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# MEMORIAL BARN

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## ★★ PROJECT ★★

### Project Overview/History:

An idea of a project was formulated by one of our project leads, Sons of the American Legion (SAL) Commander Ken Szal, to transform our red barn into another community project showing our respect, honor, and remembrance of WNY fallen veterans. Soon other members of the Legion, Matthew Szal, Kyle Kulczyk, and Gary Sam, joined in on the project to help make this idea a reality. Initial intent of Memorial Hall was to be self-funded through sale of the plaques at a cost of \$35 but the possibility of financial assistance allowed us to expand our thoughts on possibilities of what we could accomplish.

This project aims to represent and display our countless fallen heroes on an estimated 450-500 plaques which will line the interior of the current red barn. Along with the plaques the remainder of the interior will get a much-needed renovation with new electric, plumbing, insulation, flooring, signage, and other amenities. These upgrades will continue to provide our local WNY community with a better environment where we can continue to host fundraisers, weddings, first responder gatherings, birthdays, graduation parties, many other functions and of course our beloved Cornfe. Most of the upgrades will be completed directly by veterans or family members of veterans to keep this project true to its roots. Much of the project will also be completed with donated labor/materials or a reduced cost because of the known impact the legion has on the community and its yearly support of the town. Yearly the American Legion Post 880 is host to the Eden Cornfest, EAA, Eden Little Loop, Eden fire, Chamber of Commerce, Methodist Church, Eden Farmers Market, Tuesday concert series, is the warming/evacuation location for the Eden Schools and rain location for Eden's Pace Recreation.

The members of this committee would truly like to thank you for the opportunity to make this project more of a reality and we are hopeful to be able to work with you in completing what we feel is soon to be a destination for WNY and further to honor our fallen who have given so much. Again, thank you