



# MEMORANDUM

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Phone: 452-5377  
Date: October 11, 2011  
To: Parks & Community Services Board  
From: Patrick Foran, Director  
Subject: World War I Memorial in Downtown Park

**Recommendation:**

Parks staff recommends working with Robert Shay to implement improvements to the World War I Memorial in Downtown Park consistent with the position of the Eastside Heritage Center (EHC), and further, to work with EHC and Mr. Shay to develop and install interpretive signage nearby that tells the story behind the three soldiers and the memorial.

**Background**

In January 2011, the Parks Department was contacted by Mr. Robert Shay, who expressed interest in restoring the existing World War I monument in Downtown Park. Parks staff met on three occasions with Mr. Shay to understand his interest and plans to restore the World War I monument in the Downtown Park. In Bob's words, he wants "*to return the memorial to its original intent and stature,*" believing that the monument had fallen into disrepair and had been neglected. He described his plan in the attached statement (**Attachment 1**). In a nutshell, he wants to:

1. Mount a granite "doughboy" atop the existing concrete monument;
2. Surround the existing monument with a circular, paved cobblestone-like surface; and
3. Install a 60' tall wooden flagpole near the existing monument, surrounded by a sculptured concrete base with descriptive plaques.

Mr. Shay has established a non-profit corporation to accept donations, with a goal to raise enough money to pay for the improvements as well as an endowment for maintenance. We confirmed to Bob that City approval would be necessary before any work took place, and expressed several concerns about the specifics of his proposal, including the presence of a nearby flagpole, donated by the local Rotary Club to honor all veterans, in the park's Belvedere along NE 4<sup>th</sup>. We also urged him to consult with the Eastside Heritage Center, as we routinely work with EHC on matters involving local history, and they may be willing to assist with his efforts to research the history of the three veterans.

**About the Existing Monument**

Some initial research leads us to the following:

1. The original memorial was the planting of three elm trees in 1920 by the "Bellevue Minute Women" to honor three local Eastside men who died in World War I. The planting of trees

represented a popular form of memorializing a community's losses during World War I, and often involved the creation of tree-lined streets or boulevards. Des Moines Memorial Way is a local example of this.

2. Two of the trees, now mature, still remain. The third was severely damaged several years ago in a windstorm, removed and replaced.
3. The concrete monument and "Lest We Forget" plaque that still stands today was added in 1926 near what was then an elementary school. It included a 60' wooden flagpole through the middle of the monument, which no longer exists. A concrete cap was installed over the location of the former flagpole prior to the City taking ownership of the park.
4. We believe that the original flagpole was buried in the ground and the monument built around it, and that the stump still remains inside the monument and in the ground. Replacing the pole in-situ to recreate the original monument risks significant damage to the monument and is not being pursued.
5. Much discussion apparently occurred about the future of this memorial during the Downtown Park's Master Planning process in 1984. A decision was eventually made to retain the monument and trees as-is, and no changes were made during the 1997 Master Plan Update.
6. Contrary to reports that the monument is in disrepair and has been neglected, the monument is in good repair, is regularly cleaned by Parks crews, and surrounded by a mulch bed. It is, however, 85 years old.

#### **Eastside Heritage Center Board Position**

Mr. Shay met with the Eastside Heritage Center Board on September 8 to request their support of his vision for restoring the monument. Their position is presented in the attached correspondence from Heather Trescases, Executive Director of EHC (**Attachment 2**). In short, EHC supports the installation of a paved "apron" around the monument to increase its visibility and recognition, and to help protect the base. They, however, do not support the addition of a statue because this was not part of the original monument and does not meet the criteria for historical restoration. They prefer preserving the original intent of the structure as it exists, including the trees, and would encourage pursuing interpretive signage to tell the story of the three soldiers and the history behind the monument as a way to connect the public to Bellevue's past. They offered assistance to Mr. Shay in researching the history for the signage.

#### **Park Staff Position**

We fully support the position taken by the EHC, and would be willing to work with Mr. Shay and EHC to achieve this solution. We agree that the statue was not part of the original monument and bears little relationship to the original intent of the memorial. A nearby flagpole already exists to honor all veterans, so a second would seem duplicative and inconsistent with the intent of this portion of the park. We also believe that, if properly located and researched, interpretive signage can indeed add an historical richness to the area that doesn't exist today.

#### **Attachments**

E-mail from Bob Shay

E-mail from Heather Trescases

**From:** Robert Shay [mailto:robertallanshay@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 30, 2011 9:51 PM  
**To:** Kost, Glenn  
**Cc:** Ransom, Randy  
**Subject:** Letter of "Fundamental Intent" on the Monument Restoration

Good afternoon Glenn,

This e-mail will define the "Fundamental Intent" in my forming the Project To Restore The World War 1 Memorial Monument in Bellevue's Downtown Park, a Washington State chartered and IRS recognized not for profit corporation. We are not as yet a 501(c) (3).

As I have mentioned to you, I am a 34 year resident of Bellevue and have found that while raising my three children our city does lack in the recognition of its history. In a small way, my intent is to correct that situation as it regards the Memorial Monument to Victor Hanson, Victor Freed and Oscar Johnson, who gave their lives in defense of this country in World War 1. The monument was paid for and placed in front of the Bellevue Elementary school in 1926 by The Bellevue Minute Women and the Bellevue School Board. This followed their planting of a memorial grove of three Elm trees in front of the school in 1920. At some point, the flag pole was removed, the hole was capped, the monument cracked and at this point it is a mere shadow of its original community stature.

The overall vision for my project is to return the Memorial Monument to its original status.

This vision includes the following aspects:

1. A 60' wood flag pole, hinged to lay parallel to the ground for maintenance. This flag pole should not be seen as taking away from the flag put at the north portal of the park by the Rotary, as this flag pole was set in place so many years ago as a specific historic tribute. This new flag pole can be set away from the monument so it does not get hung up in the trees.
  - A. A sculptured concrete base around the pole containing a descriptive plaque
  - B. Also a small rededication plaque.
2. Regrading around the monument to reveal the now buried 4" chamfered base.
3. A sculptured concrete apron with a cobblestone design around the monument to give it the presence it once had being in front of the school.
4. Remove the cap that was added after the pole was removed. This is necessary to determine the structural integrity to add a doughboy granite statue to the top. Once the interior integrity is determined, the cap can be replaced to support the statue. In the long term, the new concrete cap can be made to match the current base or can be sculpted to compatible with the base's 87 year-old finish.

As I have also mentioned, I am a minimalist and I am only seeking to restore the monument to its original intent and stature, the honoring of three brave young men by a group of Bellevue's founding women.

After you present this to those concerned at the parks department, please get back to me if we need to get together again to discuss my proposal. The photoshopped picture Randy requested may be found below. After I speak with a contractor, I think we can photoshop in the concrete apron giving you a more complete idea of the restored monument.

Respectfully,  
Bob Shay

**Robert "Bob" Shay - Former PH3, USNR-R**  
**Project To Restore The World War 1 Memorial Monument**  
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**From:** Heather Trescases [mailto:director@eastsideheritagecenter.org]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 13, 2011 10:54 AM  
**To:** Foran, Patrick; Kost, Glenn; Ransom, Randy  
**Cc:** Bradley, Geoff  
**Subject:** EHC Board Statement re: WWI Downtown Park Memorial

Bob Shay came to the EHC Board meeting on Thursday to present his restoration project. Below is EHC's official statement / position. Our Board President is contacting Bob to let him know where we stand.

Is this scheduled for an upcoming Parks Board meeting?

Heather

**Heather Trescases**

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**Robert Shay Downtown Park Memorial Restoration Plan  
Eastside Heritage Center Board Decision / Discussion September 8, 2011**

Eastside Heritage Center appreciates Mr. Shay's passion and dedication to the Bellevue community and its history. Mr. Shay expressed concern that the war memorial (the former flagpole base for the Bellevue Grade School) in the Downtown Park is deteriorating and not given proper recognition. He would like to create an "apron" around the base (cobblestone or concrete), to bring it out of the ground. Mr. Shay has also expressed a desire to see the monument "completed" in some way to substitute for the missing flagpole. Since replacing the flagpole is not feasible for several reasons, he has suggested adding a granite doughboy statue on the top.

Eastside Heritage Center believes it is important to ensure that the memorial is properly maintained and does not deteriorate. EHC supports efforts to increase its visibility and recognition, and would support an apron around the base, as this is not out of historical context if done appropriately. This apron would also draw public attention to the memorial and help protect the base.

Eastside Heritage Center is not in favor of adding a statue to the monument / flagpole base because this addition was not part of the original memorial and does not meet the criteria for historical restoration. EHC favors preservation of the original intent and structure as it exists, and recognition of the importance of the elm trees planted in 1920 as memorials to the three soldiers (as stated on the plaque dedicated in 1926).

Eastside Heritage Center is in favor of pursuing interpretive signage to tell the stories of the three soldiers (Victor Hanson, Victor Freed and Oscar Johnson), and the history behind the trees, memorial plaque, flag pole and school, and would be happy to assist in the research of that signage. EHC believes these stories will provide a powerful connection for the public to Bellevue's past, alongside the physical memorials that still exists in the Park.

Greetings Parks & Community Services Board Members,

My name is Robert Shay and I have formed a non profit organization to restore the World War I Memorial Monument in the Downtown Park.

I will be at the October 11th meeting to present and discuss the enclosed materials, plus my plan for completing this monument. It was completed in 1926 when a 65' flag pole jutted skyward, proudly displaying our country's colors. To my best guess, sometime in the 60's or 70's the flag pole was removed, probably following a wind storm which caused it to sway dramatically and crack the concreted. After removing the pole, a flat concrete cap was placed on top which now makes the Monument appear incomplete.

Between your receipt of these materials and the meeting I will ask you to do one thing, and that is to visit the Monument and then walk up the stairs to the north entrance to the park. There I would ask you to look at the granite monument to park contributors, the brass tribute to a civic leader and the plaque dedicating the flag pole there to all veterans.

I will discuss all of this with you at the meeting and I will be prepared to answer all of your questions.

Thank you for reviewing these materials,

Bob Shay

**"Lest We Forget"**

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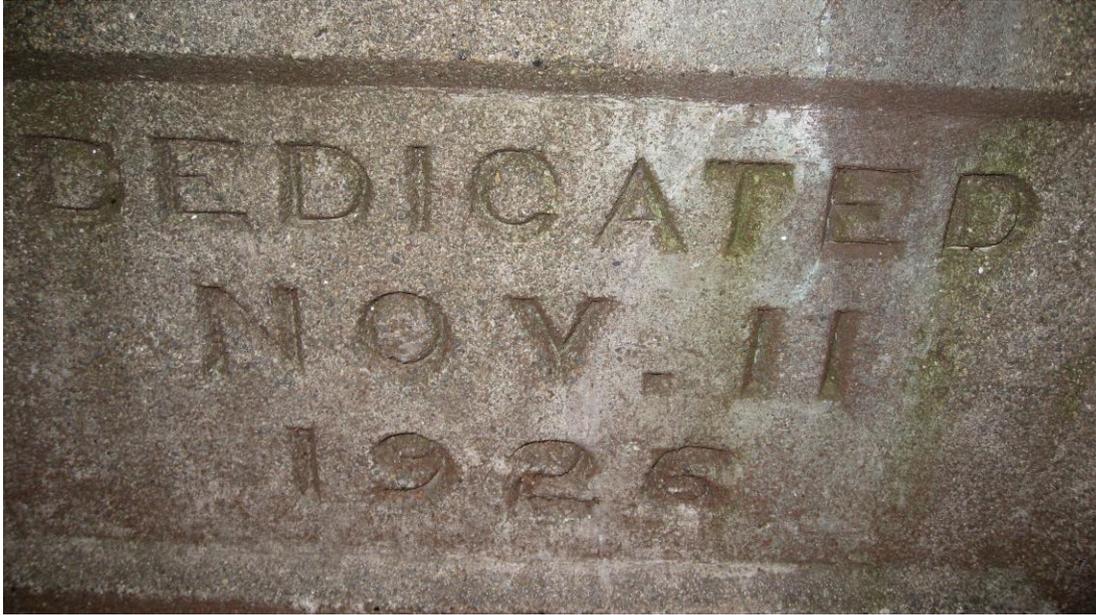
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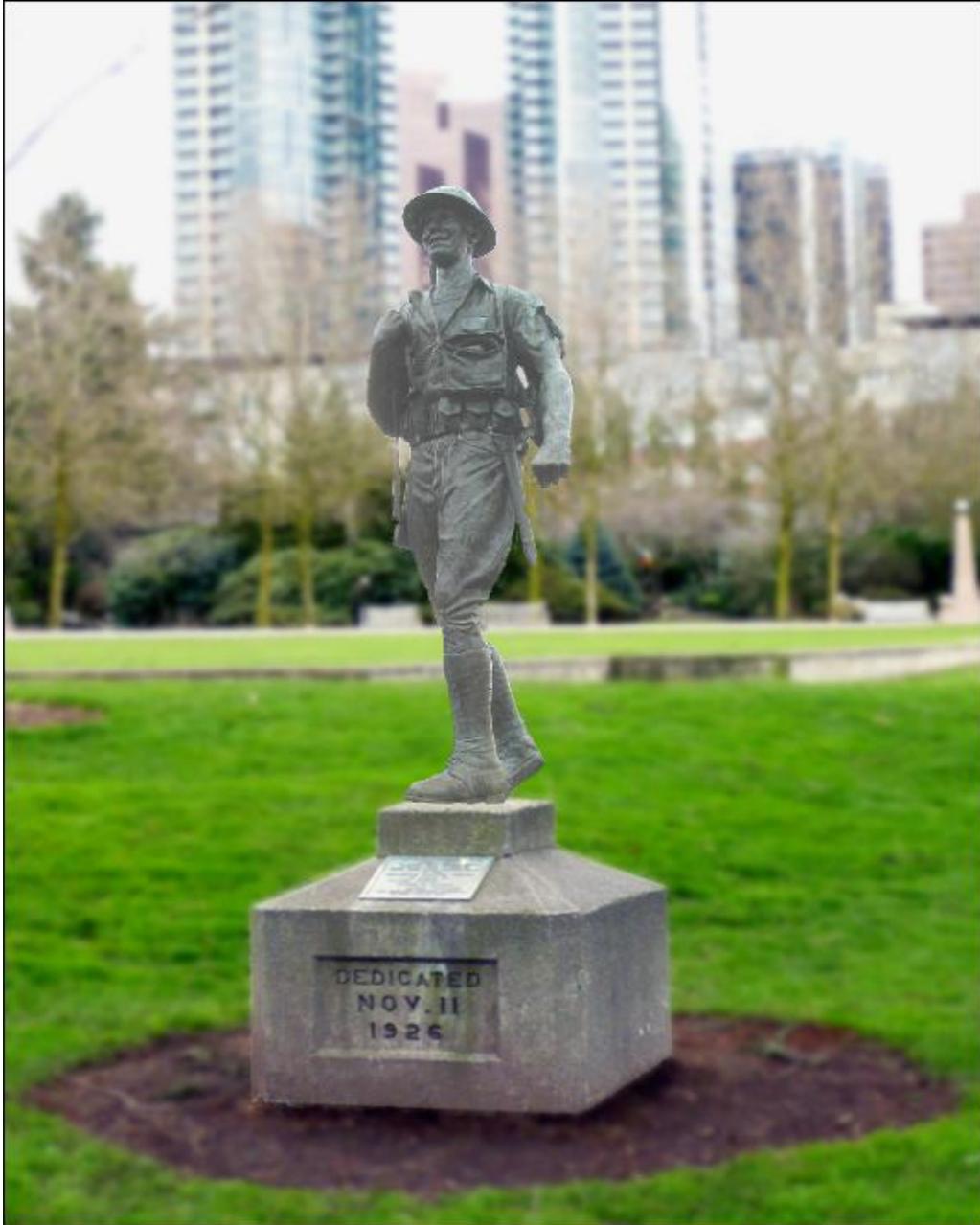
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Monument inscription



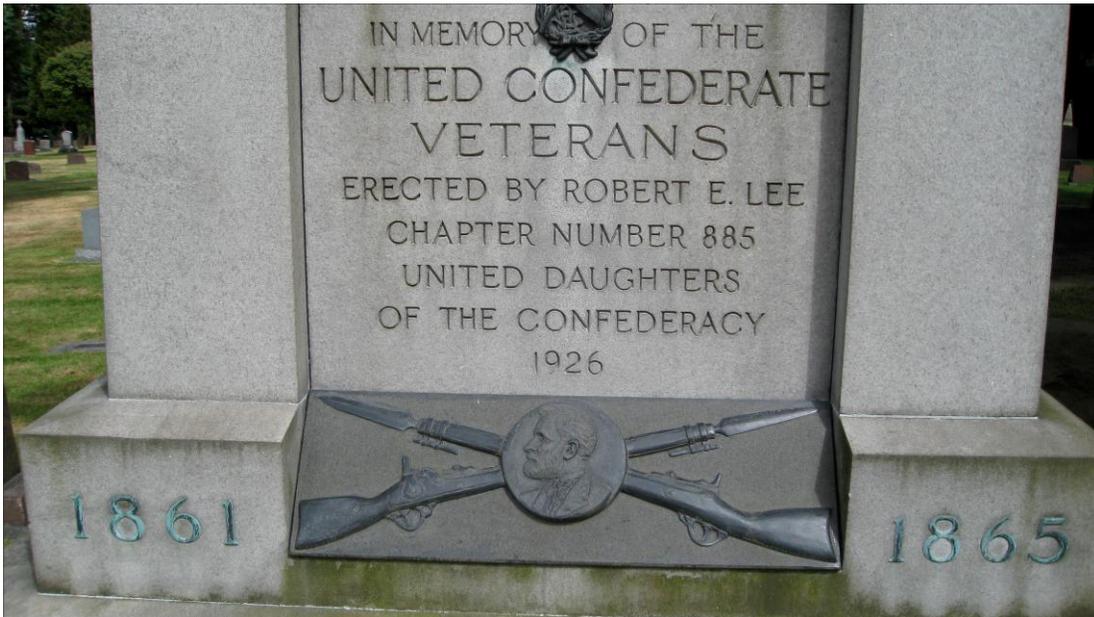
Dedication plaque



One possible monument treatment



Comparatively dated monument in Seattle



On 1/31/11 7:40 AM, "Meuse-Argonne Cemetery" <[meuse-argonne@abmc.gov](mailto:meuse-argonne@abmc.gov)> wrote:

Mr. Shay,

In reply to your request, please find attached Pvt Victor E. Hanson's grave marker.

If we can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

All the best!

Dominique Didiot  
Cemetery Associate

-----Original Message-----

From: info@ [mailto:[abmc.gov](mailto:abmc.gov) [info@abmc.gov](mailto:info@abmc.gov)]

Sent: Friday, 28 January, 2011 10:17 PM

To: Meuse-Argonne Cemetery

Subject: Meuse-Argonne inquiry

Meuse-Argonne inquiry

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Robert Shay,

To whom it may concern,

I am heading a project to restore a WWI Memorial Monument in our Dountown Park her in Bellevue, Washington, USA. One of the soldiers memorialized on the monument is Pvt. Victor E. Hanson, US Army, 308th Infantry Regiment, 77th Division who died on 10-12-1918 and is buried in Plot A, Row 1, Grave 2 at Argone American Cemetery in Romagne, France.

What we are going to add to the area of the monument is a information plaque and on that plaque, I would like to have a pictuere of Pvt. Hanson\'s grave marker.

Would it be possible for someone at the cemetery to take a digital photograph the marker and e-mail me a digital copy of the photo?

If there is a cost involved, please let me know what that would be.

Robert Shay

Project to Restore The WWI Memorial Monument In Bellevue\'s Downtown Park

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## 'Lest we forget' | One man's quest to save Bellevue's WWI memorial in Downtown Park



Robert Shay, a former Navy photographer, is spearheading an effort to restore a World War I memorial at Downtown Park. Chad Coleman/Bellevue Reporter

By [NAT LEVY](#)  
Bellevue Reporter Staff Writer  
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A small memorial rests in the center of Bellevue's Downtown Park, flanked by trees. Thousands of walkers and joggers navigate the paths to the outside of the park every day without venturing inward through the often soggy grass to see what lies in the center.

The more than 80-year-old memorial immortalizes the contributions of three Bellevue men who died in World War I with elm trees planted soon after their deaths.

The three trees and the small concrete memorial bear witness to Bellevue's metamorphosis as new skyscrapers turned the downtown into an exponentially rising concrete forest. The park went from a school yard to a popular downtown getaway spot. All that time, there was one constant, the small memorial titled "Lest we forget."

But we did. The flagpole that originally jutted skyward from the memorial is gone. The monument decayed, and the concrete punctured down the center, leaving a noticeable chasm.

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#### Eastside

- None at this time.

But one man is attempting to revive and restore the memories often ignored, but never forgotten with a revitalized memorial that will serve as a renovated centerpiece of Bellevue's beloved 20-acre green oasis.

Bob Shay, a former Navy photographer, has made it his personal mission to restore the memorial to its former glory.

"I get a little choked up when I see a monument like this one," said Shay, who first came to Bellevue in 1977. "I get a little more choked up when you find it's just been ignored for so long."

Shay wants to keep the monument as it is, a small slab, surrounded by trees to honor the three men killed in the war. He's still trying to determine exactly what he wants, but he knows he wants to add a flag, like what was originally there. He wants to potentially add lights so the flag can fly all the time. Most of all, he wants to make sure he doesn't lose the character of the classic monument in an upgrade.

"I don't want it to be this huge monument because it wasn't," he said. "When it was first done it wasn't that; it was a simple monument to three guys, and I'd like to keep it a simple monument to three guys."

### **Memorializing local heroes**

The memorial features the names of three men: Victor Freed, Victor Hanson and Oscar Johnson, all of whom died in World War I. Newspaper reports from the time say that Freed died of Typhoid and Hanson was killed in action, while reports of Johnson's death weren't readily available.

The Bellevue School District in conjunction with the Bellevue Minute Women put together the monument, a cement slab with a plaque featuring the names of the men, and phrase "lest we forget." The Minute Women honored the men who "made the supreme sacrifice in the world war," according to the plaque, on Armistice Day, Nov. 11, 1926.

The ceremony, which came several years after the Minute Women planted three elm trees in an area owned by the Bellevue School District at the time, was widely heralded by local media.

"Probably no other Armistice Day Program this year was as unique, dignified and impressive as the one by the Bellevue schools in conjunction with the Bellevue Minute Women, at the grade school," the Kirkland-based Eastside Journal wrote in a front page story on Nov. 18, 1926.

On that day the US flag was raised 65-feet high in honor of the men.

### **Dedication to disrepair**

In its more than 80 years of life, the memorial saw many changes and challenges. The land that the trees and plaque called home was transferred from the school district to the city of Bellevue, which wanted to create a passive park in the area.

Bellevue acquired the land in 1983, with construction of the park occurring in two phases, the second of which was completed in 1990. As part of the plan, the monument remained in the center, with the elms looming over top of the primarily flat park.

Despite the newly minted park downtown, the monument began to show its age. No longer featuring a flagpole, the concrete slab splintered down the middle.

Many people remained unaware of its presence, and Shay, a proud veteran, didn't know it existed until touring the park after its first phase was completed in 1987.

But through all the elements and changes, the monument remained. The memorial elms were not so lucky. After more than 80 years of life, one of the three trees was killed during a wind storm in 2006. The new tree stands in stark contrast to the towering survivors.

"I know that was very hard because they worked to try to preserve that tree but they weren't able to," said Bellevue Parks and Community Service spokeswoman Robin Haaseth.

## Getting it done

At this point, the memorial remains only an idea. Shay said he thinks he will need somewhere in the neighborhood of \$5,000-\$10,000 to complete it. He has met briefly with the City Council and parks department, both of which showed a willingness to work with him.

"It's really a matter of getting the funding for the project and support, and we would work to make that happen as quickly as possible," said Haaseth.

Shay said he would prefer to fund the entire thing through donations and private money, avoiding having to spend city funds on it. The original monument was a public/private partnership between the Minute Women and the school district, so there is history of public funds being contributed.

However it gets done, what's most important to Shay is that it recognizes the men, and all Bellevue residents who perished fighting for this country, and that it looks like the original monument, dedicated more than 80 years ago.

"If we do it, I'm very much into the fact that I want it to look exactly the same as it did," Shay said. "No matter what else we do, the monument must remain exact, otherwise we just have a new monument, and Bellevue could use a little history."

## Do your part

If you want to help Bob Shay in his project, either through donations, sharing any history of the monument or any connection to the families of the men, contact him through e-mail at [robertallanshay@gmail.com](mailto:robertallanshay@gmail.com) or leave a phone message at 425-455-2728.

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## Bellevue's Downtown War Memorial

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Robert "Bob" Shay is haunted by a twenty-foot circle of ground at Downtown Park.

The well-spoken Bellevue resident is many things: Union carpenter, Career salesman, a Navy vet who volunteered during the Vietnam War, and grandson to a Russian sniper who served the Czar during the Russo-Japanese War. But above all that Bob is wholly dedicated to restoring a crumbling monument that was planned in Bellevue back in 1920, and ultimately erected in 1926. He first saw it in 1987, purely by accident, and it has held his attention ever since.

Almost single-handedly he has given voice to this piece of ground, when others have forgotten or never known. His is a simple goal, founded on a simple idea, and giving honor once again to a simple memorial.

The monument stands quiet in a growing city.



The square concrete base – set around a flag pole with three elm trees – was placed in town to honor three Bellevue men who had lost their lives during World War I. A plaque, added by the Bellevue Minute Women, named each soldier and quoted a line from Rudyard Kipling's poem *Recessional*, which at the time had become a rallying cry for those who wanted to remember and further themselves from the hounds of war – “Lest We Forget.”

Tucked away under two of the three original trees that covered it in the 1920s, the memorial stands as quiet testament to the honor and sacrifice that was shown long before most of us were born. Its current condition is grave. The flag pole that flew from the center of the concrete base broke off long ago – when, nobody knows – leaving a potentially-fatal crack across the cement; the seam has been filled with epoxy in places as a stop gap.



There is a cement cap on top of the base, which may or may not hide the remainder of the flagpole; Bob has been trying to line up a team that can scan the base to see what is in there. "There may be the rest of a flagpole," he states, "or there may be nothing. We just can't tell." One of the three elm trees surrounding the base was damaged during a wind storm; the parks department tried desperately to save it at the time, but in the end could only save its memory by planting a new tree in its place.

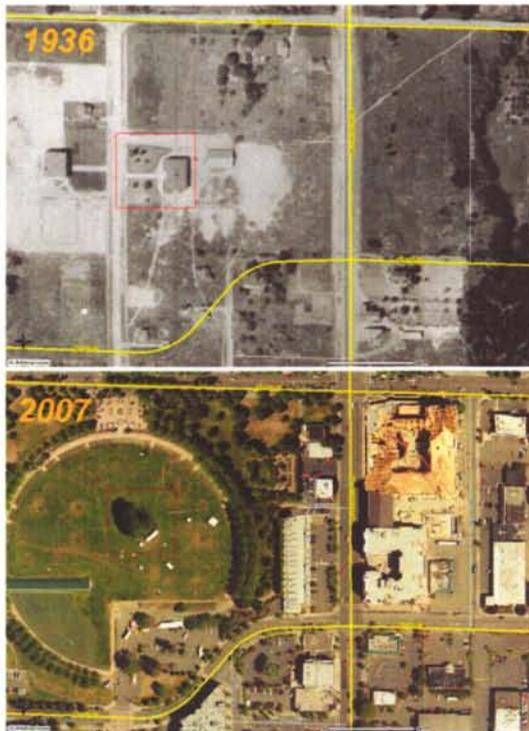
Bob wants to reverse the damage that time and nature have thrown at the monument, while continuing the work he feels the Bellevue Minute Women wanted to do.



We know virtually nothing about the Minute Women, only that they existed. Historic archives give only trace clues from the hours of research Bob has done on the library's microfiche machine. There are notices of get-togethers, and an alert to the ceremony where the flag pole was erected. But after that, the Minute Women vanish. Even Bellevue Lifespring, which has been known in this area as Overlake Service League for a century, has no record of the group. But the Minute Women were very dedicated to making the monument happen.

"It's clear that they thought this out," Bob says. "Because they planted the trees in 1920, six years before the base was poured."

In 1936, the memorial appeared on a King County aerial map as three smallish trees in the upper left portion of the red box (there is also a fir tree that is of unknown origin). They were planted facing 102nd Avenue NE, which at the time extended north from Old Bellevue. It no longer exists in this block:



Today, the grove of trees is substantial from the air, including the “invader fir” that has gotten as big and much taller as the memorial elms. In its own way, the grove stands out on the flat former school yards that now make Downtown Park. First glance sees the trees, which blend into this serene place as a break in the monotony of flat open field. But it takes investigation – truly getting under the massive elms – to see there is something of value there to view and think about – a time in human history that changed the course of the world forever.

The 1914 – 1918 conflict was supposed to be “The War to End All Wars.”

World War I stands as a time when the honor and tradition of wars in the past confronted the technology of wars in the future – with disastrous results. It was the first major war to use airplanes, tanks, massive guns, and mustard gas. The world's major powers were pitted against each other for four years of bloody fighting that hammered Europe. Over 9 million died.

It did not end war.



Even though World War I occurred nearly 100 years ago, the above image of a soldier in a gas mask – along with his dog – is still creepy. Maybe even more so, now that we know what Mustard Gas could do to someone not protected by this kind of equipment. When I look at this picture, I think of trenches, devastating losses, and the song War Pigs by Black Sabbath. Frankly, I've concluded that World War 1 had its own brand of savagery.

And it was in this environment of mud, munitions, and mustard gas that two men from Bellevue died in action – while a third died of disease while deployed in Europe.

Victor Hanson is the only man we know anything about. He was a Private, with the 308th Infantry Regiment, 77th Division who died in action October 12, 1918. Private Hanson is buried at Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery in Romagne, France.



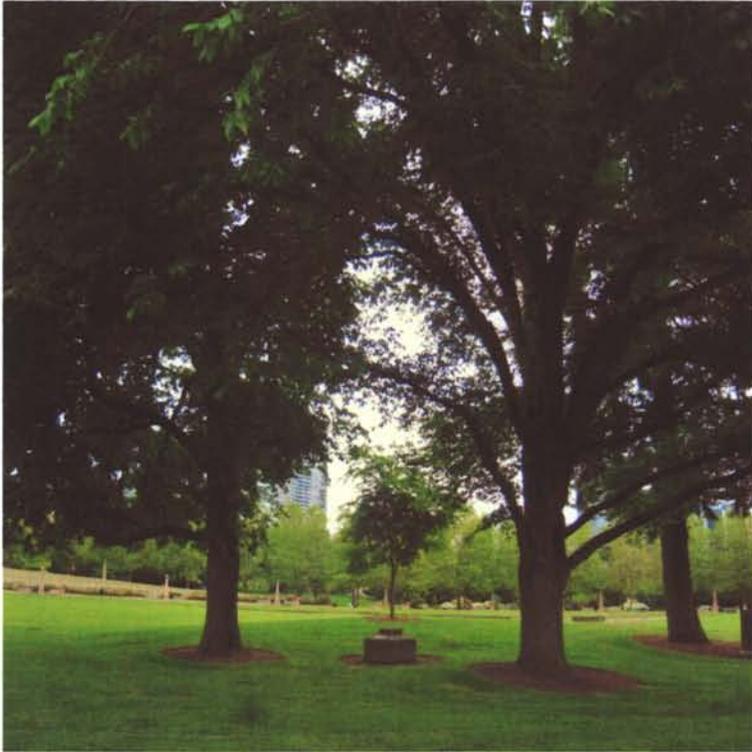
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Victor Hanson - Photo courtesy of Eastside Heritage Center

The other two men seem to be lost to history. There were three Oscar Johnsons who fought for the US in WW1, and government records for them are scarce. Nothing is found on Victor Freed at all. But even if history has nearly forgotten Oscar Johnson and Victor Freed, the monument in Downtown Park still remembers – quietly displaying their names for those who view a plaque which was placed with love and honor so long ago. I asked Bob what he thinks about when he sees that monument, even after visiting it for more than twenty years.

“For me,” he said, “it’s about three guys who gave everything.”

And as the plaque proclaims, three guys paid “the supreme sacrifice.” The message there is simple, and more focused on these honorable men than on the fact that we know very little about them. While the history of each man is veiled in the passing of time, the history of these [Doughboys](#) is one of heroism and sacrifice. Bob’s efforts to restore this monument transcends the First World War, rather it stands as testament to all those men and women who have defended our country – whether they were born on this soil or not.



The goal is to place a granite Doughboy on top of the base, much like one that exists already at Evergreen-Washelli Cemetery in Seattle. Granite was recommended as the material because metal is too valuable. "I'm told the arms are the first things that get stolen," Bob says. Knowing the costs involved, he estimates that his vision for the monument will take up to \$30,000 to see through. He also added that every dime donated goes towards the project; he takes care of his own overhead. Bob has set up an account for the work at Bank of America where people can donate; he also takes donations through the mail.

Bob's efforts are bringing honor back to a quiet memorial for three guys from Bellevue – and others like them – who gave everything to serve the greater good. We can help his cause – our cause actually – by getting the word out or contributing to his efforts. For more on this project, check out the resources below – including a great article from the Bellevue Reporter on the monument, and all the contact information for the project.

Next time: Bellevue through the lens, as we discover another corner of our city. Until then, enjoy the view!

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What a beautiful article and timely with Independence Day coming on Monday. It brought tears to my eyes.

Thank you to all who have served this great country.

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Miss Bernice Blye has quit school for the balance of this semester.

Plans are being made for a benefit dance at & for the Club House.

Come in and wait for the boat. Bellevue Confectionery and Lunch Room.

We heard that George Small is working at Bremerton and spends his week-ends here.

Mr. Thomas Nelson has recovered from his illness.

Let Witten and Barnhart deliver your coal.

Don't forget the Red Cross Canteen.

Let Witten & Barnhart deliver your coal.

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**BORN**

To Mr. and Mrs. H. Shiraga, a son, on Sunday, November 17th.

Get your coal now from Witten & Barnhart.

**SCHOOL NOTES**

Miss Emma Conway.

— Buy Thrift Stamps! —

School has resumed operations.

We need & expect another typewriter.

Mrs. M. F. Odle is teaching the primary grades during Mrs. C. B. Godsey's illness.

Harold Malmquist climbed the flag-pole on the 11th and replaced the flag-rope which was cut down on Hallowe'en. George Nightingale did this same stunt about three years ago.

Shelter houses have been erected at Sturtevant's corner and at Beaux Arts school for the commuters.

Remember the Red Cross Canteen.

Service--Witten & Barnhart--Service.

**MIDLAKES**

— Buy W. S. S. Now! —

Albert Allen went back to the Hospital last Saturday.

Mr. Percy Helsel and daughter have been quite ill.

So has Mrs. C. B. Godsey.

Mr. James Hayden, of Somewhere back East is a visitor at the home of his sister Mrs. George King.

**WILBURTON**

— Buy W. S. S. Now! —

Young Pete Jensen is working at the mill.

Paul Johnson is the occupant of the Sukurski residence.

You probably know that W. H. Hewitt is now a resident of Tacoma.

Long John Windsor, of Seattle, was a Saturday and Sunday visitor at the Frank Rogers' home.

The new Station Agent is Mr. Cook and he lives in the Constantine house.

A telegram just received at the C. J. Johnson home brought news of the death of Mr. Johnson's son in France.

Mrs. Helmer Anderson has recovered from her recent illness.

Reflector want ads give good results.

**FACTORIA**

— Buy Thrift Stamps! —

Earl Patten is home again.

Service—Witten & Barnhart—Service.

**PHANTOM LAKE**

— Buy Thrift Stamps! —

Its about time we had another dance.

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**ENATAI**

— Buy W. S. S. Now! —

Mr. and Mrs. James S. Ditty entertained a number of Seattle friends again last Sunday evening.

Let the East Side Transportation Co. haul it.

A choice collection of news from

**HUNT'S POINT**

&

**YARROW**

will appear in our next issue

G. A. Tinker is selling Wyoming coal. It's mighty good coal. Try it.

Life is a fight. You are in matter to conquer it, lest it conquer you. There is nothing in this universe stronger than the will of man when it is directed by a powerful unit of force. Remember that your opponents are not other men, but conditions. If you fight men, they will fight you back; but if you fight conditions, they, being unintelligent, will yield to you with just enough resistance to keep your muscles in good order.

Elsa Barker in Letters from a Living Dead Man.

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## Why Vote?

When you vote, you should vote for your own best interests rather than on someone else's recommendation. It is almost a problem to vote intelligently on the various offices and officials with which we are so unfamiliar, but there should be no doubt on certain prominent offices, like the County Commissioners, the Sheriffs, etc.

Every East Side resident should vote for commissioners, Brown and Gaines, because they are the best friends the East Side has ever had in that office.

For Sheriff we should all go down the line for Claude Bannick and with the results of a tremendous vote go to him with a logical request for the appointment of deputy for this territory. We need to be unanimous on these issues for our own best interests.

If you are against the World Court program and fair to yourself you will have to vote for A. Scott Bullit for U. S. Senator.

If you appreciate the fairness, integrity and earnestness of Ewing D. Colvin you will naturally vote for him for prosecuting attorney.

## B. D. D. Club Meeting

A most important meeting of the Bellevue District Development Club members will be held on Tuesday evening, November 9. The matter of selling the Clubhouse will be taken up and other matters of importance will be considered. It is hoped that every member will be present to vote on whatever action may be taken.

## Forget-me-not Tea

The Bellevue Minute Women will give a "Forget-me-not" tea at the home of Mrs. C. E. Hill on Tuesday, Nov. 2, at 2 p. m. There will be a program and the proceeds of the affair will be used for the benefit of disabled veterans. A feature of the program will be singing by Miss Grace Ottinger, pupil of Mrs. Virginia McGovern. This being general election day, a large attendance is expected.

## East Side Road Improved

The new pavement between Preston and Fall City is open. This section now brings a paved road to within 2 miles of Tokul Creek Inn via Issaquah and Preston and starting "somewhere in California."

Snoqualmie Falls is beautiful now and there will be a warm welcome for Bellevue folks at Tokul Creek Inn, where Mrs. E. T. Hatch and Miss C. Hazelgreen will be happy to serve them with their delicious home cooked meals.

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## BELLEVUE

— Buy W. S. S. Now! —

James Mack is back at Camp Lewis after an interesting trip to France. His parents monopolize most of his spare time but some day we hope to have a visit with Jimmy. He has been through the mill and knows just what war really is.

Leslie McGauvran, who has been in the Seattle Minor Hospital for two months with the "flu"-pneumonia, returned to Bellevue last Monday afternoon in the ambulance and in a few days expects to be able to walk around and by Xmas expects to be all better and able to enjoy the Xmas turkey.

Miss Virginia Waters suffered a severe accident to her collarbone last Sunday.

Mrs. A. H. Shears is on her way to New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon McGauvran had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mowers in Seattle on the 14th. During the evening Mrs. McGauvran sang "Rose of My Heart," "At Dawning," and "Mighty Lak o' Rose."

The whole Ed Meagher family is recovering from the "flu."

The new family in the Philbrook house is Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bissett.

E. M. Sherman spent the 9th out on the Pacific ocean adjusting compasses on the new ship "Octororo."

Mr. and Mrs. M. Bennett are recovering from their recent illness, but the children are still quite ill.

Anxious Reader wants to know the cause of the argument Henry Fischer had at Leschi the other day.

Vernon Barnes was a recent Bellevue visitor and spent some time at the Holly Ivey home. He has some good war stories to tell. Vernon says he has been over the top half a dozen times and knows how it feels to be gassed. Vernon has grown so you'd hardly know him. He makes a fine soldier.

Mrs. A. L. Hilliard has been visiting Mrs. F. L. Gordon and Mrs. J. E. Nichols.

Mrs. Grace Overbeck and daughter, Louise, moved to Seattle last Saturday.

## VICTOR EDGAR HANSON.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Hanson have just received a telegram stating the death of their son, Victor Edgar, in France October 14th, from wounds received in action. Victor Hanson was born in Princeton, Minn., July 14, 1893, and came to Bellevue last April. Besides his parents he is survived by three brothers and three sisters. Two sisters, Mrs. Victor Lysell and Miss Agnes Hanson, live in Bellevue.

Vernon Barnes claims to be the youngest sergeant in the U. S. Army.

Charlie Reed has gone back to work after a week's layup with an injured foot.

Hugh Martin is recuperating from his recent illness.

Mrs. A. G. Sandell had an attack of the "flu" last week.

F. Schlatter is going into the trucking business with his brother-in-law, Mr. Annis. They will operate a truck line between Seattle and Tacoma.

A farewell party was given at the C. W. Scherle home last Sunday evening for Mrs. H. W. Steinmetz, who left for Denver on the 19th where she will join her husband and spend the winter. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Gordon, Mrs. B. Warren, Mr. S. Nichols, Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Hebert and Mr. and Mrs. J. Brielmeier.

Last Monday Mrs. M. E. Fischer entertained in honor of Mrs. H. W. Steinmetz.

Last Friday night, Dec. 13, some animal done away with seven of the Hamley boy's rabbits and on Monday night, the 16th, 12 more rabbits and 16 fancy chickens were killed. Probably by the same marauder. The Hamley boys estimate their loss at more than \$75, while \$25 worth of rabbits were killed at the Shearer place the same night. Other folks have lost rabbits and stock and recently two valuable pigs belonging to M. F. Wight were worried to death, presumably by some vicious dog. The community should join in a concerted hunt to eliminate such destructive creatures. It will pay you to watch your rabbit pens and chicken coops. This dog, if dog it be, can break into a strongly built pen and you cannot use too much caution.

Say you saw it in "The Reflector."

## Flag Pole to be Dedicated Nov. 11

Dedication services of the Memorial Flag Pole at the Bellevue Grade school grounds is scheduled for 2 p. m. on Armistice Day, Thursday, November 11. A talk by Judge C. P. Moriarity will be a feature of the program.

## Our New Seattle Advertiser

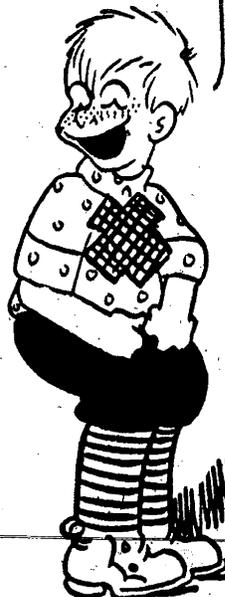
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## HOGG-HALL

Marriage license was issued Oct. 28 to O. Ingalls Hall Jr. and Beth Hogg. Miss Hogg was a former resident of Bellevue and attended the Bellevue School.

## ENATIE

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Mrs. John Berrian and two sons returned Saturday, from a two months visit to Illinois.

## MEDINA

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Barret Bryson returned Oct. 25 via San Francisco from a two months visit to his former home in Kentucky.

## BORN

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To Mr. and Mrs. Sam Boddy, a daughter at the Norwegian Hospital Oct. 29.

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## Armistice Day Program

One of most impressive ceremonies ever held in Bellevue was the one in connection with the dedication of the Flag Pole Memorial at the grade school grounds on Nov. 11th, 1926.

It has been the custom of the grade school to give a program on the afternoon of Armistice Day. This year Mrs. W. M. Belote, Councillor of the Bellevue Minute Women, was made chairman of the combined program and dedication services. The speakers of the school program included Francis Jordan, Tom Finling and Gerald Stephenson. The girl's Glee Club sang "The Home Road."

The ceremony at the Flag Pole consisted of the unveiling of the memorial tablet by Misses Helen Lysell and Doris Hanson, nieces of one of the boys whose memory is embodied in the memorial and the dedication address by Judge Charles P. Moriarity, a World War Veteran and an American Legion official. Two local World War Veterans, Grover Naslund and Kenneth Smith, in their olive drab uniforms, stood at attention during the ceremony and added dignity and inspiration to the picture.

Mrs. Belote's introductory remarks were well chosen and inspiring and the Judge's talk was most impressive. In conclusion Judge Moriarity thanked the school, the Minute Women and the community in behalf of the boys who did not return for making the memorial possible.

The Flag Pole, 65 feet high, set in a large raised concrete base and provided by the school board, is located in the center of the triangle of three memorial elms. The bronze memorial tablet with the following inscription, "1914-1918 Lest We Forget These Elms were placed here by the Bellevue Minute Women in honor of Victor Freed, Victor E. Hanson, Oscar Johnson, who made the supreme sacrifice in the World War," was provided by the Bellevue Minute Women, who planted the three memorial elms in January 1920.

Tell your Eastern friends about Reflector Territory.

## Concert Appreciated

The Bellevue Woman's Club Library Benefit Concert supervised by Mr. and Mrs. Frederic Powell at the Bellevue Clubhouse on the 22nd was a big treat for local high-class music lovers.

Mrs. Hazel Hammer Hill played a series of six piano solos and played the accompaniments for Mr. and Mrs. Powell. Mrs. F. M. Savage played the piano accompaniments for Mrs. E. M. Sherman's violin numbers.

Mrs. Powell's numbers included Angel's Serenade, In the Time of Roses and Nursery Rhymes in English and Ave Maria in Latin and an aria from Samson and Delilah in French.

Mr. Powell sang Creole Love Song, The Crystal Gazer, and Duna in English, a Spanish number, an aria from La Tosca in Italian and Ave Maria in Latin.

Mr. and Mrs. Powell sang as duets The Rosary and Schubert's Serenade in English and an aria from Il Trovatore in Italian.

Following the concert Mr. C. W. Bovee announced that the Women's Club plans other events for the Library Benefit and he also announced the generous offer of John J. Larsen, who has offered to donate the use of a 16x20 room in a building now under construction on his property on Main St. at Lincoln avenue for library purposes for at least one year.

## Annual Church Meeting

At the annual meeting of the Congregational Church the board of trustees was enlarged to six instead of three members. In addition to the two hold-over trustees, R. G. McDonald and Hugh Martio, Mrs. C. W. Bovee was elected for one year, Mrs. M. F. Odle and H. M. Watson were elected for two years and Dr. G. W. Weddell was elected for three years. Mrs. F. Odle was re-elected Treasurer. At the meeting of the Sunday school board the present officers, E. F. Short, sup. Mrs. C. W. Bovee, Mrs. J. B. Rose, sec. and treas. were re-elected.

