



Veterans Memorial



STOKES-THOMAS CITY PARK
AUGUST 26, 2006





DEDICATION DAY AGENDA
August 26, 2006 • 1500 Hours

PreludeWatertown Municipal Band
under the direction of Douglas Herr

All Rise - Drum Roll - TrumpeterCall to the Colors
Requested by Officer of the Day, Ordean Bierman

Drum Roll - Raising the U.S. Flag

Drummers Begin for the Posting of Colors

The National AnthemThe Barbershop Quartet, "Gone Fishin"
Ross Lingren, Tom Ries, Ed Togel, and Bruce Martin

Pledge of Allegiance

**Please Remain Standing for a Moment of Silence
for all the POW's and MIA's yet to be accounted for**

InvocationRev. Bill Hamill, from Saint Dymas Lutheran
at the State Penitentiary in Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Introductions - (OD)

(Please hold your applause as they will remain standing until all are introduced)

Congressional Medal of Honor recipientArmy Major General Patrick Brady

Congressional Medal of Honor recipient....Army Special 4 Michael Fitzmaurice

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #750Bernard Stoltenburg, Commander

American Legion Post #17Howard Ostlund, Commander

Disabled American Veterans Chapter #6LeRoy Anderson, Commander

Marine Corp League Kampeska NE #1079 ..Courtney Livingston, Commandant

North Central Paralyzed Veterans of America.....Gene Murphy

147th Field Artillery National Guard.....Capt. Steve Siemonsma

Parks and Recreation DirectorRoger Adams

Veterans Memorial Committee.....LeRoy Anderson, Laurel Foss, Lynn Johnson,
Richard Stricherz, J. Maurice Redmond and Ordean Bierman

All POW's in the audience, please stand and be recognized (applause for all)

Please Be Seated

Municipal Band Selection.....America the Beautiful
with vocal singer Ann Rae Herr

The Dedication

Explanation of the Memorial Concept.....Laurel Foss and LeRoy Anderson
The CampaignLynn Johnson
The Dedication ProclamationDick Stricherz
ThanksJ. Maurice Redmond

Introduction of the MayorLeRoy Anderson

Watertown MayorMayor Paul Fox

Introduction of dignitaries (each speaking briefly)
Brigadier General Keith Corbett Asst. Adj. General, SD National Guard
Senator Tim Johnson or his representative
Senator John Thune or his representative
Rep. Stephanie Herseth, or her representative
Governor Mike Rounds or his representative - *to introduce the main speaker*
Col. Leo Thorsness, Congressional Medal of Honor recipient & a 6 year POW

Guest SpeakerCol. Leo Thorsness

Municipal Band.....Stars and Stripes Forever and the
Armed Forces Salute
(Army, Air Force, Navy, Coast Guard and Marine Corps.)

Final Announcements.....Ordean Bierman

All Rise for the Closing PrayerRev. Bill Hamill

Remain Standing for the Unveiling of the Veterans Memorial Wall

Veterans Present Arms - TrumpeterPlaying taps, *with an echo in return*

Order Arms, Remain Standing for Retirement of Colors

PostludeMunicipal Band



Program and Booklet designed by Ordean A. Bierman



After our groundbreaking ceremony on September 2nd, the project moved very slowly until we participated in the Watertown Winter Show in February. Veterans responded through our advertising and personal inquiries which netted applications from 36 different states including Hawaii.

Getting the message out seemed very difficult. We sent Public Service Announcements to 25 surrounding newspapers and frequently called our local radio station. Still people were calling in telling us this was the first time they had heard about our memorial.

At Dedication time we have approximately 1750 names for our wall. With these veterans and the corporate sponsors, we now have excess funds and ordered playground equipment. It is our desire to entertain and build strong bodies for our children. Ultimately they will grow up and take our place in assuring us our freedom for generations to come. If some enter the military, we invite them to put their names on our wall.

The Acknowledgement Section

The Veterans Memorial Committee

Laurel Foss • LeRoy Anderson • Lynn Johnson • Ordean Bierman
Dick Stricherz • J. Maurice Redmond

Grateful for your Efforts

Watertown Event Center	All veterans that helped on the project
Midwest Auto for finish on the globe	Water donation by HyVee, Econo Foods and County Fair Foods
Marion Paulis at dp Daily Post.Com	The Explorers and Boys Scouts
Jim Buhler, weld instructor at LATI	Use of Ambulance and Fire equipment
Doug Herr and the Municipal Band	Color Guards from 147th, American Legion
Watertown Police Department	VFW, DAV, and Marine Corps League
Public Opinion for news coverage	
A.W. (Andy) Anderson, Memorial Counselor	

The Committee wishes to thank all those too numerous to mention that helped in some small way to make this project and this Dedication Day a success.

Contractors

WATERTOWN Rock of Ages MEMORIALSGRANITE
GEO-TEC Drafting and Design, Inc., Michael N. FossMEMORIAL DESIGN
TODD ARCHITECTS, David ToddARCHITECT
MIKE DAVIS, Specialty ConcreteGENERAL CONTRACTOR
PARKS AND RECREATIONAL DIRECTOR, Roger Adams.....CONSULTANT
MIKE'S SPECIALTY CONCRETE, INC., Mike DavisCONCRETE
LAKE AREA TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, 2006 Welding StudentsGLOBE
MARQUARDT ELECTRICELECTRICAL
LAKELAND NURSERY.....LANDSCAPE AND SPRINKLER
SIGN PRO, Robert GrafSIGNS
CROUCH/CHURCHICH RECREATIONALPLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT



I watched the flag pass by one day,
it fluttered in the breeze.

A young veteran saluted it,
and then he stood at ease.

I looked at him in uniform
So young, so tall, so proud
With hair cut square and eyes alert
He'd stand out in any crowd.

I thought how many men like him
Had fallen through the years.
How many died on foreign soil
How many mothers' tears?

How many pilots' planes shot down?
How many died at sea?
How many foxholes were soldiers' graves?
No, freedom isn't free.

I heard the sound of Taps one night
when everything was still,
I listened to the bugler play
and felt a sudden chill.
I wondered just how many times
That Taps had meant "Amen,"

When a flag had draped a coffin,
Of a brother or a friend.

I thought of all the children,
Of the mothers and the wives,
Of fathers, sons and husbands
With interrupted lives.

I thought about a graveyard
At the bottom of the sea.

Of unmarked graves in Arlington
No, freedom isn't free.

Author
Unknown

<p><i>Print 'Em Now, Inc.</i></p> 	<p><i>Offset Commercial Printing & Graphic Design</i></p> <p>900 4th Ave. SW • Watertown, SD 57201 605-882-2111</p>
---	---