

City of Ramsey Women's Veteran Memorial

1. The name of the project and a project description:

Women's Veteran Memorial silhouette sculptures were created to honor Minnesota women that are serving or have served in the military. These silhouettes are moveable and can be placed at various city parks and/or events.

2. Contact information including:

- a. City of Ramsey
- b. 763-433-9820
- c. Members of City Council include: Mark Kuzma, Chris Riley, Chelsee Howell, Michael Olson, Matt Woestehoff, Dan Specht and Debra Musgrove
- d. malbrecht@cityoframsey.com

3. Web address where the public can directly access detailed information on the recipient's receipt and use of money for the project amount and source of funding, including the fiscal year of the appropriation:

[Public Art | Ramsey, MN \(cityoframsey.com\)](https://www.cityoframsey.com/public-art)

4. The amount and source of any additional funding or leverage:

Received funding of \$5,000 from Otsego VFW Post 5518.

5. The duration of the project:

12/2/2022 - 6/23/2023

6. The number of full-time equivalents funded under the project:

0

7. The direct expenses and administration costs of the project:

Design of sculptures, plaque and artist time - \$1,947.04

Materials/Production - \$6,404

Assembly/2 bases - \$800

Delivery - \$300.00

8. Proposed measurable outcomes and the plan for measuring and evaluating the results:

Much of the evaluation on this valued project and partnership between the Women Veteran Memorial advocates and Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund is contained in response number 10, below. Additionally, city staff can track the precise number of views on this project page of the website; and staff will interview both the original

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project team as well as visitors engaging with the Memorial to assess and gather feedback on the impact the monument has on individuals as well as determine if there was an increase in the understanding on the history of the women veterans of Minnesota.

9. For pass-through, noncompetitive grants, the entity acting as the fiscal agent or administering agency and a point of contact for additional information:

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10. Actual measured outcomes and evaluation of the project as required under [129D.17, subdivision 2:](#)

The Women Veteran Memorial has been deemed a success and facilitated myriad conversations on the rich history Minnesota women Veterans continue to play in serving our state. Qualitatively, these community conversations have contributed to a greater awareness of women Veterans roles in serving not only the state but also the nation through their accomplishments around the globe. Presently, the two 10' foot tall silhouettes are positioned on main street in Ramsey's downtown that sees more than 5,000 vehicles per day along that 30 mph street. Additionally, many hundreds of people pass by the monument on the sidewalk each week on their way to do business at the Ramsey Municipal Center and Anoka County Driver's Services offices.

The Women Veterans Memorial debuted at Elmcrest Park's annual Art Fair in the Spring of 2023 with almost 1,000 attendees at the day-long event. From a quantitative perspective, 100's of people engaged with the silhouettes at the booth there (image below) and the Foundation membership staffing it. Artist and Iraq Veteran SSG Mary Horgan was present the entire day and interacted with the public on the background on the project, and the funding which included mention of the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund. Mary Horgan's 'talking points' also included the following cultural context (text provided by Mary);

'From the battlefields of the American Revolution to the deserts of Kuwait and on, Minnesota Women have been serving in the military, in one form or another, for more than 200 years. They have had to overcome decades of obstacles to get to where they are today: serving in greater numbers, in combat roles, support roles and in leadership positions all around the world. This memorial acknowledges the long history of Minnesota Women serving in the military – it celebrates the many achievements and tasks they have performed. Of the hundreds of different duty positions, the memorial

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depicts a woman soldier in combat and a woman pilot. Women have proudly served in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, and Merchant Marines. They have served on Active duty, as State Reserve and Guard duty, and activated from the Reserve and National Guard. Indeed they have faced unending and unjust obstacles in their path, yet, they courageously forged forward. In doing so they led the way for future women serving, and hopefully have left a smoother path to success.

There were, and unfortunately still are, times when these Warriors are forgotten, or, not visible in our community. It is the goal of this memorial to remind us all of these brave Minnesota women, whether serving now, or as Veterans having served. These women stood up and swore to protect our state and nation, and they followed through with this promise. They should be recognized for their brave and selfless act.'



11. Education about the areas and issues the project addresses, including, when feasible, maps of where the project has been undertaken:

This project honors Minnesota women veterans. It provides a place for the community to remember those who have served in the military and support those that are still serving.

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The silhouettes are intended to be moved around the City of Ramsey to various city parks and other locations. In June 2023, the silhouettes were placed at Elmcrest Park and are now place at Ramsey Municipal Center.

12. All frameworks developed for future uses of each fund:

N/A

13. Methods by which members of the public may apply for project funds under and of the constitutionally dedicated funds:

N/A