

Bristol Borough Dedicates Veterans Monument

The Bristol Borough Veterans Monument was officially unveiled and dedicated in a ceremony attended by dignitaries including U.S. Congressman Mike Fitzpatrick, State Senator Robert Tomlinson, State Representative John Galloway, and other local officials.

After a request was made by a Bristol Borough resident five years ago, plans began forming for the Borough to build a memorial to honor all Bristol residents that had served in the U.S. Military. The original monument in the Borough was dedicated to veterans who had served in WWII only.

A committee was formed, made up of Borough residents to start planning, researching the location, and formulating a cost for the monument. Along with a State grant, donations from the local American Legion Post #382, and the International Order of Odd Fellows Hopkins Lodge #87 of Bristol, additional money was raised by the committee through many fundraising events which included the selling of bricks for the "Walk of Honor".

Bristol Borough resident William Tosti, the Construction Manager of the project, also aided in the design of the monument. CEC employee Scott Brown, also a Borough resident, donated his time in the preliminary design and development. CEC was then enlisted to perform surveying and assist in the final design documents.

The monument, located in the center of the Borough, includes three walls that list the 2,150 names of all those who lived in the Borough at the time of their enlistment. The center wall has a panel that lists the 70 names of those who were killed in action, one panel dedicated to veterans who received Purple Hearts or were Prisoners of War, and the third panel lists the names of women who served. There are two walls each having three pillars leading to the trapezoids. These pillars are lighted and have a bronze medal for each branch of the U. S. Military.

