

Greetings,

I am requesting that the City of Lake City approve my request to move and replace the existing World War 1 memorial. The current memorial does not list the names of the 60 individuals from Columbia County who died during the First World War. I would like to replace it with the memorial that is attached. We can remove the current one, and the new one can sit on top of the existing one's base. My suggestion is to remove the existing one to Desoto Park on the lake where the trench mortar is located. The trench mortar was secured as a monument to all those who served in World War 1. Many people do not know what it is at all, and when dedicated, it was supposed to have an identifying plaque put on it, but that never occurred.

Since the existing World War 1 memorial says dedicated to all those who served in World War 1, my suggestion is to move it to Desoto Park at the lake and place it in front of the Trench Mortar to identify what it is. There is plenty of space in front of the trench mortar, and I think that it will look nice in the area. I am currently raising the \$2000 that it will cost for the new replacement marker. Once removed, I will need the city to set the other marker in Lake Desoto Park. I am attaching supporting documentation of what the new memorial will look like. Newspaper articles on the trench mortar and the desire to identify it, as well as pictures of the trench mortar in Desoto Park as well as a history that I wrote on Desoto Park. I am seeking 1. Permission to replace and move the existing monument to Desoto Park. 2. Place the new Memorial on its base, 3. Have city works set the hold monument in front of the trench mortar in Desoto Park on Lake Desoto. I thank you for your time and am very grateful for your assistance.

Thank You,
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