

Memorial Park

Our Veterans Memorial Park, at 201 E. 3rd St., is situated next to the Leaf River Historical Museum. The park is an interesting and special attraction. Flags from all branches of the service, and memorial bricks of remembrance, between the Korean War cannon and the picnic shelter, will delight you. Inside the Museum, please see the Roll of Honor exhibit with photos of World War II veterans, and also many veterans' letters and military artifacts.



We have completed a memorial, for the men and women who have served in the different branches of the United States Armed Forces. It consists of seven flagpoles: one for the American flag and the POW/MIA flag and one each for the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard and Merchant Marine.

Space is available for anyone who would like to add a memorial brick to this project. (Small brick \$50; large brick \$100).

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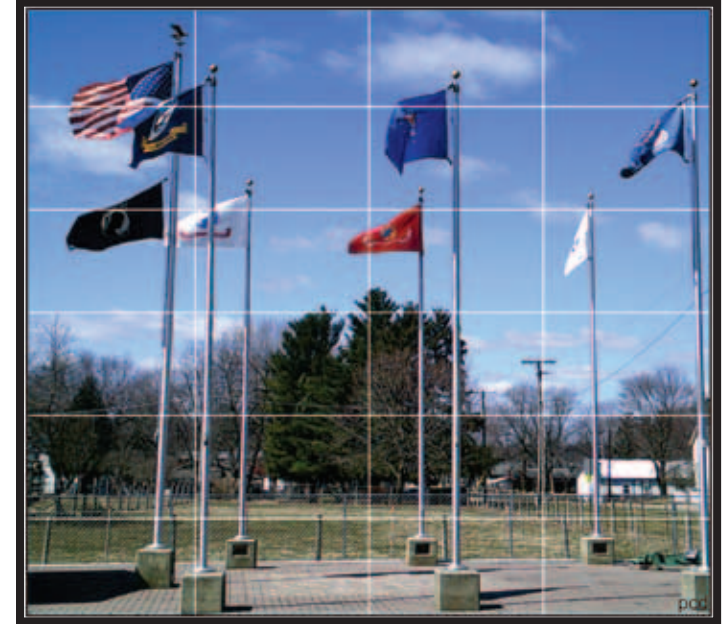
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VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK



**Jerry Wickam
American Legion
Post #1148
Leaf River, Illinois**

**Dedicated to all
Veterans through
Peace or war
Their memories
Will never die**

Post #1148 membership meetings

Meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month at 3:00 P.M., unless otherwise noted, at the Bertolet Memorial Library.

815.738.2742 All veterans, including active duty military personnel, are invited to attend.



Free admission

The Park is always open. Picnic tables are set up for your convenience in the Cliff Hartje Pavilion.



Our charter

The Leaf River American Legion Post #1148 was chartered on September 8, 1947. The name, Jerry Wickam, was added to recognize the Jerry Wickam Congressional Medal of Honor recipient on March 4, 1971. The highest and most distinguished medal in the Armed Forces was presented posthumously to Jerry's widow, Suzanne Wickam; parents, Janet and Lee Wickam; parents-in-law, Alma and Emerson Baker, on Nov. 21, 1968.

The Post recognized its 72nd Anniversary on March 27, 2019. Currently the Post has one living charter member, namely, William Motter. The Post has two 60 year members: William Motter and Charles Snyder. We proudly observe Memorial Day and Veterans Day each year, with special presentations which are open to the public. The American Legion's motto is "For God and Country, We Associate Ourselves Together."

