FALLEN SOLDIER MEMORIAL PROJECT

Weehawken Post #1923 is soliciting donations to erect a memorial monument in front of the post building at 309 Park Ave. The bronze statue, which is known as the fallen soldier/battlefield cross will be dedicated to the memory of all who have proudly served and protected their country.

Background

Regrettably, the war on terrorism has been a costly war for our men and women in the armed forces. Between Iraq and Afghanistan we have lost over 4,000 Americans and many more wounded. While that number may seem small in the context of past wars, their loss and the loss to their family and community is important.

When a serviceman or women is lost on the battlefield, it has become customary to arrange their boots, rifle and helmet and the surviving members of their squad will gather around and memorialize their fallen comrades. Some of the troops will pray, others might recall personal stories, but make no mistake this is a ceremony that is taken very seriously. Every soldier knows the next ceremony might be for them. This arrangement is also known as a battle cross.

The cost of this project is $6,500 and our goal is to have the monument in place for Memorial Day 2014. The overall height of the monument from base of the brick pedestal to the top of the bronze statue is approximately 6 feet.

Donations can be made by clicking the 'donate' button on the top right of the VFW home page [http://www.vfwpost1923.org/donate](http://www.vfwpost1923.org/donate) or it can be mailed to:

Weehawken VFW Post #1923
Memorial Project
309 Park Avenue
Weehawken, NJ 07086

Thanking you in advance for your continued support.

Chuck Barone
Commander