

Walk of Honor Monument Dedication

On Saturday, June 15, 2019, The American Legion Sheveland-Taylor Post 14 of Iola dedicated its newest project, the *Walk of Honor Monument*. The monument consists of three sections of polished black granite creating six panels, each measuring eight feet tall by fifty-two inches wide and eight inches thick and engraved on both sides.

The first panel shows the twelve Battlefield Medals from the Medal of Honor through the Purple Heart and the Prisoner of War Medal which qualifies a person to be added to the monument.

Four of the panels honors seventy-five veterans from Iola and Scandinavia that have received eighty-five Battlefield Medals while servicing in combat, seven recipients received the *Silver Star*, six recipients of the *Distinguished Flying Cross*, one recipient of the *Soldiers Medal*, thirty-three *Bronze Stars* recipients, thirty-five recipients of the *Purple Heart* of which twelve were Kill in Action, and three recipients of the *Prisoner of War Medal*. Space was left so additional names can be added at a later date.

In 2020 the seventy-sixth person was added to the monument, William D. Hedtke was Killed-in-Action during World War II. He had been wounded at Normandy and later Killed-in-Action in the Netherlands.

Panel 6 lists the 194 donor's names that funded the monument.