

Korean War Veterans Place Podium at Aurora's River View Cemetery



On Wednesday, December 4th, members of the Korean War Veterans Chapter #4 of Aurora placed a beautiful podium on the Soldiers Circle at River View Cemetery. The podium, made of black granite, will be used for future events held at the circle. In the past a podium had to be delivered to the circle for use by speakers. The podium was purchased from Gilpin Monuments in Versailles. The front of the podium displays the “POW-MIA” logo and the backside provides statistics of the Korean War.

The war began on June 25, 1950 and hostilities ended on July 27, 1953 with the signing of the cease fire. During that time 36,574 Americans were killed in action, 103,284 were wounded, and 8,177 are still missing or unaccounted for. The podium is to honor them as well as all Veterans who served as members of the Armed Forces during that era. Korean War Veterans Association Commander Luther Rice remarked that the Korean War is often referred to as the “Forgotten War” but for those Veterans that served during that period of time I can assure you that we have not “Forgotten”. Commander Rice thanked Randy Turner, President of the River View Cemetery Association, as well as all members of the Cemetery Association for approving the placement of the podium on the Circle.

Pictured: Korean War Veterans Association members that participated in the installation of the podium on the Soldiers Circle at River View Cemetery: Front Row Left to Right: George Niemeyer, Clarence Vogelsang, Bob Karp, Ralph Cole, Commander Luther Rice, PG Gentrup, Archie Abner, WWII Associate Member Captain Bill McClure, Randy Turner (President of the River View Cemetery Association), and Elvin Newmann.