

HISTORY OF MEMORIALIZATIONS AT CAMP RIPLEY

Memorializations began in 1933 as stated in General Orders #5, dated 26 May 1933. "As a perpetual monument in memory of a grateful State and Nation, terrain features on the Camp Ripley Military Reservation, Little Falls, MN, are hereby named in honor of Minnesota citizens, now deceased, who served honorably in our armed forces during time of war." A total of 159 individuals were honored at that time.

Between 1954 and 1965, eight deceased Minnesota Army National Guard personnel were honored with the distinction of being memorialized by having a street or terrain featured with their name.

During the 1980's, a total of 110 individuals were memorialized. This is also when the first "living-retired" individuals began to be honored with the distinction of being memorialized.

In 1988 a regulation was developed to identify and to establish an organized way of considering and nominating individuals to be remembered through memorialization. This is also when the Court of Honor began where nine individuals' names were etched in stone for the first time instead of being recognized at various locations around Camp Ripley.

Since 1988 ceremonies have been held consistently during the even numbered years.

By 1992 five more names were added to the Court of Honor along with four areas or locations being named after individuals.

In 2006 the ceremony name was changed to, "Court of Honor Induction Program".

In January 2009 the regulation was amended to reflect the change of having the ceremonies being held annually.

From 1933 to 2009, a total of 389 individuals have been memorialized at Camp Ripley.