



Berks County, Pennsylvania
**Washington
Township**



Dear Resident,

We are writing to you today with a heartfelt plea to support the vital restoration of our local war memorial, a cherished symbol of our community's gratitude and remembrance for the brave men and women who served our country.

Over time, the memorial has weathered the elements, showing signs of wear and tear that diminish its dignified presence. Significant wear to both the walkways and crown stones also require repeated spot repairs to maintain a safe environment for visitors. We believe it is our duty to ensure this important landmark remains a place of reflection and honor for generations to come.

Your contribution will directly fund:

- Professional cleaning and repair of the memorial's stonework
- Replacement of the damaged walkways
- Landscape and lighting improvements to enhance the surrounding area

By donating to this restoration project, you will play a significant role in preserving the legacy of our veterans and ensuring that their sacrifices are never forgotten.

Every dollar counts! Please consider making a donation today, and feel free to share this message with your friends and family to help us reach our goal.

To make donating easy for everyone, the township has establish the following ways to donate:

- 1) Send a check payable to Washington Township at 120 Barto Road, Barto, PA 19504. Please write "War Memorial" in the memo line.
- 2) Call Missy Swanson at township (610) 845-7760 to use a credit/debit card.
- 3) Visit Missy Swanson at the township building to use a credit/debit card.

Thank you for your support and commitment to honoring our heroes.

Sincerely,

David Moyer
Chairperson
Board of Supervisors

Mark Bedle
Chairperson
Parks & Recreation Board

P.S. If you have any questions or would like to learn more about the restoration project, please contact Mark Bedle at parks@washtwpberks.org.



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War Memorial Restoration Project

The Washington Township War Memorial was erected in the late 1940s or early 1950s. The township has completed maintenance on the memorial over the years, consisting mostly of spot repairs to the pointing on the stone structure and painting of the artillery guns. However, given its age, it needs major repairs / renovations so that future generations of residents can honor our military. The main issues with the war memorial consists of the following:



1. The main stone structure has settled over the years, which has resulted in multiple structural cracks. This has allowed water to enter the interior of the structure and caused dissolved minerals to be deposited onto the stone face and foundation.
2. The entire face of the stone structure is severely weathered and covered in mold and needs to be chemically cleaned and sealed.
3. The majority of the stone pointing has degraded over time and needs to be removed and re-pointed.
4. Numerous crown stones are loose and present an overhead danger to memorial visitors.
5. The two smaller entrance monuments have the same issues as the main stone structure.
6. The walkway is constructed with flag stone and has degraded to the point that it present a tripping hazard to memorial visitors.

The township has consulted with a local stonemason and obtained a quote to address the above issues and complete the memorial restoration. A copy of the quote from Bedrock Outdoor Enterprises is attached. Their scope of work (SOW) includes the following:

1. Fix the structural cracks on the main monument.
2. Remove all grout from the entrance and main monuments.
3. Clean the stone on the entrance and main monuments using both chemical and abrasive methods.
4. Repair any stones that are loose.
5. Repoint all the stone on the entrance and main monuments.
6. Remove and replace the walkways with an exposed aggregate mix.
7. Seal the entire monument.

The total cost to complete the above SOW is \$30,000. In addition to the above SOW, the township plans to replace / update the landscaping at the memorial for a cost of \$2,000, bringing the total project costs to \$32,000. On behalf of the Board of Supervisors and the residents of the township, we appreciate any assistance you can offer with this very important project.