creating an environment that nurtures your physical, emotional and spiritual selves."**

**~ Carl Benedict**

## September 11 Memorial Flags

The Field of Flags is raised each September in memory of those killed on 9/11/2001. ~ These sponsorships represent loved ones in your own families, veterans from all conflicts, firefighters, law enforcement and EMS service providers in our communities, and friends. ~ The funds raised from flag sponsorships, bricks and other sources help pay for replacement flags in the Memorial Field and on the fourteen flagpoles at the Emergency Service Memorial and Military Service Memorial. Thank you for your support of this project. Your generosity is most appreciated.

### A-B

All Veterans  
Arnold, Dorothy  
Anderson, Glenn  
Barney, Edward & Rose, US Navy WWII  
Barney, Frank & Anna, US Army WWI  
Barrett, Charles, WWII  
Bines, Robert  
Blakeslee, Karina M, VFF  
Blakeslee, Walter E, US Navy, WWII  
Bohren, Ralph, US Navy WWII  
Bohren, Rhea  
Bohren, Virgil  
Bowley, Ralph, US Navy, WWII  
Brown, Don & Elsa, US Navy WWII

### C-D

Carnahan, C. Dale  
Case, Richard, US Navy  
Cassidy, Gerald, USAF Ret. Korea Vietnam  
Cole, Daniel, US Army  
Cowan, James  
Cristea, Sam, US Army WWII  
Dake, Lisa "Hooker", IHC Angel #27  
Dalrymple, Charlotte  
Dalton, Carol S.  
Darling, Ronald E, USAF Korea  
Deems, Jean



*God Bless America!*

### E-F

Elinski, Andrew, US Army WWII  
Fajbik, Ronald, USMC Vietnam  
Fajbik, Brian, USMC  
Fajbik, Laurlie  
Farone, Samuel & Donna  
Farr, Barbara  
Feeny, John  
Ferver, Daniel  
Ferver, George & Thelma  
Finger, Gary & Vera  
First Responders  
Fleming, Pearl  
Fredericks, Walter A, US Army WWII  
Froman, Barb  
Froman, 'Bunky' US Army Korea  
Froman, Charles, Jr.  
Froman, Rick, ROTC  
Froman, Mary

### G-H

Goerlich, Cole, USMC  
Goldthwaite, Kenneth, VFF  
Goodard, Glenn & LaDora  
Gray, William  
Haynes, Wrayburn & June US Army WWII  
Haynes, Wrayburn, US Army WWII  
Haynes, Wrayburn, Jr, US Army Vietnam  
Henry, Chris, USNG  
Hodas, Frank, US Army, WWII  
Horner, Charles W & Mable, US Army WWII  
Horner, Jeffrey  
Horner, William A, USAF Rtd.



I-J

Iron Horse Cowboys  
IHC #66 Ron Velthoven, USAF  
IHA #53 Karen Carrier  
IHC #16 Garrett Robinson  
IHC #315 Vinny & Lisa Cuzin, 911 Run Chaplin  
Jackson, Richard G US Army  
Johnson, Howard

K-L

Kosinski, Charles, WWII  
Krespan, James & Victoria  
Kushner, Mary  
Lafferty, James US Navy WWII  
Lewis, Clyde & Mary, US Army WWII  
Lundberg, Walter US Army WWII  
Lyle, Nathaniel US Navy

M-N

Manno, John H., USMC Vietnam  
Manno, Sam, USMC Vietnam, Purple Heart  
Martin, Judy  
McKown, Derek & Pamela  
McMillen, Jack, US Army Korea  
Mead, Leonard J USMC WWII  
Mohney, Lance  
Nelson, Joseph & Eleanor  
Nelson, Thomas, US Navy Vietnam  
Nesmith, Jefferson  
Nicodemus, William J.

O-P

Park, Kenneth, USMC WWII  
Paul, Lloyd, US Army National Guard Korea  
Pearson, Charles & Mary, WWI  
Preston, Robert J, USMC Peace Time  
Sweetland, Robert/Vivian, John/Esther  
Smith, Xavier  
Songer Family

**Flag Orders as of 8/1/2023**  
**All subsequent orders will be**  
**printed in the next fall issue**  
**with the 2024 Flag Orders.**  
***Thanks again for your support!***

Q-R-S

Raymond, John, USAF Peace Time  
Rossey, Leo M., US Army, WWII  
Scarpo, Betty A.  
Seebeck, Edward L, US Navy, Vietnam\*  
Seebeck, Richard J, US Navy WWII  
Seebeck, Robert N, US Navy Rtd.  
Service Women  
Shall, Ed  
Shattuck, Chester A., US Navy WWII  
Shattuck, Dorothy L  
Shattuck, Norman D, US Army Vietnam  
Shaw, Robert, US Army Korea  
Shaw, Valerie  
Simonsen, William & Marilyn, US Army WWII  
Studd, Brad Lee  
Sweetland, John & Ester

T-U-V

Tack, John, USAF  
Tannler, Walter & Louise, US Army WWII  
Trask, Gilbert 'Pete' & Wilma, US Army

Trayer, W. Ronald

W-X-Y-Z

Vera Finger's Piano Teaching  
Wertz, Ronald  
White, Dave  
Wholeben, Alyce  
Wholeben, William  
Winegardner, Jake, US Navy Korea

I am the American Flag  
I have earned the right to be heard.  
I will speak from the wisdom of life.  
Look at my face,  
I have known over 40 presidents.  
I have traveled far.  
I have lived long and seen much.  
I have paid the price for my freedom of  
speech.  
I have wrapped my arms around those who  
have died for me.  
I am proud of my country, preserve my  
dignity;  
You have the freedom to choose.  
Old Glory they called me, and I am the  
American Flag,  
Under God, with Liberty and Justice For  
All.

## Maintenance Updates

**Equipment repairs** were the majority of our maintenance this past year. The backhoe received several rebuilds of various hydraulic cylinders, golf carts required new starters, the mowers faced different difficulties, and many of our hand tools required replacement or repair for usual wear and tear.

**The various gardens** throughout the cemetery have been getting a bit more attention this year to try and regain control of weeds and growth. This is something we are looking to tighten up to give the cemetery a better overall visual esthetic.

**The most hard to come by** item this year has been straw! Yes, dried hay/grain straw. We use it to blanket areas and graves to help replant grass and also wet areas to help them stay dry. However, this year we have been unable to find straw! If you know anyone or anywhere please let us know!

**The water system** throughout the cemetery suffered some blockages that our team had to work to get unclogged. Water pressure in Ten Commandments should be back to normal!

**The bank** by the office and residence has been pulled due to rabbits causing many of the plantings to die out—the plan is to replant grass and a strip of plantings at the bottom and top.

**As always**, please let us know if you notice any issues when you are visiting the park. We do not always have the time to check on everything that needs maintained. We appreciate when you let us know if something is off. It is always a boost to our spirits to

*“The gang at WCMP, even Trudy and Hazel, Sending you a great big hug! Hope you have a Happy Easter!”*

*Love,*

*Sheila and my gang, Joey, Miss Abigail, Ras, Bailey, & Penny Lane*

**The Alzheimer's Association notes that many of the same things that cause heart disease and stroke also negatively affect your cognitive health. So taking care of your heart via diet, exercise and healthy habits will likely benefit your brain as well!**

"Today I have a choice. I can think about the past and mourn my losses or I can embrace the future and live in hope."

~ Anonymous

What is written on a dentist's grave?

"He's filling his last cavity."

A man was lost in the desert, moving slowly and barely able to stay on his feet. Suddenly, at the top of the hill, another man on a camel appeared with a number of ties draped over his arm.

"Water!" the first man cried.

"I don't have any water," the other man replied. "I can sell you a nice tie for \$15."

"I don't want a tie! I want water!"

"OK, two for \$25."

"No ties!" the wanderer exclaimed. "Just tell me where I can find some water."

"Oh, all right. Go in the direction I came from. In a straight line from here, you'll see a small palm tree. About 50 yards past the tree, you'll find your water."

The camel walked off. The wanderer followed the directions and eventually found himself facing another man. "Water!" he said hoarsely. "Do you have water?"

"Plenty," the new man replied.

"Thank goodness! Can I have some?"

"Sorry, but we don't serve anyone not wearing a tie."

**"I define comfort as self-acceptance. When we finally learn that self-care begins and ends with ourselves, we no longer demand sustenance and happiness from others."**

**~Jennifer Loudened**

## A Nation's Strength

What makes a nation's pillars high  
And its foundations strong?  
What makes it might to defy  
The foes that round it throng?

It is not gold. Its kingdoms grand  
Go down in battle shock;  
Its shafts are laid on sinking sand,  
Not on abiding rock.

Is it the sword? Ask the red dust  
Of empires passed away;  
The blood has turned their stones to rust,  
Their glory to decay.

And is it pride? Ah, that bright crown  
Has seemed to nations sweet;  
But God has struck it luster down  
In ashes at his feet.

Not gold but only men can make  
A people great and strong;  
Men who for truth and honor's sake  
Stand fast and suffer long.

Brave men who work while others sleep,  
Who dare while others fly...  
They build a nation's pillars deep  
And lift them to the sky.

By: William Ralph Emerson,

*second cousin of the famous American poet, Ralph Waldo Emerson*  
(Originally published in 1891 in *Our Little Kings and Queens at Home and at School.*)

**“According to most studies, peoples No. 1 fear is public speaking. No. 2 is death. Does that sound right? This means to the average person, if you go to a funeral, you’re better off in the casket than doing the eulogy.”**

**Jerry Seinfeld**

“We keep moving forward, opening new doors and doing new things, because we’re curious and curiosity keeps leading us down new paths”

Walt Disney

**“How lucky I am to have something makes saying goodbye so hard.”**

**Winnie the Pooh**

“Those who say that we’re in a time when there are no heroes, they just don’t know where to look.”

**Ronald Reagan**

**ALL I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT LIFE I LEARNED FROM SANTA CLAUS:**

- ♦ Encourage people to believe in you.
- ♦ Always remember who’s naughty and who’s nice.
- ♦ It’s as much fun to give as it is to receive.
- ♦ Some days it’s OK to feel a little chubby.
- ♦ Don’t pout.
- ♦ Make your presents known.
- ♦ Always ask for a little bit more than what you really want.
- ♦ Bright red can make anyone look good.
- ♦ Wear a wide belt and no one will notice how many pounds you’ve gained.
- ♦ If you only show up once a year, everyone will think you’re very important.
- ♦ Whenever you are at a loss for words, say, “Ho Ho Ho!”

## **Family News - From Our House to Yours**

This past year has been one of challenge, excitement, and heart-break for our family.

We have been fortunate to have the support of so many of you during the transition of ownership; and its hard to believe that its already been a year! During that time we have been able to work out a course for the next year and really dig into the cemetery. Again, thank you to everyone who called, wrote, or stopped by to welcome us to the community and the Park!

My parents have been so proud and supportive of us pursuing our dream and purchasing the cemetery, and my dad (step-father) looked forward to coming to visit in late June this year. Unfortunately, Dad passed away on June 7, 2023 unexpectedly; never getting to come see the property in person. I immediately flew to Florida to be with my Mom and help her through the process of laying my Dad to rest. Before he passed he spoke of being interred here at Warren County Memorial Park because he wanted to know that while his spiritual body wouldn't be here, that his physical body would be taken care of.

My mother was here to visit and see the cemetery, and was very glad to start to integrate to our small community here. She is on her way back to Florida but we are looking forward to having her back in Pennsylvania soon to stay with us.

In all of this, the things that made the process easier was that Dad had communicated clearly what his wishes were at the time of his death, and ensured that arrangements were taken care of so that my Mom, my siblings, and I didn't have to make those decisions for him.

We look forward to putting him to rest here at Warren County Memorial Park, and honoring him for the Husband, Father, and Vietnam Veteran he was.

Sincerely,

Rich, Kate, and Bobby

## Did you know? Origin of “Taps”

During the Civil War, in July 1862 when the Army of the Potomac was in camp, Brig. Gen. Daniel Butterfield summoned Pvt. Oliver Wilcox Norton, his brigade bugler, to his tent. Butterfield, who disliked the colorless “extinguished lights” call then in use, whistled a new tune and asked the bugler to sound it for him. After repeated trials and changing the time of some notes which were scribbled on the back of an envelope, the call was finally arranged to suit Gen. Butterfield and used for the first time that night. Buglers from other nearby brigades traveled over to the camp of Butterfield’s brigade to ask the meaning of the new call. They like the melodious notes, and copying it, returned to their camps. However, it was not until some time later that orders or permissions were given to substitute it throughout the Army of the Potomac for the time-honored call which came down from West Point.

In the western armies the regulation call was in use until the autumn of 1863. At that time the XI and XII corps were detached from the Army of the Potomac and sent under command of Gen. Hooker to reinforce the Union Army at Chattanooga, Tenn. Through its use in these corps it became known in the western armies and was adopted by them. From that time, it became and remains to this day the official call for “Taps”. It is printed in the present Tactics and is used throughout the U.S. Army, the National Guard, and all organizations of veteran soldiers.

General Butterfield, in composing this call and directing that it be used for “Taps” in his brigade, could not have foreseen its popularity and the use for another purpose into which it would grow. Today, whenever a man is buried with military honors anywhere in the United States, the ceremony is concluded by firing three volleys of musketry over the grave, and sounding with the trumpet or bugle “Put out the lights. Go to Sleep”...

There is something singularly beautiful and appropriate in the music of this wonderful call. Its strains are melancholy, yet full of rest and peace. Its echoes linger in the heart long after its tones have ceased to vibrate the air.

Now you know!

**“We know what works. FREEDOM WORKS. We know what’s right. FREEDOM IS RIGHT.”**  
**- George H. W. Bush**



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## ***It's Hard to Believe!***

It has been a year since we took over the Park. We cannot continue to thank you all for your support and love as we continue to make Warren our home, and make Warren County Memorial Park even better! It was our goal to get acclimated our first year here, get settled and really dig into the park (no pun intended). Now we are ready with ideas that we can continue to build upon for the years to come.



Next year marks the 70th Anniversary of WCMP and we are looking forward to celebrating with the community as we bring some events back and look to do some new things as well!

**- Preview of our new logo! -**