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GrahamVets Flag Pole

Enclosed is a photo of what our Flag Pole and Memorial look like.

On November 11, 2016 we had a dedication ceremony to call this:

"Lieutenant Mel Durbin
Veteran's Memorial Park"

It took us over 18-months to coordinate it's completion and required funds. All funds were donated by GrahamVet members, outside veteran organizations and outside churches. No IDOC funds were used.

We owe a great thanks to G.C.C. Administration for supporting this vision and the Maintenance Department for the exceptional work on all the concrete.

On September 11, 2016 the first Colors were raised in tribute to 9/11. We have conducted morning and evening

Flag Detail everyday since. No matter the weather conditions. It is a four (4) man detail that includes a bugler to play:
"To the Colors" and
"Retreat the Colors"

Each of the six (6) posts you see in the photo have one military Branch logo on the face. Each is a 12" round plaque and the 6th one is an image of a Purple Heart dedicated to combat vets.

Mel Durbin is a Vietnam vet, Sergeant - USMC. As an IDOC Lieutenant he founded GrahamVets over 25 years ago.

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William D. Linley

