



# MEDAL OF HONOR YEAR HONORING WISCONSIN'S MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENTS

## War Memorial Center

65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Veterans Day 2022 - Est. 1957





# WAR MEMORIAL CENTER in Milwaukee

## Mission:

Honor The Dead – Serve The Living

## Vision:

The War Memorial Center in Milwaukee is a stunning lakefront facility that pays tribute to the brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice defending freedom, while remembering and sharing the personal experiences and sacrifices of all veterans and their families. Enthusiastically supported by an engaged community, it is an experiential space unlike any other in Milwaukee; where heroes are honored, history is taught, warriors are healed, events are celebrated, and memories are made.



**HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE**: Designed and built by Finnish-born American architect Eero Saarinen, we are honored to count WMC among his prolific accomplishments.

Saarinen secured the War Memorial Center (WMC) commission in 1950. Most notably, he served in **The Office of Strategic Services (OSS)** during World War II (WWII) where he operated as *Chief of the Special Exhibits Section of the Presentation Division*.



Image: 1950s  
Preconstruction

## *The Other Saarinen...*

Among many of Saarinen's prolific accomplishments include the design and construction of the:

**Gateway Arch in St. Louis, MO**

Embassy in London (1956)

Buildings at Dulles and JFK Airports

IBM

CBS

John Deere

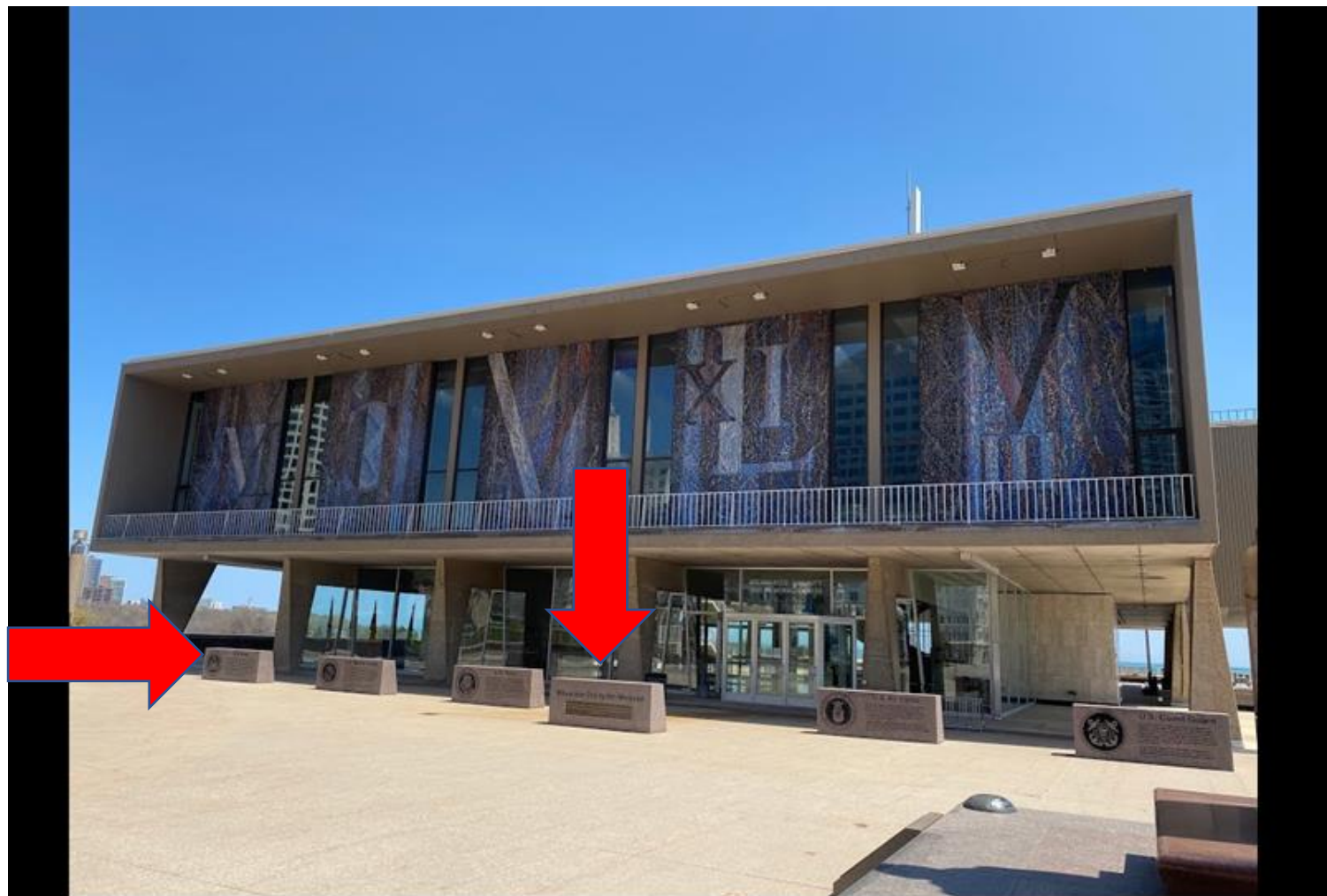
MIT

The University of Pennsylvania

University of Chicago







Community Project Item 1:

At the front of the War Memorial Center there are six (6) solid, red granite barriers put in place as decorative vehicle obstacles. Five represent each branch of the service, the sixth has the name of the memorial and a quote from General Douglas MacArthur.





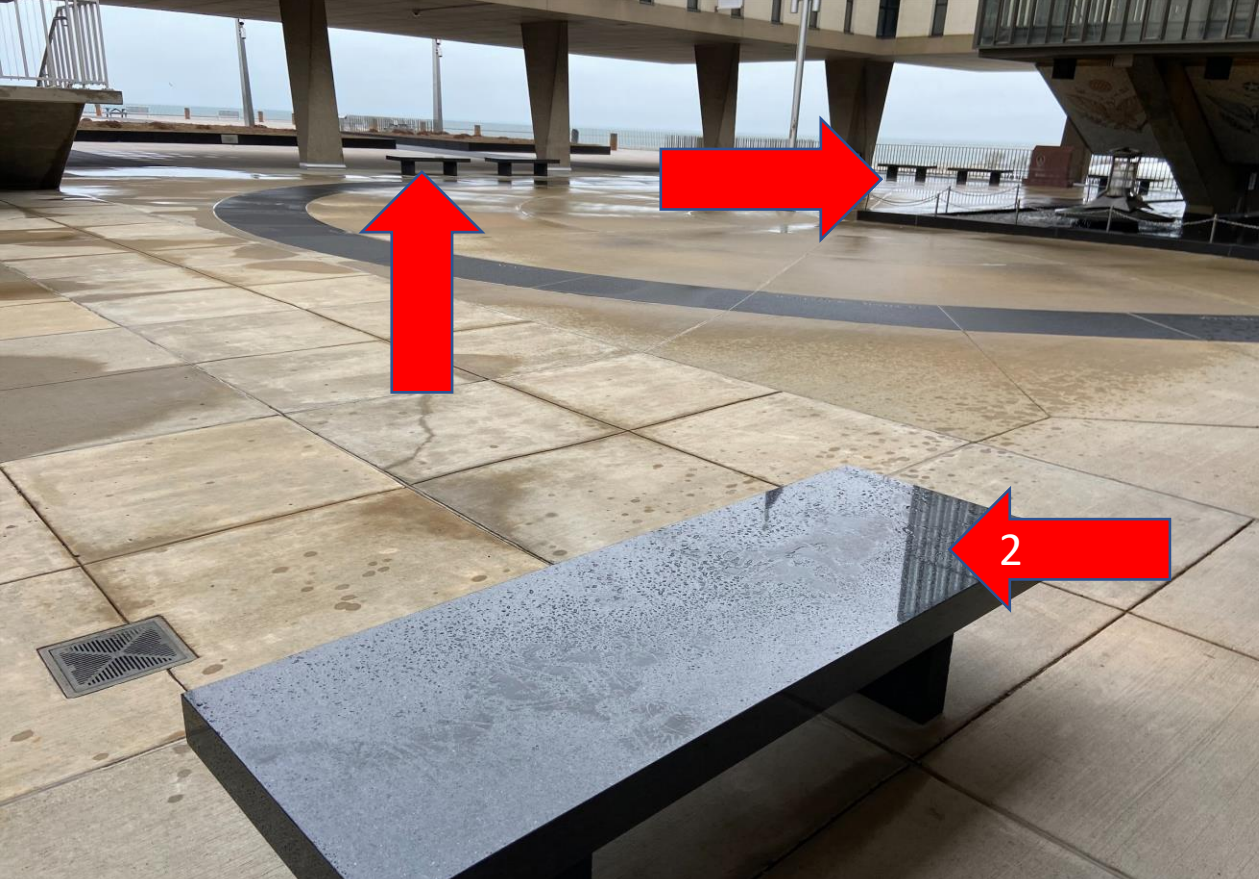
**Community Project Item 1:** Each granite block will be power sprayed in advance, however the painted areas of each logo and text will need to be touched up with black paint.

Paint and paint brushes will be provided however, we will need individuals willing to fill in the areas that previously had black paint in the various branch of service logo and lettering.

Casual attire that can potentially get paint should be worn along with comfortable shoes. Work gloves will be provided. All work will be done on ground level working from the concrete surfaces.

**VOLUNTEER NEEDS:** 5 Individuals



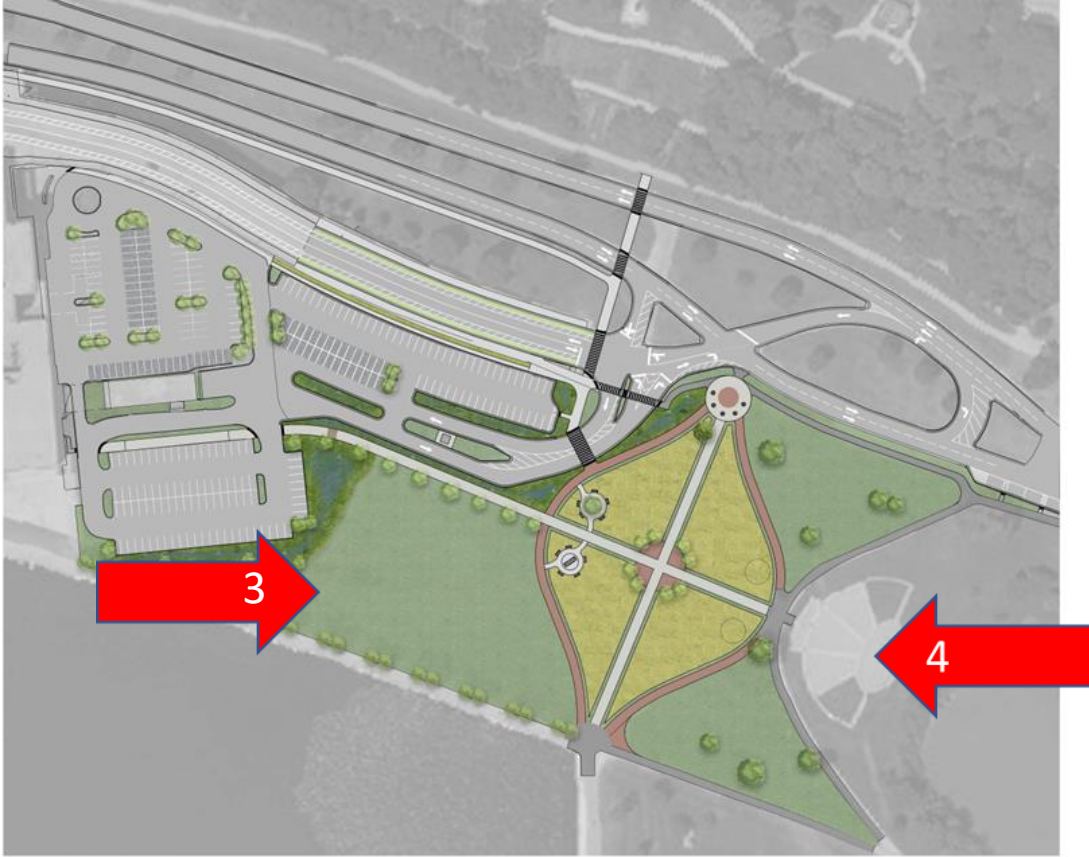


**Community Project Item 2:** Polish black marble surfaces. This will include the surface area around the eternal flame and eight black marble benches located in Veterans Courtyard. Windex glass cleaner and towel recommended by experts.

**Community Project Item 2:** Each marble surface will be power sprayed. Stone / marble experts will be in attendance to provide guidance. Work gloves will be provided. All work will be done on ground level working from the concrete surfaces.

**VOLUNTEER NEEDS:** 5 Individuals





**Community Project Item 3:** The War Memorial Center secured funding in 2020 to build out green infrastructure, including native plantings along the north lot of the building. This is an area that tends to collect debris and will require some weeding to preserve the native plantings associated with the project. This is an area where we can use some help removing late summer, unwanted weeds and removing trash that may be blown in and collected in the prairie grass area.

**Community Project Item 4:** North of the native plantings area is the Vietnam War Memorial. Bricks are placed around the memorial with names of Veterans engraved in the tiles. Power-spraying and removing debris lifted out from between bricks would be required. A leaf blower will also be provided to help blow away the debris. The use of water with the power-sprayer will result in the users getting splash via the equipment.

**VOLUNTEER NEEDS:** 15 Individuals.





Our green infrastructure strategies help protect Lake Michigan by managing up to **252,122 GALLONS** of rainwater each time it rains.



21,554 SQ FT | PAVERS



11,696 SQ FT | BIOSWALES

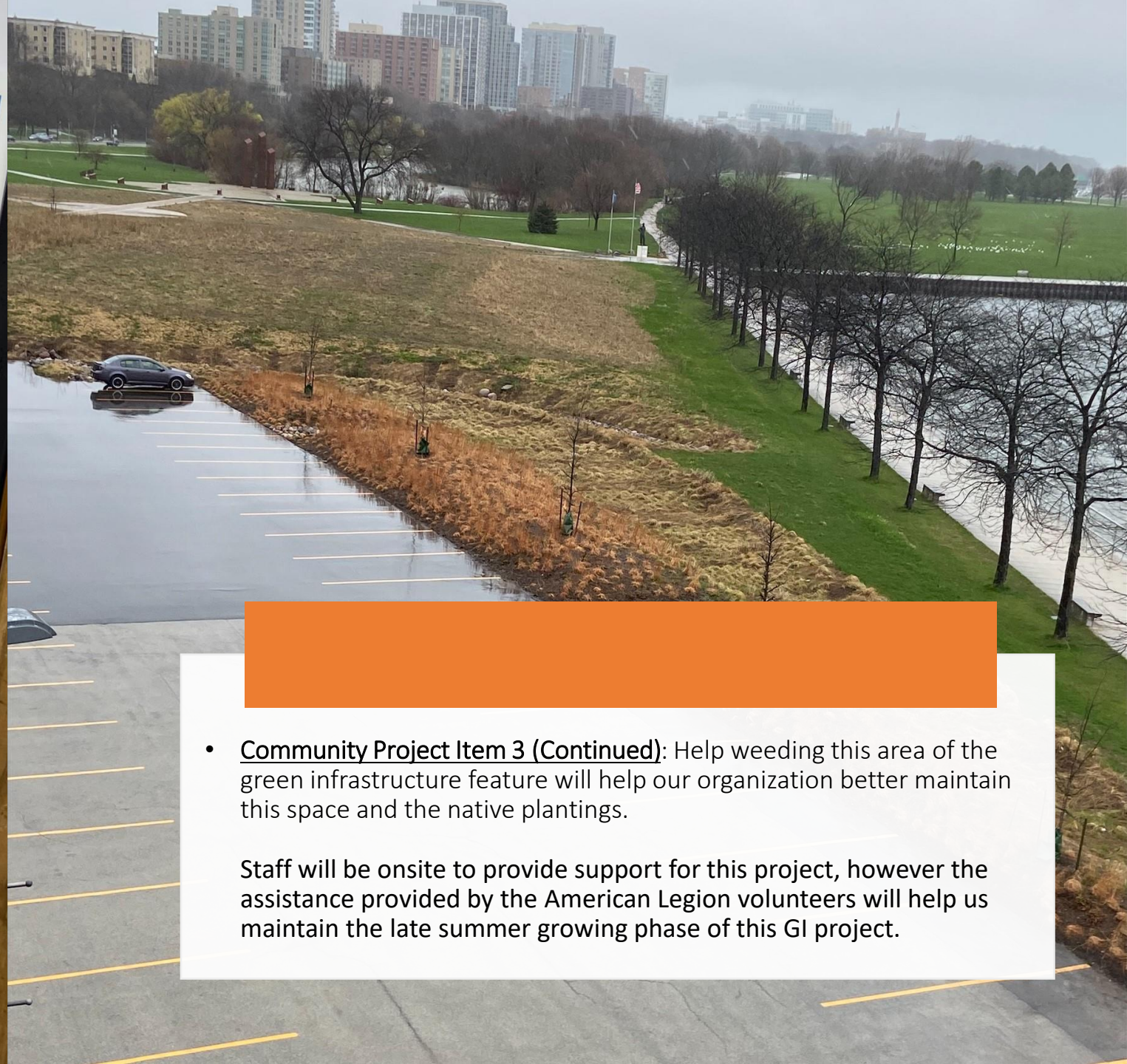


133,300 SQ FT | NATIVE LANDSCAPING

+ The War Memorial Center Green Parking Lot Renovations included repaving deteriorating parking lots, moving paved parking from adjacent to the lake further west on the site, and installing green infrastructure to treat stormwater runoff from all the parking lot pavement. The War Memorial Center Green Parking Lot is Phase 1 of a larger comprehensive plan by Milwaukee County to green 2.8 miles of Milwaukee's shoreline.



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- **Community Project Item 3 (Continued):** Help weeding this area of the green infrastructure feature will help our organization better maintain this space and the native plantings.

Staff will be onsite to provide support for this project, however the assistance provided by the American Legion volunteers will help us maintain the late summer growing phase of this GI project.



# Project Summary Request

- Total project areas = 4
- Total volunteers requested = 25
- Primary duties:
  - Detailed, fine brush painting
  - Marble polishing of memorials
  - Power-spraying (water) grout areas of in-ground tiles
  - Weeding green infrastructure areas and removal of any debris
- Uniform: Loose fitting shirts and pants, outdoor durable footwear, sun protective hats and eyewear. Gloves will be provided.



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# 2022 Oktoberfest

August 26-28, 2022

Friday: 4-10 PM

Saturday: 12-10 PM

Sunday: 1-9 PM (American Legion Day)





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