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County Memorials, Monuments and Veterans Parks

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Montgomery Parks Foundation - Dedication Opportunities and Commemorative Brick Program

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https://montgomeryparksfoundation.org/dedication-opportunities-in-montgomery-parks/

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(Brookside Gardens)

- **Benches:** Honor, memorialize or thank a relative, friend or colleague with the dedication of a bench in the beautiful parks of Montgomery County. The Montgomery Parks Foundation will purchase and arrange for the installation of one (1) new park/trail bench placed in a location agreed upon between the donor and Parks staff. The bench will be marked with a bronze plaque that will include an inscription of 4 lines in length (24 characters per line, including spaces and punctuation).
 - Brookside Gardens offers a Tribute Bench Program allowing donors to choose from a list of lovely bench locations throughout the Gardens. The bench will be marked with a tribute tag that will include an inscription of 3 lines in length (25 characters per line, including spaces and punctuation) and will be attached to the bench back in clear view. *Currently, there us a wait list for tribute benches at Brookside Gardens*.
- Trees & Boulders: Gifts and donations for the adoption of trees or groves of trees are a wonderful way to recognize and honor loved ones, community members and friends. Donors may request a specific park and park location. The park manager and a Montgomery Parks Foundation manager will assist in determining the exact site and health of the tree to best meet the request of the donor. Similar to the tree program, the Montgomery Parks Foundation will arrange for the installation of a boulder in a specific park or park location. The park manager and Foundation staff member will assist in determining the exact placement of the boulder to best meet the expectations of the donor.
- Brookside Gardens' Rose Garden Commemorative Brick Program
 Commemorative bricks are available in two sizes: 4" x 8" (\$500) and 8" x 8" (\$1,000). Each brick will be engraved with a life affirming message and placed in the walkway directly under the wisteria arbor in the Rose Garden. The commemorative brick areas are conveniently located near several benches, which will allow for relaxed visits

surrounded by the fragrance of roses in bloom (or possibly wisteria in flower, depending upon the season!).

Blue Star Memorials - National Capital Area Garden Clubs, Inc.

https://ncagardenclubs.org/about-us/blue-star-memorial/

The Blue Star Memorial Marker Program began in 1945 to honor the men and women serving in the Armed Forces during WWII. The program has grown to include all men and women who have served, are serving, or will service in the Armed Forces of the United States.

- Montgomery Village Garden Club
 A Blue Star Memorial Marker can be found at the intersection of Rt 124 Montgomery Village Avenue and Greenside Terrace in Montgomery Village. Placed in cooperation with the Montgomery Village Foundation.
- <u>Little Falls Garden Club of Potomac</u>
 A Blue Star Memorial Marker can be found at the Potomac Community Center, 11315 Falls Rd, Potomac.

Maryland Monuments by County

https://mht.maryland.gov/documents/PDF/monuments/MMM-Inventory.pdf

Inventory of Maryland military monuments by county.

Montgomery County Veterans Memorials, Monuments, and Parks

American Jewish War Veterans Memorial

Located at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington, 6125 Montrose Road, Rockville. Dedicated in 2008.

Bethesda Veterans Park and War Memorial

Inscriptions on the memorial include those who were killed in World War I, World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. Dedicated in 1960. Located at Woodmont Street and Norfolk Street in Bethesda.

Braddock DAR Plaque

Granite boulder with a bronze plaque marking Major General Edward Braddock's encampment in 1755 during the French and Indian War. Located at the Red Brick Courthouse, N. Washington Street and W. Montgomery Avenue, Rockville. Dedicated in 1913.

Capt. Thomas Clifford Bland, Jr., U.S.A.F. Memorial Plaque

Plaque dedicated to U.S. Air Force Captain Thomas Clifford Bland, Jr., who was killed in action on January 31, 1991 in the Gulf War. Located on Memorial Plaza in Rockville on the Government Complex Center Terrace between the Courthouse annex and the Executive Office Building in Rockville along Route 28.

Darnestown Local Park – Cliff Bland Recreation Area

Recreation Area is named after Air Force Capt Thomas Clifford Bland, Jr., who gave his life in the Gulf War. Located at 14211 Darnestown Road. Darnestown. MD 20874. Dedicated in 1991.

Eternal Memorial Flame

Eternal memorial flame that honors all active military and Veterans of Montgomery County and those who died, those still in bondage, and to those who returned. The area features a Memorial Walkway with the plaques that were relocated from the original Memorial. Located on Memorial Plaza in Rockville on the Government Complex Center Terrace between the Courthouse annex and the Executive Office Building in Rockville along Route 28. Dedicated November 10, 2014.

John C. Brown Memorial Bridge Marker

Korean War. Located at Edmonston Drive at Rockville Pike. Dedicated August 26, 1950, to the memory of the first Maryland soldier killed in action in Korea.

Madonna of the Trail

French and Indian War. One of twelve monuments commissioned by the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution that extend from Maryland to California along the National Old Trails Road. The Madonnas mark the path of westbound covered wagon trails and honor the hardships endured by pioneering women. Located at Wisconsin Avenue and Montgomery Avenue in Bethesda. Dedicated in 1929.

Operation Desert Storm

Plaque dedicated to those who served in Operation Desert Storm. Located on Memorial Plaza in Rockville on the Government Complex Center Terrace between the Courthouse annex and the Executive Office Building in Rockville along Route 28.

Rockville Veterans Park

Route 28 and Route 355, Rockville, MD 20850. Dedicated in 1988. www.rockvillemd.gov/Facilities/Facility/Details/Veterans-Park-58

• Takoma Park Veterans Park

Across the street from the Takoma Park Maryland Library - 101 Philadelphia Avenue, Takoma Park, MD 20912. www.takomapark.info/library/mt/archives/002269.html

• Tribute to Our Veterans Memorial

Memorial created to honor the brave men and women who have served in times of war and peace. The clay sculpture, cast in bronze, includes panels featuring historic images of honor guards from the five branches of the armed forces, with one panel honoring the changing of the guard at Arlington National Cemetery. Other panels include Ft. McHenry, the Maryland 29th Infantry insignia, the Battle of Burnside Bridge at Antietam, the Silver Spring train station and images of troops heading to service. The glass work that rests on the bronze includes more than two dozen letters written by veterans from the American Revolution to modern times. The glass also includes images of the two former Silver Spring armories and other photos related to veteran history. Memorial was commissioned to sculptor Tobias "Toby" Mendez. Located at Silver Spring Civic Building, 1 Veterans Plaza, Silver Spring. Dedicated in 2011. www.classicglassinc.com/blog/decorative-glass/carved-glass-panels

• <u>Vietnam Veterans Mem</u>orial

The Memorial includes the names of 130 service members from Montgomery County who lost their lives or were reported missing in action in Vietnam, during the Vietnam War. There are four Montgomery County residents who remain missing. Located on Memorial Plaza in Rockville on the Government Complex Center Terrace between the Courthouse annex and the Executive Office Building in Rockville along Route 28. Dedicated in 2018.

Vietnam War Plaque

Dedicated to the men and women of Montgomery County who served their country during the conflict in the republic Vietnam. Located on Memorial Plaza in Rockville on the Government Complex Center Terrace between the Courthouse annex and the Executive Office Building in Rockville along Route 28. Dedicated November 11, 1988.

Wheaton Veterans Urban Park

Honors residents from Takoma Park who have served this country in the military. Located at 11200 Amherst Avenue, Wheaton, MD 20902.