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City's Memorial Park Plaques Honor Fallen Plano Veterans

The City of Plano recently installed two granite plaques on the Veterans Memorial in Memorial Park listing the names of citizens who served in the military and were killed in action. The new plaques currently showcase the names of 40 Plano residents – some whose military service dates back to World War I.

The Veterans Memorial at Memorial Park was built after a group of citizens approached City Council requesting consideration of a project to honor Plano residents who had served the military over the years. The Plano City Council agreed to the measure and appropriated funds to the Public Art Committee to enhance the park's renovation which was completed in November 2008.

Shortly after the Veterans Memorial dedication, many of those same citizens asked the City to consider erecting a plaque to honor Plano's men and women killed in action. Once the project was approved, countless hours were spent researching old records and collaborating with the Office of Protocol in Washington, D.C. in order to collect names of the fallen. The list was completed September 2009 and work began on the plaques now installed at the Memorial.

"There was a great deal of research needed to make this project right and we could never have completed it without the tireless efforts of those that worked on this project," said Ron Underwood, Landscape Architect for the Plano Parks and Recreation Department. "I would like to thank Plano residents Shep Stahel, Bill and Kathy Pritchett, David and Karen Marks, Chris Gallucci and Cliff Pratt for their dedication."

Memorial Park is at 2101 Bay Hill Drive, near Custer Road and Spring Creek Parkway. For more information, please contact Suzanne Miller at 972-941-5401.

NOTE: Photos of the two plaques included with this mailing. If used, please credit "Suzanne Miller/City of Plano."

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