

Upcoming

COME ENJOY SPRINGDALE CEMETERY

Mindfulness Nature Walks

Join OSF Faith Community Nurse Randall McClallen as he guides you through Springdale. You'll learn about seasonal wildflowers, Peoria history, body and mind awareness and gravestone symbolism. Learn more and reserve your free spot on our website.

Military Memorial Service

The American Legion Post #2 and the Marine Corps will hold a brief memorial service at Soldiers Hill, featuring an honor guard, color guard and bugler.

Memorial Day Salute - 5K Race

Support the Fuller Center and local veterans by signing up for their 8th annual race through Springdale. Register and learn more at ivfuller.org.

Sunset Yoga

One of our most popular events is back! Join Soulside Healing Arts at our Gazebo Gardens and reach from the grass to the top of our grand oak trees. Read more about it on our website.

Dedication of Patriot Plaza

You're invited to join us on June 14, 2026, for the dedication of Patriot Plaza, as we honor our Revolutionary War patriots and celebrate their courage, sacrifice, and enduring legacy.

Juneteenth Driving Tour

Visit Springdale Cemetery this Juneteenth to honor notable Black residents whose lives of service, leadership, and perseverance helped shape the community's enduring legacy.

March thru October

Mondays & Fridays
by appointment

Sunday, May 24

2pm : Service

Monday, May 25

6:30am : Registration
8am : Race Start

May thru September

Fridays
6:30 - 7:30pm
\$15 suggested donation

Sunday, June 14

5:30 - 6pm : Dedication

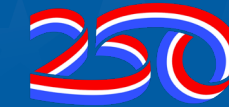
Friday, June 19

Up entire month of June
Visiting Hours 7am - 8pm



Springdale
CEMETERY & MAUSOLEUM

AMERICA
Veterans
Driving Tour



Patriot Plaza | Dedication June 14

Sunday, June 14
5:30 - 6pm



Stay Up to Date!

We have many things planned for Springdale this year. If you'd like to know the latest, please follow us on social media. We'll keep you up to date on events, share fun facts and highlight stories about the cemetery and its historical residents.

FOLLOW US



You can also share ideas about what you'd like to see at Springdale and sign up for our quarterly calendar of events by scanning the QR code to the left.



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Ways to Pay Tribute

Salute the flag. As always, we've lined the drive to Soldiers Hill with American flags and placed them on all veterans' gravesites located there.

Leave a flower. Since Springdale's first Memorial Day event in 1868, participants have left single flowers on veterans' graves. You're welcome to do the same.

Leave a coin. The tradition of placing coins on veterans' headstones dates to Roman times. Leave a penny for visiting a grave, a nickel if you were at boot camp together, a dime if you served together or a quarter if you were with them when they died.

Unmarked Veteran Graves

Capt. Roy B. Tisdell Veterans Campaign

You can visit a number of unmarked veterans (listed below) on this year's tour. To learn more please visit our website: <https://springdalecemetery.com> to help give the veterans the honor they deserve.

Peter L. Cashin - *Rose Hill*
WWI Army Veteran

Robert Henley - *Rose Hill*
WWII Veteran

James T. Matchem - *Rose Hill*
Vietnam War Army Veteran

John M. Swanson - *Rose Hill*
WWII Marine Corps Veteran

Forgotten No More

Veterans newly honored with grave markers.

Willie B. Heidelberg - *Rose Hill*
Vietnam War Army Veteran

Terry M. Stella - *Sermon on the Mount*
Vietnam War Army Veteran

Kenneth L. Townsend - *Good Shephard*
Vietnam War Navy Veteran

A DRIVE TO REMEMBER

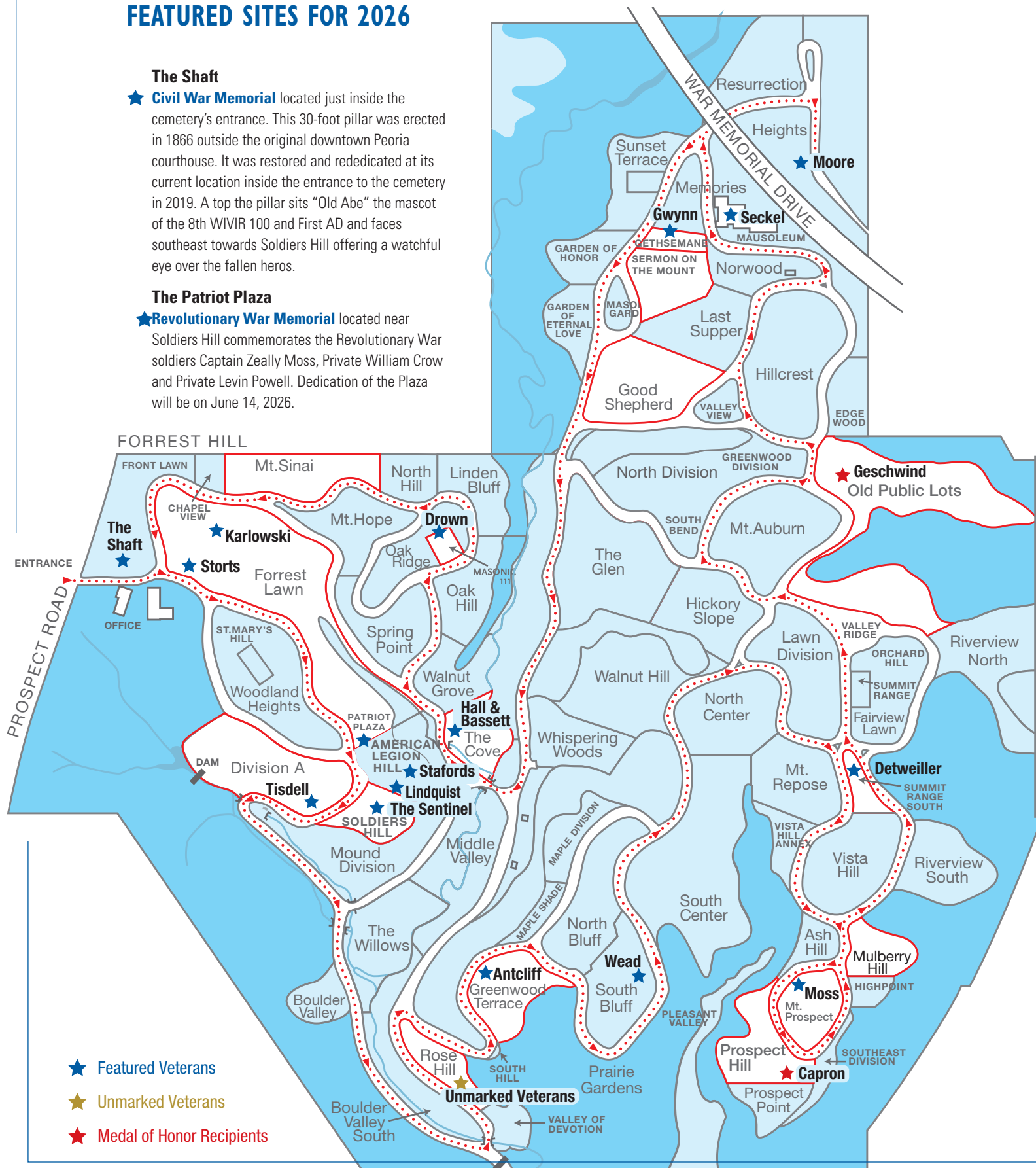
FEATURED SITES FOR 2026

The Shaft

★ **Civil War Memorial** located just inside the cemetery's entrance. This 30-foot pillar was erected in 1866 outside the original downtown Peoria courthouse. It was restored and rededicated at its current location inside the entrance to the cemetery in 2019. A top the pillar sits "Old Abe" the mascot of the 8th WIVIR 100 and First AD and faces southeast towards Soldiers Hill offering a watchful eye over the fallen heroes.

The Patriot Plaza

★ **Revolutionary War Memorial** located near Soldiers Hill commemorates the Revolutionary War soldiers Captain Zeally Moss, Private William Crow and Private Levin Powell. Dedication of the Plaza will be on June 14, 2026.



Cpl. Arthur L. Storts
★ **WWII Army veteran** who survived the Bataan Death March and was awarded multiple medals, including the **Purple Heart Medal, Pacific Campaign Medal with two Battle Stars, American Campaign Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, WWII Victory Medal** and **POW Medal**.

Sgt. Emmett Dimon
★ **WWII Marine Corps Sergeant** with the 2nd Marine Division, he was killed in action on Betio Island, Tarawa Atoll (1943). For his extraordinary heroism during one of WWII's fiercest battles, he was posthumously awarded the **Navy Cross**.

Maj. Eulalia "Lee" Smith
★ **U.S. Army Major** who served 20 years (1957-1977) through Vietnam and the Cold War, serving as EC Officer and Department Chief of Staff of Logistics at Headquarters, 5th Army. She was awarded the **Army Commendation Medal**.

F2C Ralph Lindquist
★ **WWI veteran** and Fireman 2nd Class aboard the U.S.S. Cyclops, he was lost at sea when the ship vanished without a trace on March 4, 1918 in one of the greatest non-combat losses of life in U.S. Naval history.

2nd Lt. Evelyn Stafford
★ **WWII veteran**, 2nd Lieutenant in the Woman's Army Auxiliary Corps (1943-1944), she was stationed at Fort Des Moines and Fort Huachuca, supporting administrative and training operations. She is remembered for her role in the early formation and development of women's Army service.

1st Lt. James Stafford
★ **WWII & Korea veteran** First Lieutenant in the U.S. Army (1943-1946), he served as adjutant with the 335th Station Hospital in Burma, supporting medical operations in the China-Burma-India Theater.

The Sentinel
★ **Civil War Memorial** dedicated in 1870 at Springdale's third Memorial Day event. This four-sided monument memorializes Peoria County's Civil War dead and stands watch over Soldiers Hill.

Capt. Roy B. Tisdell
★ **WWI Army veteran** with the 370th Infantry Regiment (Black Devils) of the 93rd Infantry, the only U.S. combat unit commanded entirely of Black officers. Gassed and wounded at the Meuse-Argonne Offensive, he was decorated with the **Purple Heart**, the **French Croix de Guerre with Star**, and the **French Fourragere**. American Legion Post 537 in Peoria bore his name.

Pvt. Arthur T. Antcliff
★ **Civil War Army veteran** who entered the military at age 14 and became a drummer boy—serving at Shiloh. He later founded the Peoria Brass Foundry & Heating Company and guided it as president until his retirement.

LCDR Frank Wead
★ **WWI & WWII veteran** and pioneering Navy aviator, setting world records in seaplane endurance and speed. After a 1926 injury ended his flying career, he became a Hollywood screenwriter and later served in WWII planning roles under Admiral Halsey.

Capt. Zeally Moss
★ **American Revolution veteran** who served in the Revolutionary forces from 1777 until the surrender of British General Cornwallis at Yorktown in 1781, at which he was present. Captain Moss is the father of well-known local figure Lydia Moss Bradley—founder of Bradley University.

1st Lt. Horace Capron, Jr.
★ **Civil War Army veteran** and **Medal of Honor** recipient. Killed in action in 1864, he was posthumously honored for bravery during combat at Chickahominy and Ashland (Virginia) in 1862. First Lieutenant Capron is the first of two Medal of Honor recipients buried at Springdale Cemetery.

Capt. Henry Detweiler
★ **Civil War Navy veteran** who became a pioneer steamboat captain on the Illinois River. Captain Detweiler later served as city treasurer and is best known as the namesake of Detweiler Park on Peoria's north side.

Capt. Nicholas Geschwind
★ **Civil War Army veteran** and **Medal of Honor** recipient. He received the honor for gallantry during the Siege of Vicksburg in 1863. Captain Geschwind is the second of two Medal of Honor recipients buried at Springdale Cemetery.

Lt. Albert Seckel, Jr.
★ **WWII Navy veteran** A Lieutenant who flew as a fighter pilot with VF-19 aboard the U.S.S. Lexington (CV-16) in the Pacific Theater. For extraordinary heroism in aerial combat he was awarded the **Navy Cross**—the nation's second highest military award for valor.

Nurse Marie E. Moore
★ **Spanish-American War** battlefield nurse, she provided medical care to the wounded in the Philippines under difficult wartime conditions. She is remembered for her compassion and resilience, including helping transform a coastal vessel into a makeshift hospital ship en route from Manila to Japan to Hawaii.

PFC John H. Gwynn, Jr.
★ **Korean War veteran** who became a tireless civil rights leader against segregation in central Illinois. He became president of the Peoria Chapter of the NAACP in 1961, serving more than 30 years in that position until retiring in 1993. Gwynn was also the Illinois NAACP president for 20-plus years.

Capt. John H. Hall
★ **Civil War veteran** of Sherman's March to the Sea who, upon his return to Peoria, founded the Fort Clark Horse Railway and served as an early superintendent of Springdale Cemetery.

Capt. Mark M. Bassett
★ **Civil War Army veteran** who participated in a spectacular tunnel escape of Union prisoners from Libby Prison at Richmond in 1864. Later, he served in the Illinois State Legislature and as a judge.

Pvt. Simeon Dewitt Drown
★ **War of 1812 veteran** known as "Peoria's First Historian" for conducting the city's first census in 1844. He later published the first book bound and printed in Peoria, "The Peoria City Directory for 1844."

Cpl. Katherine Karlowski
★ **WWII veteran** and Corporal in the U.S. Army Air Forces (1943-1945), she served in the European theater during the Rhineland Campaign. She was awarded the European-African-Middle Eastern Service Medal with one star, the Good Conduct Medal, and the WAAC Ribbon for her dedicated contribution to the Allied victory.