



WWI ARGONNE MEMORIAL

Computer Generated Rendering of Memorial

On November 11, 2019 at 11 am, we will be dedicating a new WWI Memorial at Argonne and Empire.

We, the *Daughters and Sons of the American Revolution* have taken on this project to restore history. The *Millwood History Enthusiasts* have joined us in this effort. The Millwood City council voted to allow us the use of the land to place the memorial on. We have recovered one of the original bronze plaques used in the Argonne Bridge dedication ceremony on November 11, 1920. The three bronze plates that contained the names of the over 200 soldiers who lost their lives in the war have disappeared.

We plan to erect a 7 to 8-foot by 6 to 7-foot monument consisting of basalt columnar rocks, the original plaque, and aluminum signage that will tell the history of the bridge and soldiers names on the front, and the names of the sponsors and the history of the Argonne Offensive on the back. The arch will contain an original WWI helmet. There will be a historical photo of the Argonne Bridge on each side.

The dedication will be on the 100th Anniversary of the first Armistice day, so we will be celebrating the new memorial and the anniversary. We hope you will be able to attend the dedication ceremony.

The cost of the memorial is estimated at \$9,000 - \$9,500. We are looking for partners in this important historical preservation/restoration project. All donations of any size are welcome and very much appreciated. Any group or individual who donates \$500 or more will have their name printed on the memorial. It will be there forever to show your community support.

We are writing to you today to see if you or your business would be interested in joining us in this grand endeavor. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Checks can be made to **WWI Memorial Project** and sent to me at the address below. We are a 501c 3 so your donation will be tax deductible.

Sincerely yours,

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