

TOWN OF WEST SENECA



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To: Honorable Town Board
From: Chris G. Trapp, Attorney for the Town
Date: January 27, 2022
Re: Resolution for donation from West Seneca Joint Veterans Committee

The West Seneca Joint Veterans Committee wishes to transfer the ownership of the Korean War Monument from the West Seneca Joint Veterans Committee to the Town of West Seneca. The transfer to the Town is legally permissible and a resolution authorizing the Town to accept the transfer is also attached.

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WHEREAS, the sacrifices of the men and women who gallantly served their country as members of the various armed services must never be forgotten, and

WHEREAS, many of those individuals gave the ultimate sacrifice in the defense of our great Nation, and

WHEREAS, the West Seneca Joint Veterans Committee has long taken steps to ensure that the memories of the brave men and women who served over many years are not forgotten and their actions and bravery memorialized for future generations, and

WHEREAS, the West Seneca Joint Veterans Committee believes that the trusteeship of the Korean War Monument honoring those West Seneca veterans who served during that time of conflict would best be transferred to the Town of West Seneca, and

WHEREAS, the West Seneca Joint Veterans Committee has taken the necessary steps to transfer such monument to the Town of West Seneca,

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Town of West Seneca, with the deepest gratitude, accepts the honor of trusteeship of the Korean War Monument recognizing the importance of never forgetting the men and women who have bravely and without reservation served their country and local community.



West Seneca Joint Veterans Committee

www.wsvets.org

15 December 2021

Ms. Tina M. Hawthorne
West Seneca Town Attorney
Town of West Seneca
1250 Union Road
West Seneca, New York 14224

Dear Ms. Hawthorne,

Per our previous conversation, the West Seneca Joint Veterans Committee passed a resolution transferring the ownership of the Korean War Monument (located in the Walkway of Freedom complex) from the Veterans Committee to the Town of West Seneca. The Veterans Committee deems it right and just that all war monuments honoring West Seneca veterans should be under the trusteeship of the Town of West Seneca.

The transfer of a war monument to the Town of West Seneca is not without precedent. The Vietnam War Monument was transferred from a committee that raised funds for the creation of Vietnam War Memorial to the Town of West Seneca.

Attached is the October 22, 2021 resolution from the West Seneca Joint Veterans Committee, as well as all of the paperwork associated with the purchase of the Korean War Monument from Stone Art Memorial Company, 914 Ridge Road, Lackawanna, New York.

If you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

James E. Manley
Chairman
West Seneca Veterans Committee

✓ Cc: Supervisor Gary Dickson (copy of Resolution)

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West Seneca Korean War Monument

Whereas, the West Seneca Joint Veterans Committee, comprised of members from Navy Seabee Veterans of America, Island X-5; AMVETS Post 8113; Harvey D. Morin VFW Post 2940; 82nd Airborne Division – Niagara Detachment; American Legion Post 735; Marine Corps League, Detachment 239 and VFW Post 8113, is the owner of the West Seneca Korean War Monument which has been placed on property owned by the Town of West Seneca situated at 1250 Union Road, Town of West Seneca, County of Erie, and State of New York, and

Whereas, the West Seneca Joint Veterans Committee deems it just, fitting and proper that the ownership of said West Seneca Korean War Monument be formally transferred from the West Seneca Joint Veterans Committee to the Town of West Seneca,

Now, therefore, the West Seneca Joint Veterans Committee does, by this instrument, hereby transfer all ownership in the West Seneca Korean War Monument to the Town of West Seneca.

In witness whereof, this instrument has been executed by the duly authorized chairman of the West Seneca Joint Veterans Committee, this 22nd day of October 2021.

Paul Blum
Bill Wolcott
Franklyn Weber
Robert E. Baske
John P. Brochowski
Raymond David
Patricia David
By: Nancy
Linda Kellon

West Seneca Joint
Veterans Committee

By: James E. Manley

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