

April 1, 2022

Mayor Tony Penterman

Kaukauna Veterans Memorial Park Association

It is my understanding that a suggested plan has been put into place to install two new 25' foot flag poles in order to display the new branch of service flag, The Space Force Flag.

I do not agree with this direction for a number of reasons.

- 1. It is very much an un-needed expense, (thousands?) that can be handled differently.**
- 2. It a very small space with a limited display area as there are already two flag poles off to the side of the viewing area.**
- 3. Adding two more flag poles with additional flags will increase the monthly maintenance, the cost of additional flags, new increased lighting cost, etc...**

This is what I think should be considered and the reasons why.

1. The ring of honor should only display the current six branches of service flags along with the United States Flag, the State of Wisconsin Flag and the POW/MIA Flag.

2. I would remove the National Guard Flag because it is not a branch of service flag and is a sublet of the Army. I have visited a number sites where all branch flags are displayed and the National Guard Flag is not displayed with them. Some examples are: the Resch Center Green Bay, the Oshkosh Veterans Museum, the Nine Eleven State Memorial in Kewaskum, Chilton WI.'s display. The National Guard flag is also NOT displayed when the local military organizations

do funerals, parades and sporting events. The National Guard Flag is also very expensive because it has to be a special-order flag because it is seldom displayed elsewhere.

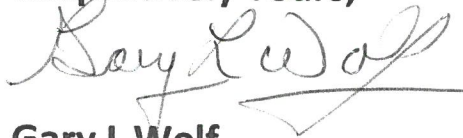
3. If the National Guard Flag was removed as suggested, there would not be a need to install additional poles. The existing Piggly Wiggly (Verhagen Family) plaque on that pole would have to be modified and then installed on the Space Force flag pole. I would work with the Verhagen family to resolve any issues they may have.

4. The new Space Force Flag would be installed on the existing POW pole and the POW Flag would be moved to the existing pole to the right of the American Flag Pole and have the DeBruin family plaque on it. The State Flag would be on the left of the American Flag Pole. The rest of the branch flags would be relocated accordingly.

I would ask that the Veterans Memorial Park Committee would please seriously consider these suggestions as an alternative to the proposed expense of purchasing and installing of two new poles and the related associated costs.

In addition, I also would suggest in the future, the current HPS flood lights be replaced with new low-cost LED flood lights which have a longer life and much lower operating cost.

Respectively Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gary L Wolf", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Gary L Wolf