



Honoring Your Special Veteran or Service-Hearted Loved One and Even Your Beloved Patriot K9

(Honorees may be a Veteran or non-Veteran, living or deceased, an individual or organization involved in supporting military service.)

You can learn more about each Honor Stone and purchase online at
Thehighground.us/honor-stones/

For more information, contact your Honor Stone Coordinator at
donations@thehighground.org or call at 715-743-4224.



Legacy

Legacy stones are 12"x12"x2" solid grey granite stones and line the plaza walkways. **\$520**



Persian Gulf

Persian Gulf Honor Stones are 12"x12"x2" sand colored granite placed in the "Boot Print" **\$550**



Korean

Korean Stones are 8"x12"x3/4" polished black granite stone and are placed vertically on the face of the inside wall of the Korean Tribute and "Rice Paddies". **\$575**

Military Working Dog Tribute



MWD Stones are 12"x12"x2" Mahogany granite inscribed with the name(s) of Veteran Canines and their handlers whom you wish to recognize. **\$525**



MWD One-line on a polished mahogany granite stone inscribed 1 line/22 characters. Veteran Service Dogs Welcome **\$150**

Contributors and Volunteers make the Mission possible

2026 Honor Stone Application Deadline

May 16 am & pm Ceremonies

Application/payment deadline	Mar 30 th 5pm
Deadline for program info	May 8 th 5pm

June 13 am & pm Ceremonies

Application/payment deadline	Apr 27 th 5pm
Deadline for program info	June 5 th 5pm

July 11 am & pm Ceremonies

Application/payment deadline	May 18 th 5pm
Deadline for program info	July 3 rd 5pm

August 1 am & pm Ceremonies

Application/payment deadline	June 15 th 5pm
Deadline for program info	July 24 th 5pm

September 19 am & pm Ceremonies

Application/payment deadline	July 27 th 5pm
Deadline for program info	Sept 11 th 5pm

October 3 am & pm Ceremonies

Application/payment deadline	Aug 17 th 5pm
Deadline for program info	Sept 25 th 5pm

READ ME

Please share this information with your guests ahead of time so they know what to expect.

- **CHECK-IN:** It begins 30 minutes prior to your scheduled ceremony at The Highground tent.
- **ONLY SPONSOR OR HONOREE IS REQUESTED TO CHECK IN.**
- **LENGTH OF CEREMONY:** Plan for approximately **1 ½ hours**
- Please stay for the entire ceremony to honor the achievements of all honorees & show respect to their families who are celebrating alongside you.
- **SEATING:** Please bring your own seating as there are a limited number of benches & picnic tables available on a first-come, first-served basis.
- **WEATHER:** be prepared, e.g., pack warm clothes & umbrellas.
- Due to the number of guests attending, a shuttle service will be provided to & from parking areas.
- **SCOOTERS** & power wheelchairs are available at the Gift Shop for individuals with limited mobility on a first-come, first-served basis. Please ask your guests to bring their own if they require one to make sure their needs are met.
- **PAVILIONS:** If you would like to reserve one of three pavilions before or after your ceremony for your group, please call the stone coordinator at 715-937-3525 or email donations@thehighground.org. Note: The pavilions are not close to the stone placement areas. See map.
- **PETS** are welcome; however, please be mindful of the sights & sounds of the Liberty Bell, rifle salute & large crowds. We also ask that you keep your pet on a six-foot minimum length leash & be responsible for any “presents” they may leave anywhere on the premises.

Ceremony Procedures

- Please let the stone coordinator know if a member of your group would like to assist in the performance of any of starting the guests in the Pledge of Allegiance, National Anthem or Ringing of the Liberty Bell.
- Please be respectful of the other groups placing stones & keep the main walkway clear while you wait for your stone to be placed & for the closing of the ceremony.
- Please be conscious of the group waiting behind you. If you would like more photos of family & friends with your stone, we will ensure that you have the opportunity after the ceremony.

Thank you & we look forward to your ceremony.

THE CEREMONY AT A GLANCE

WELCOME BY

Chris Pettis

**LIBERTY BELL RINGS TO
START CEREMONY**

PRESENTATION OF COLORS

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

NATIONAL ANTHEM

INVOCATION

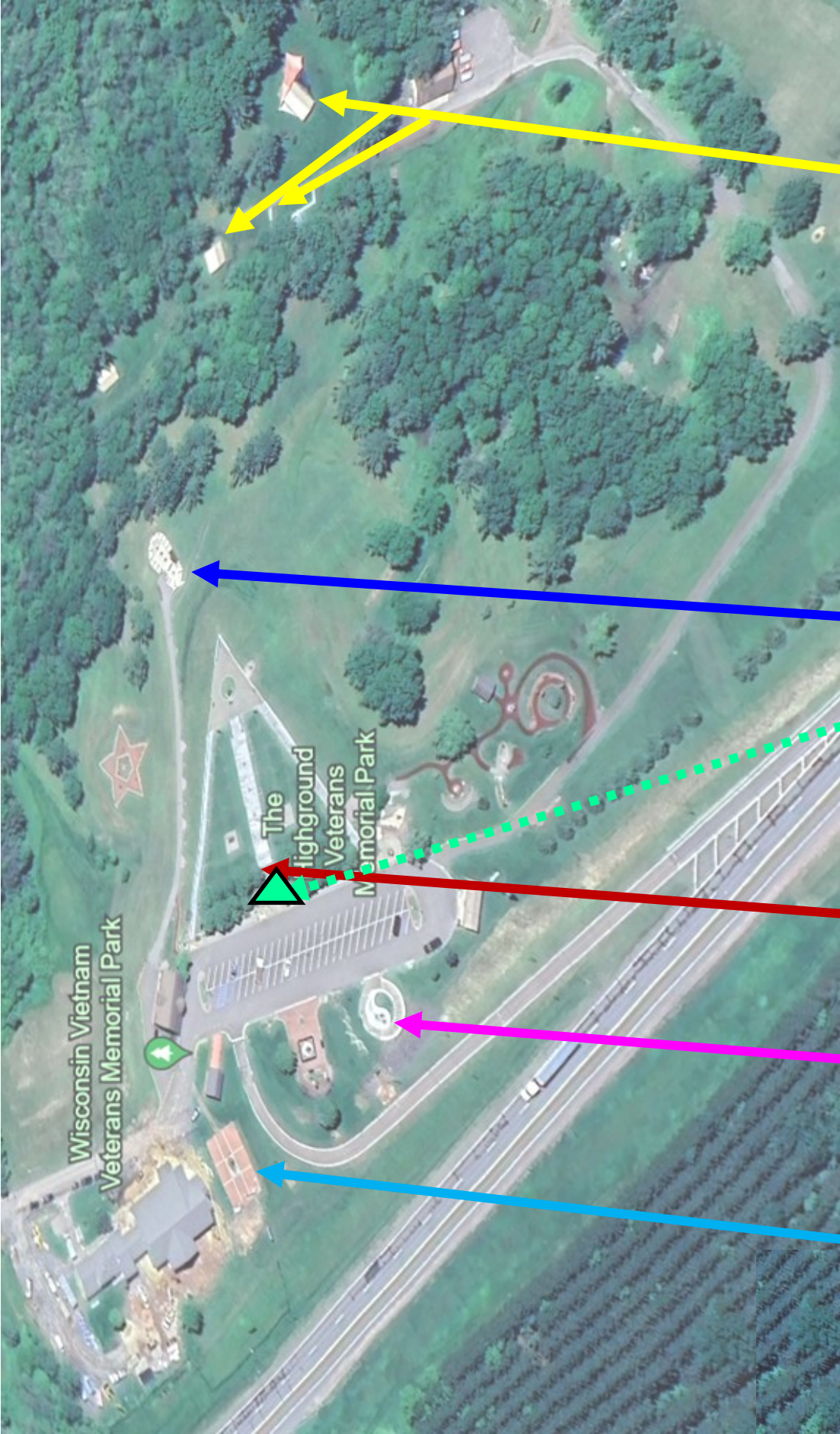
MIXING OF THE EARTH

PLACING OF HONOR STONES

**HONORING VETERANS
PAST & PRESENT**

TAPS BY

RETIRE COLORS



Pavilions

Persian Gulf Stones

Check in for all
stone ceremonies

Legacy Stones

Korean Stones

Military Working Dog
Stones

EXAMPLE



Kent Stone

*In appreciation of your service and sacrifice
for our Nation, a Legacy Stone will be dedicated
at The Highground Veterans Park
in Neillsville, Wisconsin*

The inscription reads:

SFC*KENT*STONE
1ST*BN*147TH*AVN
WIARNG*1984*2017

*Given with love and appreciation by
Evelyn Stone & Family*



Reflection Book Example

GRANT L MCMILLIN JR
US ARMY 7TH INFANTRY
CHOSIN RESERVOIR POW

Honoring PFC Grant L. McMillin Jr.: At 20 yrs old, he fought in Korea at the battle of Chosin Reservoir. He was wounded and captured. He was a POW for 32 months before he was freed (Aug 1953) & returned home to his family in Lake Geneva WI.

This image shows a single sheet of white paper with horizontal blue ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and run across the width of the page. There are no margins, text, or other markings on the paper.

about the Honoree.

BREEZY

RICHARD*BRZESKI

US*ARMY*VIETNAM

Hometown: Bayview, WI

Vets Journey Home Family, sponsors

Breezy was an instructor for the Vets Journey Home, Inc., volunteered with Vets for Peace, and Warrior Songs, Inc. He wrote the song "Never Give Up", which is on the Warrior Songs 3rd CD "The Last Thing We Ever Do" released 2021.

ROBERT*OWEN*COOK

US*12TH*CAVALRY

S*PACIFIC*THEATER

Hometown: Janesville, WI

Joan Cook; Ann & Randal Kumm, sponsors

After Robert attended college on the GI Bill, he became a public school educator. His life was full and vibrant raising his three children, being active in his church and being a community leader.

SSGT*LOUIS*W*CHERNEY

US*ARMY*BERLIN*CRISIS

32ND*INF*DIV*POST*54

Hometown: Spencer, WI

Cherney Family, sponsors

A true American. Louie was an outstanding role model who raised his family right. To always show faith, kindness, gentleness, selflessness, & generosity towards all others. We are proud to be your family and could

The *Reflection Books*, preserved at The Highground Welcome Center, serve as a testament to the lives of those honored by the stones placed. These volumes contain personal histories—featuring photographs, letters, stories, news clippings, poems, and reflections from or about the honoree. Entries range from a single page to multiple pages, allowing for an evolving narrative as new details emerge over time. Together, the Stone and the pages of *Reflection Sheets* form a lasting legacy.

Honor Stone Application 2026

Contact Name_____ Application Date_____

Address_____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Phone _____

Payment enclosed is being made by: Check/Money Order Cash Credit Card (please call)

Email address:

Choose ONE stone style/location and Placement Date:

Legacy Stone — Circle One: May 16 (11am) May 16 (2pm) June 13 (2pm) July 11 (2pm)

August 1 (11am) August 1 (2pm) Sept 19 (11am) Sept 19 (2pm) October 3 (11am) October 3 (2pm) **\$520**

Korean Stone — June 13 (11am) **\$575**

Persian Gulf Stone — July 11 (11am) **\$550**

Military Working Dog Stone — Sept 19 11am \$525

Application deadline is no less than 6 weeks prior to each ceremony date.

A confirmation/receipt letter will be mailed providing verification that your requested stone & ceremony date has been accepted. Please wait for the confirmation prior to making family or travel arrangements.

Wording For All Stones: 3 lines of 20 spaces each.

Use ONLY letters, numbers.

NO special characters or punctuation

Wording for MWD one-line use
line 1 & 22 spaces.

MWD one
line spaces
ONLY

[illegible]

_____ I understand that The Highground has the right and responsibility to review & approve all applications & submissions to The Reflection Books.

Yes No I would like a certificate on patriotic paper to give as a gift to honoree.

Yes No This stone is a surprise. (If yes, please tell us how to contact you so we DON'T give away your surprise.)

Yes No Is the honoree deceased?

Hometown of stone honoree to be listed in the day's program: _____

Sponsors to be listed in the ceremony's program (*please limit to seven words or less*):

*The program printed for your day will list the stone's engraving, the honoree's hometown, and the stone's sponsors. We would also like to include a short, **one or two sentences**, about the honoree. This will not be engraved on the stone but written in the program brochure for others to see at your ceremony. This could be the honoree's favorite saying, wish, hope, funny story, what he/she believed or what they would like to be remembered for. Why are you honoring this person? Is this a gift to them? Or a remembrance of them? Your choice, but please be brief—there are 20 others to incorporate into your program also.*



Make check payable to and return application to: **The Highground**
PO Box 457, W7031 Ridge Rd, Neillsville, WI 54456

Phone: 715-743-4224

Website: thehighground.us Email: donations@thehighground.org