

**Joseph R. Tenney
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November 5, 2023

TO: Orleans Community Preservation Committee

Dear Committee Members:

It is my understanding that the Orleans Community Preservation Committee (CPC) is considering the directing of funds to support the Orleans Veterans Memorial Park project at Academy Place. As a Vietnam veteran and career Marine, I feel this is a project long over-due.

As a boy, I remember when my father's name was placed on the World War 11 monument in the middle of the park. It gave me great pride. This is what the park means to many of the veterans and their families.

In recent years, I have felt that the park has needed upgrade and renovation to include the veterans of recent wars. The suggestion to allow individuals to purchase pavers to honor veterans would be ideal as a fund raiser for part of the project. However, this alone will not adequately fund this project. Funding from CPC directed, tot the Veteran's Memorial Park is necessary, and we as Citizens of Orleans owe this to our Veterans.

Please accept this letter as a support of the Orleans Veterans Memorial Park project.

Sincerely,

Joseph R. Tenney

Joseph R. Tenney
Major, USMC (Retired)

George Walsh

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To: Orleans Community Preservation Committee


Dear Committee Members,

I am writing to support the directing of funds to the Orleans Veterans Memorial Park project. Presently, the park is a dishonor to those who have honorably served this country as it is not properly kept or maintained as a Memorial .

We recently lost one of my dearest friends, Howard Kucks, who always presented himself as a true Veteran and made every effort to have Orleans show the pride it has for all its veterans. He worked tirelessly & with honor every Veterans Holiday and will truly be missed.

It would be a great honor to Howard to support this endeavor & have a Memorial properly recognizing those Veterans who served & gave their lives to our Country.

Sincerely,


George P. Walsh

November 14, 2023

To whom it may concern:

Since moving to Orleans eight years ago, I have had the honor of being a member of a group of volunteers who annually place flags on the graves of local soldiers.

It is clear that Orleans has a tradition of supporting the efforts of founding & supporting a free country, many Orleans residents have given freely of their time and have put themselves in peril for the benefit of their country.

The proposed memorial park should be supported by the Town of Orleans.

Yours truly,
Tom Hamala
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**Kingsley H. Nelson
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November 2, 2023

Community Preservation Committee
Town of Orleans
19 School Road
Orleans, MA 02653

Dear Sir:

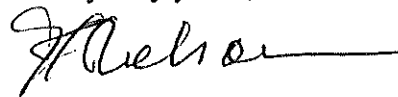
My letter is in support of the Veterans Memorial Park Committee's request to move forward with additional funding to build, preserve and enhance the Park and its place among the historical richness of Orleans.

Ours is a history of the last 400 years and the impact of all that has happened through the colonial times and the development of our country. But what of the residents who served in conflicts throughout the world to protect this wonderful spot in which we live? The greatness of Orleans – any town – is built, in part, on the contributions and service of its people, in this case, service to our country and community in the armed services in both conflicts and peacetime across the globe. These "heroes" deserve our recognition, appreciation and thanks that can be bolstered by a viable, attractive, inviting site that brings to life the sacrifices and service our citizens incurred on behalf of Orleans and the United States.

The park as it has existed for the last half-century and more is not an adequate memorial to the men and women who served our country. I would strongly encourage the CPC to adequately fund the Veterans Memorial Park Committee in their efforts to make the park at Academy Place not only appropriate, professional, and appealing, but a focal point in our Town that welcomes as well as thanks our citizens for their service. The location is amazing and should be an attractive site that welcomes and encourages people to visit. It is definitely not that today, and the time has come to "do this right."

As an Army Vietnam veteran myself, each of us has a litany of experiences during our lives and service, as well as those who preceded us. Let us build a site that is finally attractive and inviting, and that thanks those veterans who provided service to our country.

Very truly yours,



Carl Trevison
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East Orleans, MA 02643

November 3, 2023

TO: Orleans Community Preservation Committee

Dear Committee members:

I understand that the CPC is considering directing funds to support the Orleans Veterans Memorial Park project at Academy Place. As a full-time Orleans resident and having served in the U.S. Army from 1966 to 1968, I am asking for your support of this very worthy project.

The park, as it now stands, is not an adequate memorial to, and recognition of, Orleans Veterans who selflessly served their Country. The park is outdated, poorly organized and poorly landscaped and unlighted. Thankfully the property is well-situated in what I would characterize as the "hub" of Orleans. Visitors and residents pass by that location on their way to beaches, homes, dining and retail establishments, barely realizing that it is a Memorial Park.

My understanding is that the Veterans Memorial Park Committee, with your support and the support of citizens and Veterans' families, will upgrade landscaping, lighting, irrigation and stonework. Walking paths, seating and gathering areas will be provided so that Veterans, their families, residents and visitors can recognize those who served and reflect on their sacrifice.

While I am sure that many projects are presented to you in pursuit of funds, what could be more worthy of your consideration than this project? A Memorial recognizing those who sacrificed, put time with family and career paths on hold and gave their lives as they served our Country..

Thank you for your consideration of this worthy recognition.

Respectfully,


Carl Trevison

November 5, 2023

TO: Orleans Community Preservation Committee

On behalf of my husband, Jim Davidson (U.S. Navy 1969 – 1972), and myself, I am writing to you in regard to Orleans Veterans Memorial Park project. It is my understanding that the Veterans Memorial Park Committee is submitting a proposal to the CPC for support of the project, and Jim and I strongly urge your support of this important initiative.

As you know, the park is not only a visible reminder of part of the history of Orleans but also recognition of the service, sacrifice and lives of Orleans residents on behalf of us all. For those of us who live here, as well as our thousands of visitors, I think it is imperative to ensure that the park is accessible, appropriately landscaped and maintained, and that it reflects the Town's recognition and appreciation for the men and women who have served their country for the greater good. As a third-generation resident of Orleans, I am grateful for the military service and sacrifice of past Orleans residents who represented the best of our Town and our Country.

I believe that the Veterans Memorial Park project is not only in keeping with the guidelines of the Community Preservation Committee, but also truly reflects the goals and purpose of the CPC's charge.

Thank you for your consideration of this important project.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sandy Davidson".

Sandy Davidson
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