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During last November's Veterans Day ceremonies in Kemper Memorial Park, students from the social studies classes of Rich Darcy, Pedro Vega, Lea Schnetzer and John McCormick were able to meet and converse with veterans. It's one thing to read the textbook account of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima, but quite another to hear the recollection of one of the first GI's to witness the devastation. The students were captivated by the stories of the veterans, whose experiences included World War II, Korea, Vietnam, the Cold War Era as well as the most recent wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. The students' respectful demeanor and their thoughtful questions were indicative of their appreciation for what they were hearing. We hope the veterans in attendance felt that appreciation because it is well-deserved and should be expressed whenever and however we can. One of our major goals has always been to link past and current generations and we are pleased to have had the opportunity to do that once again.



The White Pine Grove

Many visitors to Kemper Memorial Park may assume that the cluster of white pine trees that were planted there over seventy years ago are simply part of the landscaping. Soon, a plaque will be installed within the White Pine Grove to explain its significance. It will read as follow:



The White Pine Grove adjacent to the monument was donated by

Jean Kemper, the sister of Lt. Richard M. Kemper.

The monument memorializes the Larchmont and Mamaroneck community members who perished in World War II.

The pines represent those who returned home, symbolizing the life and growth that would continue to be nurtured by our community values and love of country.

When the grove was first installed, it contained a total of 25 young trees. Over the years they have grown to great heights and, unfortunately, some have succumbed to old age or severe weather conditions. We hope to eventually restore the grove to its original number of trees and to sustain it by planting new trees as they are needed.



Information on how to donate a tree will be forthcoming soon.

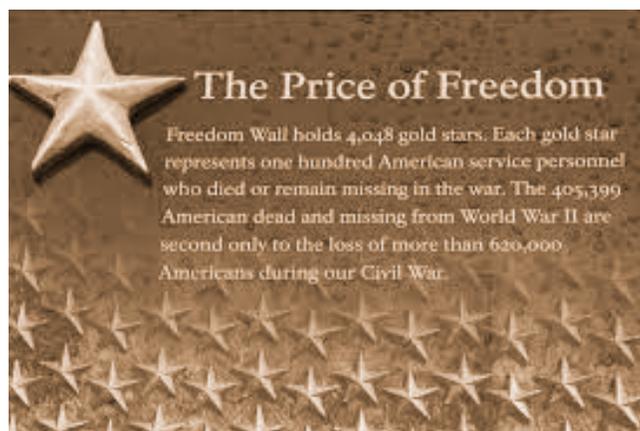
Annual Kemper Contest



The Freedom Wall of the World War II Memorial is on the west side of the plaza, with a view of the Reflecting Pool and Lincoln Memorial behind it. The wall contains 4,048 gold stars, each representing 100 American service personnel who died or remain missing in the war. The inscription on the front wall reads: "HERE WE MARK THE PRICE OF FREEDOM". Like all war memorials, it is a sobering reminder of the tragic consequences of war, but it is also important for many other reasons. This year's contest asks MHS students to consider the question:

WHY DO WAR MEMORIALS CONTINUE TO BE IMPORTANT TO COMMUNITIES TODAY?

Contestants are encouraged to respond in a variety of formats including: essays, poems, short films, visual art projects or musical compositions. *The Kemper Memorial Park Preservation Fund* will award prizes of \$250 each for the three best entries. Submissions will be judged on the extent to which they address the theme of the question, the level of effort and preparation as well as the degree of creativity and skill applied. All entries are due by Wednesday, May 15. Prizes will be awarded and the winning entries will be showcased during the Memorial Day ceremony in the tiered classroom of Mamaroneck High School on Thursday, May 30 at 3:00 p.m.





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Memorial Day



2019 Ceremonies

Village of Larchmont Memorial Day Parade

Thursday, May 23 – 7:00 p.m.

Chatsworth to Palmer to Larchmont Avenue. Parade ends at Village Hall for the Memorial Day Ceremony.

Veterans of Foreign Wars

David Potts, Jr. Post 1156

Monday, May 27 – 9:00 a.m.

Ceremony at Tompkins Park, Boston Post Rd., Village of Mamaroneck.

American Legion (Post 347)

Monday, May 27 – 11:00 a.m.

Ceremony at War Memorial on Myrtle Boulevard and Murray Avenue. (In the event of rain, ceremony will be held at Flint Park Headquarters).

Richard M. Kemper Contest Awards Ceremony

Thursday, May 30 – 3:00 p.m.

Ceremony begins in the multi-tiered classroom off the lobby of the main entrance to Mamaroneck High School then moves outside to Kemper Memorial Park.

American Legion Post 90 Memorial Day Parade

Thursday, May 30 – 7:00 p.m.

Mamaroneck Avenue. Following the parade, the Memorial Day Ceremony will be held at American Legion Post 90 Hall on Prospect Avenue.

Kemper Memorial Park Ceremony

Thursday, May 30th – 3:30 p.m.

Mamaroneck High School