

## Dedication Page



The Veterans Memorial Building, and the Veterans Memorial situated on Memorial Plaza are dedicated in grateful tribute to the men and women who unselfishly served their country in the Armed Forces.

This Memorial Complex is dedicated in memory of those who paid the supreme sacrifice for God and Country so that others could live in peace. May God receive and cherish them as they cherished this blessed land they fought and died for.

In memory of recent area servicemen who have made the ultimate sacrifice for their country in the War on Terrorism:

**Boatswain's Mate Gary J. Fisk**, U.S. Navy, USS Iowa, Caribbean, 1989  
**Lance Corporal Jeremy S. Lasher**, U.S. Marine Corps, Afghanistan, 2009

*May they never be forgotten.*

### WAVEM

In Memory of

#### ROBERT L. WEST

Died December 21, 1991; Member Oneida Post 169  
Served with the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean Conflict  
Charter Member

#### RAYMOND E. DOTY

Died February 19, 1992; Member Chittenango Post 1287  
Served with the U.S. Army during World War II  
Charter Member

#### HARRY E. MYERS

Died February 7, 1995; Member Oneida Post 169  
Served with the U.S. Navy during Vietnam War  
Charter Member

#### ALAN R. WAGNER

Died April 23, 2004; Member Munnsville Post 54  
Served with the U.S. Air Force during the Korean — Vietnam Conflicts  
Charter Member

#### LOUIS J. BALDUCCI

Died July 15, 2006; Member Canastota Post 140 & VFW Post 600  
Served with the U.S. Army during World War II  
Charter Member

#### DONALD W. CARY

Died January 5, 2007; Member Canastota Post 140  
Served with the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam Conflict  
Member

#### MERTON E. (Ed) COOK

Died June 14, 2009; Member Oneida Post 169  
Served with the U.S. Air Force during the Korean Conflict  
Charter Member  
Chairman & President for 23 Years

## WAVEM Committee Members...

Douglas Ginney, President  
Donald Smith, Vice President  
James Button, Secretary  
Rick Warham, Treasurer  
Larry Dixon, Chaplain  
Weldon Allen, Historian

Jerry Brophy  
Joseph Gaiser  
Raymond Bennett  
Benson Barrett  
Tim Clavin  
Bob Clarke



Seated: Raymond Bennett, Weldon Allen, Douglas Ginney, Larry Dixon, and Benson Barrett; Standing: James Button, Donald Smith, Joseph Gaiser, Rick Warham, and Jerry Brophy. Not pictured: Tim Clavin and Bob Clarke.

## Veteran Organization Sponsors

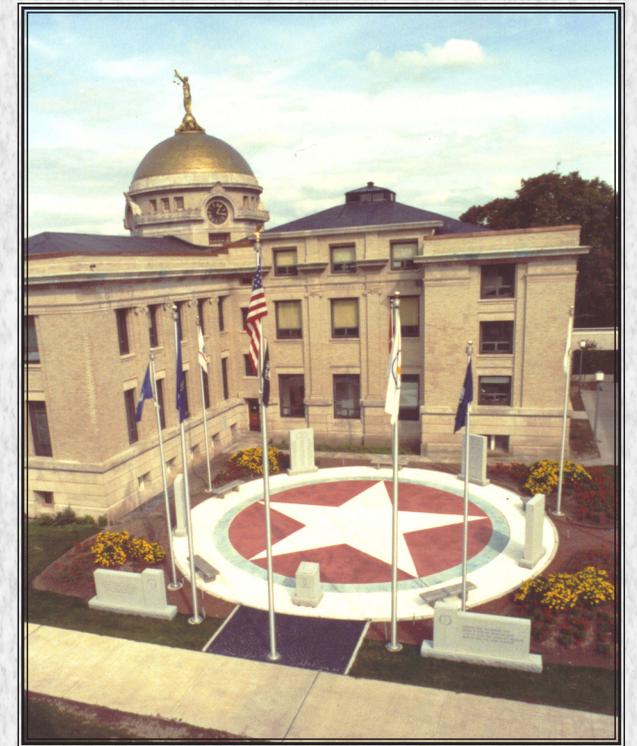
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American Legion Post 140 (Canastota)  
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American Legion Auxiliary Unit 1287 (Chittenango)

Sons of the American Legion Squadron 169 (Oneida)  
Sons of the American Legion Squadron 140 (Canastota)  
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MADISON COUNTY  
WAR VETERANS  
MEMORIAL CORPORATION

# 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



MEMORIAL DAY, MAY 30, 2010, 2 PM



# 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Program

MEMORIAL DAY, MAY 30, 2010, 2 PM



**Invocation** Madison County American Legion Chaplain: **Joseph Barilla**

**Pledge of Allegiance** Madison County American Legion Commander: **Robert Conway**

**National Anthem** **Holly Page**

**Remarks** WAVEM Master of Ceremonies President: **Douglas Ginney**  
6th District Legion Commander: **Sandra Junker**  
VFW State Commander: **Allan Davenport**  
VFW Sr. Vice Commander: **Jack Veazy**  
North Central Vice Commandant Marine Corps League: **Bill McGowan**  
Madison County Veterans Service Director: **Donald Smith**  
Madison County Board of Supervisors: **John Becker**  
Town of Hamilton Supervisor: **Robert Kuiper**

**Guest Speaker** Nancy Lorraine Hoffmann  
Assemblymen: **William Magee**

**Placing of the Wreaths** WAVEM Corporation Directors

**Firing Squad** Hamilton and Canastota American Legions

**Taps** **Peter Finocchiaro**

**Benediction** Chaplain: **Larry Dixon**



## History: Madison County War Veterans Memorial, WAVEM

### Objective:

WAVEM was established to design, fund, erect and maintain a Veterans Memorial for those 297 Madison county Veterans who lost their lives during World War I, World War II, Korea and Vietnam. The committee also determined that the most logical location for such a memorial would be at the County Seat, Wampsville, NY. The proposal was submitted to the County Board of Supervisors to identify a suitable site on the grounds. A final determination was made and passed on February 14, 1989.

### Background:

A working group of veterans was formed in September 1986 to discuss erecting the memorial. This working group was absorbed into the Madison County American Legion, Department of New York, as a standing committee. The twelve member committee designed the memorial and built a scale model for display at the fund raising kickoff dinner April 1987. In August 1988 a petition was filed for incorporation, which was granted in October 1988. The WAVEM Corporation is a tax exempt corporation registered with the State of New York. The committee continued to pursue a final site for the memorial on the county properties at Wampsville, NY. The final site was designated February 14, 1989 by the County Board of Supervisors.

### Description of the Memorial:

The memorial consists of four gray granite stones which are four feet wide and seven feet high. Each stone lists the veterans who lost their lives in World War I, World War II, Korea and Vietnam. The stones are situated on a fifty foot diameter circle with a white star in the middle surrounded by red/white/blue brick pavers. There are five granite benches which are arranged around the perimeter of the circle. The five service flags are located at each point of the star. Near the entrance is a granite lectern with an open book memorial. The entry is designed with brick pavers to honor those Missing In Action and Prisoners of War Veterans (POW-MIA). The two four-foot high, ten foot long entry stones are inscribed with tributes

to the men and women of Madison County. Located near each entry stone is the Madison County, WAVEM and American flags. The surrounding area is landscaped accordingly.

### Funding:

All funds raised for this project have been a comprehensive effort of the WAVEM Committee sponsoring dinners, breakfasts, auctions, raffles, jamborees, selling WAVEM articles at Field Days and fairs. The activities have generated approximately 60% of the funds with the remaining 40% coming from private, commercial and fraternal donations. A \$15,000 state grant from the division of Veteran Affairs was obtained through the dedicated efforts of Senator Nancy Lorraine Hoffman.

### Construction and Completion:

Although the major construction of the Memorial was completed by May 28, 1990 when formal dedication took place, the corporation remains active forever to manage activities (i.e., Memorial Day and Veterans Day, annually) as well as refurbishment of the stones, maintenance of gardens, replacement of flags and to perform other subordinate tasks. These administrative functions require an annual budget.

### Conclusion:

The development of Memorial Plaza, the memorial installation and the naming of the new county office building Veterans Memorial Building provides a lasting memorial in tribute to those veterans who gave their lives and in recognition of those who served their country during the declared national emergencies. The committee, as well as the Madison county residents, feel that the Memorial is justified and properly recognizes those veterans who made the supreme sacrifice to preserve our democratic way of life.

### Contributions and Correspondence:

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