

The Fauquier Veterans Memorial

“This memorial is dedicated to the sons and daughters of Fauquier who served their country in the United States Armed Forces.”

These are the words chiseled in the granite at the base of the flag flying high over the Fauquier Veterans Memorial on Hospital Hill in Warrenton, Virginia.

Five years from the concept to dedication, the Fauquier Veterans Memorial was truly a labor of love for the committee that planned and built it, and an effort that enjoyed the support and appreciation of the community.

The concept of a large flag on a prominent location was originated by Dave Gerrish, Sr., who formed a committee to study the idea and come up with a plan. The early work done by the committee included establishing the mission, coming up with a preliminary design, and selecting an appropriate site. Later tasks involved gathering information about Fauquier's war dead, deciding on a final design, seeking bids for the work, and raising funds to pay for the memorial.

The contributions made to the Fauquier Veterans Memorial came in many forms. Donations of cash, often made in memory of someone, helped finance the construction. Several companies and businesses in the county also made generous donations. Other "in kind" donations were also made including the beautiful site given by Fauquier Hospital, which added the memorial to its master design plan. Fauquier Hospital continues to provide maintenance service and oversight of the memorial. Much of the building, ornamental stone, gravel, and brick were donated at cost as was the actual site work.

The design for the memorial and the plantings around it were the creation of Meade Palmer and his associate, Carol D. Blair, Warrenton Landscape Architects, who also served on the Fauquier Veterans Memorial Committee.

The unique sculpture that serves as the railing on the front of the memorial, which depicts Desert Storm troops marching in route step, was created by Frederick E. Hart, of Hume and his associate Jay Hall Carpenter.

The names of the members of the Fauquier Veterans Memorial (FVM) Committee are on a plaque attached to a boulder above the eastern entrance to the memorial. Major donors are listed on two large plaques on the back wall above the plaza.

The names of Fauquier County servicemen and women who have died in the service of their country since 1900 appear on the granite tablets on the Wall of Honor.

“We hope this part of the memorial will not only serve to recognize and honor those who died, but also provide a place of quiet dignity and solace for the families of those who fell while serving their country,” said FVM Chairman Dudley Payne at the dedication in 1993.

Veteran's Day 2022

Program

Sponsored by

Fauquier County Veterans Council

November 11, 2022

11:00 A.M.

American Legion

Post 72

Post 247

Post 360

Veterans of Foreign Wars

Post 7728

Post 9835

Fauquier Veterans Council “Veterans Day Ceremony” November 11, 2022



HONORING FAUQUIER’S AND AMERICA’S VETERANS

Veterans Day is a tribute to America’s living veterans. A day when we recognize the significant contributions of millions of our citizens whose military service has had a profound effect on history. It is also a day when we honor the memory of those who served in the military and are unable to be with us today and to especially honor those who gave their lives in the service of our country.

GUEST SPEAKER

Major General Greg Schumacher

In Flanders Fields

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow
 Between the crosses, row on row,
 That mark our place; and in the sky
 The larks, still bravely singing, fly
 Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the Dead. Short days ago
 We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
 Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
 In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:
 To you from failing hands we throw
 The torch; be yours to hold it high.
 If ye break faith with us who die
 We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
 In Flanders fields.*

Poem by Col. John McCrae



- Master of Ceremonies** Russell Claar, VFW Post 7728 Past Commander
- Invocation** Pastor Wayne Robinson
- Pledge of Allegiance**
- National Anthem** Kettle Run H.S. Mixed Choir
- Introduction of Guest Speaker** Russell Claar
- Guest Speaker** Major General Greg Schumacher
- Presentation** Russell Claar, VFW Post 7728 Past Commander
- Music Selection** Kettle Run H.S. Mixed Choir
- Wreath Laying** American Legion & VFW Commanders
- Gun Salute** Liberty H.S. JROTC
- Taps** Liberty H.S. JROTC
- Benediction** Pastor Wayne Robinson

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Biography

Gregory A. Schumacher Major General, U.S. Army, Retired

Gregory A. Schumacher retired as a Major General in the Army after 37 years of service effective 1 September 2011. He is Chairman of the Fauquier County Republican Committee, President of The GS Group, LLC, and Adjunct Staff with the RAND Corporation. His last assignment was Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence on the Army Staff at the Pentagon from 2008-2011. After selection to Brigadier General in 2004, he stood up and commanded the Military Intelligence Readiness Command (MIRC), the first of its kind functional intelligence command in the Army Reserve. From May to August 2004, he served as the Deputy Executive Director for the Independent Panel to Review DoD Detention Operations. He served as a national security advisor to the Ben Carson Presidential campaign, and as Director of Analysis and then Executive Director for the National Commission on the Structure of the Air Force. Major General Schumacher is a 1974 graduate of the United States Military Academy, holds a Master of Education from Texas Tech University, and is a 1998 U.S. Army War College graduate.