



Cimarron, New Mexico Veterans Memorial



Welcome

Welcome to the Cimarron, New Mexico Veterans Memorial, a work in progress.

This Memorial represents and honors past, present, and future Veterans in the Cimarron Area and the military service of Cimarron Area resident's family members.

Colonel Timothy Paul, Deputy Commander of the New Mexico National Guard, dedicated the Memorial on November 10th, 2012, under grey skies with a brisk wind but memorably graced by a rainbow before a crowd of 400 admiring and enthusiastic residents.

The Memorial was funded exclusively through private donations of individuals, organizations, and local businesses. The planning, design, and work was determined and performed by local Cimarron Veterans and residents.

Please respect and enjoy this Memorial to those who have fought to keep you free.

Order a Brick or Make A Donation

The Cimarron Veterans Memorial represents past, present, and future Veterans including those from the Cimarron Area and the military service of Cimarron Area resident's family members.

Veterans are honored equally.

Brick inscriptions are a tribute to a veteran's military service and include the name (or nickname), branch of service, and years served, e.g., 1942-1945. Bricks are \$40 each.

Brick order forms and monetary donations may be coordinated through Anita at (575) 303-3073.



Celebrations Days at the Memorial

The Village gathers and holds ceremonies on or near the following holidays:
Please check actual times and dates at Village Hall or the Communicator newsletter accompanying the monthly Cimarron water bill.

- Run For The Wall
- Memorial Day
- Independence Day
- Veteran's Day

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History and Background Of The Memorial

Visitors arriving in the Village of Cimarron from Highways 64 or 58 are now greeted by a prominent work: the Cimarron Area Veterans Memorial.

Located at 10th and Jefferson Streets, the Memorial is a first for the community which has avidly watched its evolution from a grassy patch of a former railway easement to a source of great local pride.

February 2011	A mailer was sent to all Cimarron households inviting them to meet and explore the possibilities for a monument honoring the Area's veterans.
April 14, 2012	Ground Breaking Ceremony
Nov. 10, 2012	Formal Dedication

The Cimarron Area Veterans group grew from four individuals into a voluntary, unincorporated association of veterans and friends, established as a "sunset organization" with the one-dimensional task of building a Memorial.

Meeting monthly since, the core group proposed the present site, received approvals from the Village of Cimarron, the Colfax County Board of Commissioners, County Manager, and County Clerk, and thereafter began self-help construction of the Memorial.

Donations from many precincts commenced coincidentally and have included monetary donations as well as labor and material support.

As originally envisioned, a grey granite 5'x4' Memorial marker was to be the centerpiece dedicated to "Cimarron Area Veterans Past, Present and Future" surmounting a U.S. flag motif enumerating the seven military services.

Subsequently the site has been further enhanced by a small sight wall adorned with a black metal sign visible from Highway 64, modest landscaping, crushed black rock base, originally 10 demountable flagpoles, two locally quarried and donated sandstone benches, and a field of memorial bricks individually recognizing the military service of those connected to the Cimarron Area from the Civil War to the present day. This last feature has proved extremely popular and is visited throughout the day by connected family members as well as those merely passing by. Late in 2013, three permanent flagpoles for the U.S., New Mexico, and POW/MIA flags were erected. During 2014, an ADA handicap walkway from the curb was completed. Solar lighting for the two 20' and one 25' permanent flagpoles became operational on Valentine's Day, 2015 allowing illumination of the three flags 24/7. The seven military department flags are flown on special occasions.

To date, as a hallmark of generous community support and cooperation, all work and improvements have been accomplished without a single dollar of public monies.

Construction documented through a series of photo collages has captured the "down and dirty" work and follow-on site ceremonies such as the 25th Anniversary Run For The Wall wreath-laying, 2014 Memorial Day program, and 2013 Veteran's Day activities held for the community at the Cimarron High School.

Residents of the Village and surrounding areas are rightfully proud of this project which sends the clear message that "Every day is Veterans Day in Cimarron."

The Village is the repository and accounts for all monetary donations received on behalf of the Memorial.