

Base for Gold Star Recipients Monument

The form for the Octagon Base for the Gold Star Recipients Monument was built by Jim Jenson and Gene Wasrud, both members of the Sheveland-Taylor Post 14. This was probably the most challenging part of the entire project that was done during the 2014 and 2015 upgrade to the Veterans Memorial Park.

It was made of $\frac{3}{4}$ " plywood and there were three different angles that were cut on the edges to make it fit together properly. The form was held together with a frame made 2 x 4 lumber, screws and metal strapping was used to help hold the form together during the pouring of the concrete. It was like assembling a giant jigsaw puzzle. The form had to be staked to the ground so it would not lift up and let the concrete out under the form and to keep it level during the pour.

The most challenging part, besides getting the angles cut properly for the twelve pieces of plywood was assembling it. The twenty-four joints where the plywood came together had to be perfectly fit or when the concrete was poured there would be ridges at areas where edges of the plywood met.