



# World War II Veterans Memorial Highway

## A Tour of Remembrance, A Corridor of Service

...along Kansas U.S. Highway 24 and the Solomon Valley

The Solomon Valley Highway 24 Heritage Alliance is dedicated to preserving and promoting the heritage of the Solomon Valley, a place defined by the US 24 corridor through the valley.

Our vision was broadened when Gov. Sebelius signed House Bill 2071 on March 20, 2008, designating US 24, from Colby to Riley, between US 83 and US 77, as the WW II Veterans Memorial Highway.

Since then, there has been deliberate work by SV-24-HA to honor the spirit of this designation. We have worked to promote signage along the 200 mile stretch of the designated highway -- driving a memorial route without awareness seemed a hollow recognition.

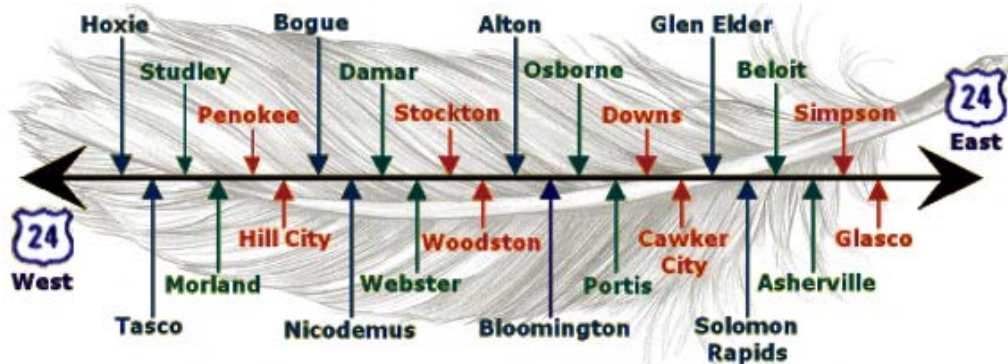
The Kansas Humanities Council's initiative, The Things They Carried Home: Preservation Project, captured the need to recognize and preserve, to honor and respect, the contributions and lives of service men and women.

This was the very need that the SV-24-HA felt when the WW II Veterans Memorial Highway included the entire alliance corridor of US 24.

Inclusion in this initiative allows us to work systematically to identify the resources connected to veterans of all wars encompassing WW I and WW II, Korean, Vietnam, Afghanistan, and Iraq.

The project created by the SV-24-HA has been aptly named: World War II Veterans Memorial Highway: A Tour of Remembrance, A Corridor of Service.

This SV-24-HA project is in conjunction with the



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## Riley County

### Veterans Memorial, Riley, KS

Mural and flagpole were erected in 2009 by the Riley County High School Art Club.

#### Inscription

*Freedom Is Never Free! All Gave Some, Some Gave All United States Army • 14 June 1775 Navy • 13 October 1775 • Marine Corps • 10 November 1775 • Coast Guard • 4 August 1790 • Air Force • 18 September 1947*

#### Location

215 South Broadway Street, downtown Riley, Kansas.

### Bala Cemetery Veterans Memorial, Bala, KS

Granite marker believed to have been put in place in the 1950s.

#### Inscription

*In Memory of All Veterans*

#### Location

5.5 miles west of Riley, Kansas, just off of U.S. Highway 77, to the northeast at the end of 7600 Rd N.

### Leonardville Cemetery Veterans Memorial, Leonardville, KS

White marble and concrete monument.

#### Inscription

*Dedicated to the Memory of All U.S. Service Veterans November 11, 2007. Memorial Given in Memory of Orenne Blaske and Pauline Doza and a Donation From The Leonardville American Legion Auxiliary Memorial Unit #40.*

#### Location

One mile north of Leonardville, Kansas, NW corner of Erpelding and 11600 Road N.



## Clay County, Kansas

### Clay County Veterans Memorial, Clay Center, KS

Granite monument with eagle sculpture entitled "Above it All," by sculptress Sandy Scott.

#### Inscription

*The grateful people of Clay County, Kansas dedicate this monument to keep alive the memories of all men and women who served the United States of America in peace and war. Dedicated Sept. 27, 1997. Erected 1997 by the People of C*

### M60 Tank Monument, Clay Center, KS

Actual tank preserved in honor of all 20th Century military veterans.

**Inscription**

*Weight, 52 tons. Crew, 4 men. Engine, VV12 diesel 750 horsepower. Fuel cap, 385 gallons. Cruising range, 310 miles. Average speed, 35 m.p.h. In 1963, cost \$235,000. Armament, 105mm main gun; M85 50-caliber M219 7.62 machine gun. Donated by Co. C, 2nd Battalion, 635th Armor, 69th Infantry, KS Army National Guard April 25, 1991.*

**Location**

Dexter Park, 6th St. and Grant Avenue, Clay Center, Kansas

**Vietnam Veterans Memorial Bridge, Clay Center, KS**

In the fall of 2015, the new Kansas State Highway 15 bridge over the Republican River at the southern end of Clay Center, was dedicated in honor of veterans of the Vietnam War.

**Location**

South Kansas Highway 15, Clay Center, Kansas



**Cloud County, Kansas**

**Miltonvale Veterans Memorial, Miltonvale, KS**

Five granite benches, each with bronze marker depicting the five branches of service, surround a center piece fountain. The fountain, which is being renovated, is an original *Works Progress Administration* (WPA) structure.

**Location**

Miltonvale City Park, 214 East Ash Avenue

**Glasco Cemetery Veterans Memorial Entrance, Glasco, KS**

World War I memorial recently restored. Two bronze tablets

**Inscriptions**

*1917 – 1918 In Memory of OUR BOYS Who Served Their Country in the WORLD WAR In Camp On the Battlefield and On the Sea This Tablet Erected by Their Loving Friends and In Grateful Memory of Arthur C. Pilcher, Oron B. Crook, Phillip Sparwasser, Hayes P. Krenkle, Clarence R. Edmondson Who Gave Their Lives For Their Country in the World War*

**Location**

One miles southeast of Glasco, Kansas, 301 South Cemetery Road

**Glasco Cemetery Catholic Veterans Memorial, Glasco, KS**

Limestone monument

**Inscription**

*In Memory of Those Who Served Their Country in Time of Need*

**Location**

One miles southeast of Glasco, Kansas, 301 South Cemetery Rd.



## Mitchell County, Kansas

### Murray Veterans Memorial, Simpson, KS

Post Rock Limestone monument

#### Inscription

Joel Lee Murray Sgt., US Army Operation Iraqi Freedom "Always Ready" 9 July, 1981 - 4 Sept., 2007.

#### Location

301 South Elkhorn Street, Simpson, Kansas.

### Mitchell County Veterans Memorial, Beloit, KS

This monument is an ongoing project, with several new Post Rock Limestone slabs to be added in 2016 to include the list of county veterans from World War I to the present day.

#### Inscription

*LEST WE FORGET In Deep Appreciation of the Sacrifices Made by the Men and Women of Mitchell County Who Served in World Wars I and II. We, the Citizens of Mitchell County, Dedicate This Memorial May 31, 1948.*

#### Location

111 South Hersey Avenue, Beloit, Kansas.

### Statue of Liberty Monument, Glen Elder, KS

This brick monument is topped by a bronze Statue of Liberty.

#### Inscription

*Emily Candice William Slaven Donated This Statue Of Liberty In 1950 To The City Of Glen Elder. Her descendants and their spouses who served in World War II were: Max Slaven, Edmond Slaven, James Slaven, Kirwood Vint, Jack Davis, J. Duane Vint, Vinton Vint, Dorothy Vint McKinney, Vaden McKinney, Russell Merrill, Francis Farrow, Alvin Logue, Raymond Fritchen, John Kalousdian, Joe Gaston, Harold Nelson, Kenneth Meyers.*

#### Location

East side of town square, 100 Block of South Market Street, Glen Elder, Kansas.



## Osborne County, Kansas

### Memorial Hall, Downs, KS

Two-story brick building erected as a memorial to World War I veterans.

#### Marker Inscription

*Dedicated to those who fought for their country in World War I. The only monument to "The War to End All Wars" in Osborne County. Cornerstone laid July 27, 1922. Opened February 15, 1923.*

#### Location

500 Morgan Avenue, Downs, Kansas.

## **Corinth Cemetery Veterans Memorial, Corinth Township, Osborne County, KS**

Brick and concrete monument erected in the early 1960s in rural cemetery located four miles south, one mile east, and a half mile south of Downs, Kansas.

### **Inscription**

*In Honor of All Who Have Served Our Country*

### **Location**

850 South 20th Avenue, Corinth Township, Osborne County, KS

## **Hardman Veterans Memorial Park, Osborne, KS**

Given to the city of Osborne by Mabel Hardman in 1959 to be forever used as a park.

### **Inscription**

*A living memorial to the Veterans of Osborne County who served so valiantly in all wars, that you, who enjoy these facilities in peace, may pause for thought and meditation on the sacrifices they made to insure your right to do so. Land for park donated by Mrs. Dwight Hardman as a memorial to Dwight H. Hardman, 1897-1955, Lt. Comm. U.S.N. Ret., Veteran World Wars I & II. Erected 1959 by Mrs. Dwight Hardman, American Legion, VFW, and City of Osborne.*

### **Location**

659 North First Street, Osborne, Kansas.

## **Osborne County Veterans Memorial, Osborne, KS**

The African black marble obelisk with grey granite wings monument cost of \$23,000 and was dedicated on November 11, 2000.

### **Inscription**

*Dedicated To All Veterans Who Called Osborne County Home. All Gave Some, Some Gave All.*

### **Location**

423 West Main Street, Osborne, Kansas.

## **Veterans Wall, Hardman Hall, Alton, KS**

The photographs of all Alton area military veterans from 1870 to the present day adorn the south wall of Hardman Hall, home to the American Legion post in Alton. Put in place in 2013.

### **Location**

613 Mill Street, Alton, Kansas.

## **Veterans Memorial, Alton, KS**

Bronze elk statue and wood framed list. Dedicated in May 2015.

### **Location**

NW corner of Mill and Nicholas, Alton, Kansas.

## Veterans Memorial, Alton KS

Close-up of wood framed list of all Alton area military veterans from 1870 to the present day.

### Inscription

*The bull elk sculpture in this park is dedicated to the honor of our veterans who have served our country. The bull elk is in recognition of Alton's first veteran, General Hiram C. Bull.*

### Location

NW corner of Mill and Nicholas, Alton, Kansas.



## Rooks County, Kansas

### Veterans Memorial, Woodston, KS

Brick, concrete, and granite monument dedicated sometime in the 1960s.

### Inscription

*In Memory Of Veterans Who Have Served In All Wars*

### Location

City Park, West Main Street, Woodston, Kansas.

### Stockton Cemetery Veterans Memorial, Stockton, KS

1970s Grey granite monuments flank a stone Civil War statue.

### Inscription

*In Memory of All Veterans Who Served Their Country In Its Time of Need*

### Location

300 North Water Street, Stockton, Kansas.

### Rooks County Veterans Memorial, Stockton, KS

A series of grey granite monuments

### Inscriptions

List of Rooks County military veterans from the Civil War through Desert Storm. It was dedicated on May 30, 1994.

### Location

115 North Walnut Street, Stockton, Kansas.

### Saint Thomas Cemetery Veterans Memorial, Stockton, KS

Granite monument erected in the 1970s.

### Inscription

*In Memory of All Veterans Who Served Their Country In Its Time of Need Donated by VFW Post 8873 and Women's Auxiliary.*

### Location

North Cypress Street, Stockton, Kansas.

## Veterans Memorial, Damar, KS

Black granite monument with names of area military veterans.

### Inscription

*United States Of America In Tribute To Those Who Served Our Country Sponsored By The Damar Knights Of Columbus 1990.*

### Location

NE corner of Maple and Main Streets, Damar, Kansas.



## Graham County, Kansas

### Graham County Veterans Memorial, Hill City, KS

Black granite monument designed by the Memorial Art Company.

### Inscription

Lists the names of nearly 1,700 Graham County veterans. It was dedicated on November 11, 1985.

### Location

410 North Pomeroy Avenue, Hill City, Kansas.



## Sheridan County, Kansas

### Sheridan County All Veterans Memorial, Hoxie, KS

A stone eagle surmounts a square granite column.

**Inscribed:** *Sheridan County's Honor Roll.* The sides of the column are inscribed: 1914-1920 (with 15 names), 1941-1945 (with 12 names), 1950 (with one name), 1970 (with one name).

### Location

925 9th Street, Hoxie, Kansas.



## Thomas County, Kansas

### Thomas County Veterans Memorial, Colby, KS

Black granite monument dedicated on November 11, 1991.

### Inscription

*In Memory Of All Veterans Who Served Their Country In Time of Need,* followed by names of veterans from 20th Century wars.

### Location

300 North Court Street, Colby, Kansas.

## **Beulah Cemetery Veterans Memorial, Colby, KS**

Granite monument

### **Inscription**

*Liberty Dedicated To The Deceased Service Men & Women Of All Wars --- Dedicated By The Veterans  
May 30, 1952.*

### **Location**

690-804 South Country Club Drive, Colby, Kansas.