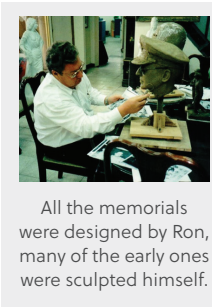


The Memorial Park all started with a vision from Ronald G. Wanek,
Chairman and Founder of Ashley Furniture Industries LLC

Among his many philanthropic contributions, Ron Wanek is the lead benefactor of Soldiers Walk Memorial Park and has dedicated over 30 years of his life to make the park what it is today.

Ron, along with Ashley Furniture and the Ronald & Joyce Wanek Foundation, contributed over \$7 Million and donated over 30,000 hours to the development, maintenance, and continued improvements of the park.

(Pictured Below) Off to the left of the Millennial Amphitheater stands a dedicated memorial to Ronald G. Wanek. This memorial was designed and placed in Memorial Park by his son Todd Wanek, President & CEO of Ashley Furniture Industries; Ashley employees; friends; and the City of Arcadia.



All the memorials were designed by Ron, many of the early ones were sculpted himself.

Community Events
Memorial Park is proud to host annual events throughout the year including:
Ashley for the Arts
Ashley for the Arts is a nonprofit initiative that provides the entire family with world class entertainment, art, exercise and family fun for a remarkably low cost. The organization is one of Wisconsin's largest charity events, donating over \$3 Million since its inception to more than 70 non-profit organizations, including participating schools, children's charities, and medical research. This annual music and arts festival was established by Ashley Furniture Industries in 2009.



Wreaths Across America
Each December, our nation's heroes are remembered with the placement of honorary wreaths on headstones of our fallen service men and women across the country on National Wreaths Across America Day. A ceremony is hosted at Soldiers Walk each year.



Arcadia Broiler Days Festival
Held on Memorial Day weekend, the Arcadia Lions Club sponsors the annual community festival which features music, fun, and North America's largest indoor chicken pit.



Arcadia, Wisconsin



Welcome to
Soldiers Walk Memorial Park!
Honoring All Who Have Served
Past, Present & Future

A 500-meter walk featuring 29 Historical Monuments

Soldiers Walk pays homage to all U.S. wars and conflicts with monuments and memorials in chronological order beginning in 1848. Memorial Park and its renowned walk are maintained by the City of Arcadia, members of the community and through individual and corporate donations.

"We may not know them...but we owe them."



Take a Walking Tour of Soldiers Walk

To take a guided or narrated video tour of the park, scan the QR code or visit www.soldierswalkmemorialpark.com





Soldiers Walk Monument Guide

The walk is measured in meters, each paved meter representing one year. The flower beds represent a symbolic measurement of each year the particular war or conflict took place. Soldiers Walk also records significant events specific to the Arcadia area on 12"x24" gray granite stones embedded on the walk.

1. Visitors Center
Preview a short flyover video and learn more about the creation and maintenance of the park.

2. Honoring Our POWs and MIAs


3. Honoring Gold Star Families



5. George Washington
America's First President and leader of the Revolutionary War

6. Revolutionary War

7. War of 1812






10 & 11. Civil War
Including Abraham Lincoln and Boys' War

12. Spanish American War

13. World War I
If you look closely, the statues have faces of community members which fought in WWI.

14. 32nd Red Arrow Division
Made up of 27,000 men from both Wisconsin & Michigan



15. WWII
Over 700 names from the area are inscribed



16. Iwo Jima
250 soldiers went to raise the flag on Mt. Serabatchi

17. Korean War

18. War Dog

19. Vietnam War
The gold stars represent those who were in Vietnam

20. Persian Gulf War





21. 9/11 Monument
The twisted I-Beam came from the World Trade Center buildings

22. Pavilion

23. Pioneer Farmers
The man's face is sculpted after Ron's father, and the boys' faces are sculpted after his grandsons


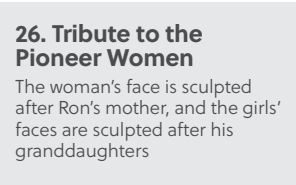

24. James Reed
Reed was the first permanent non-native settler of Trempealeau County and founder of Trempealeau and Winona, and is Ron Waneck's Great, Great, Great, Great Grandfather



25. Pig & Donkey Monuments
Rub the pig's nose for good luck

26. Tribute to the Pioneer Women
The woman's face is sculpted after Ron's mother, and the girls' faces are sculpted after his granddaughters

27. Millennium Amphitheater
The area directly in front is lined with commemorative bricks honoring and in memory of family members, loved ones and area residents



General's Overlook

28. John Paul Jones


29. Ulysses Grant

30. John Pershing

31. Dwight D. Eisenhower

32. Douglas Mac Arthur

33. George S. Patton



34. F-16A Fighter Jet 78-0058
First F16 decommissioned by the military

35. Ronald G. Waneck
The area directly in front is lined with commemorative bricks honoring and in memory of family members, loved ones and area residents

