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Subject: Military Monuments at Rusty Parker Park

Mr. Leitz,

I'm the Commander of the Waterbury Post 59 American Legion. Last night at our monthly meeting, we discussed the monuments at Rusty Parker Park. Specifically, we are unsure who is responsible for taking care of the monuments. From my understanding, the VFW previously maintained the monuments. However, this ceased with the dissolution of the Waterbury VFW years ago. Furthermore, there is a belief by some residents that the American Legion is responsible for monument maintenance. If this is the expectation, I don't believe our organization was ever formally notified.

Can you clarify who is responsible for maintaining the military monuments at Rusty Parker Park? The reason this became a topic of discussion at last night's meeting is the recent death of a Waterbury resident who was also a Vietnam veteran. The family of this veteran would like to have his name added to the names currently on the Vietnam monument. Do you know the process of adding names to monuments?

From my understanding, the town of Waterbury received all VFW monies when the Waterbury VFW was dissolved. This funding was allocated to a Waterbury line of accounting devoted to maintaining cemeteries and monuments. Is my understanding accurate?

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

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