

Village of North Aurora Veterans Memorial Plaza

North Aurora, Illinois

This project was initiated by the North Aurora Veterans Memorial Committee to honor the village residents who have served in all branches of the military.

This project will be located on the village's west side as part of the Ed Kelley Memorial Gardens, along Willow Way.

Key elements of the design are:

- To commemorate, by peaceful reflection.
- To create a memorial, accessible to all.
- To provide adequate seating for quiet contemplation.
- Add landscaping which complements the memorial



The plaza is 60 feet in diameter, with a water fountain bubbler in the center. There is a curved monument wall inset into the berm that will commemorate all veterans, and past conflicts in our country's history. In a semicircular pattern are five 2 x 2 stone pedestals designed to present a feeling of strength and formality. On top of pedestal is a bronze emblem of each of the arms of the military. These pedestals will be no more than 4 feet 3 inches high so as to be accessible to the handicapped. Around the pedestals and outer edge of the plaza there will be pavers that will contain engraved names of contributors to the memorial. The design incorporates benches around the perimeter of the plaza as well as a segmental block seatwall for quiet reflection. There will be a path access from the left and right of the monument wall to the future gardens. The plaza will be formally landscaped to add to the peaceful setting.

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