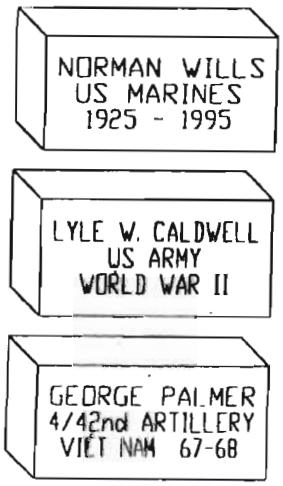
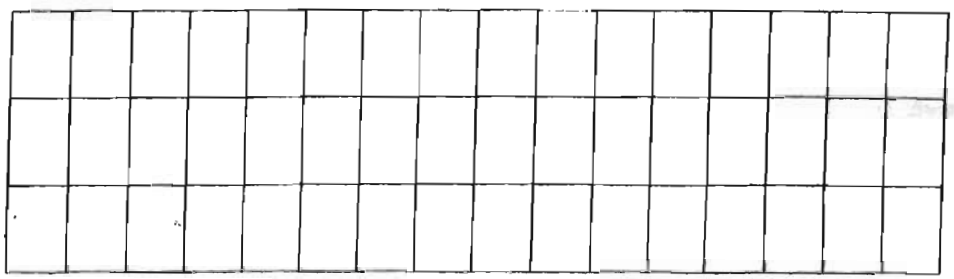
VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK

The Pender/Thurston area VFW and American Legion Posts and Auxiliaries are in the planning stages to build a Memorial Park to be located between the Legion Hall and the Post Office in Pender. The park will honor the men and women who have served in the armed forces of the United States. Incorporated into the park will be display areas for commemorative bricks; an artillery piece, tank or some other kind of military hardware; landscaping; statues; flag poles; park benches; etc. As soon as sufficient funds can be raised, a theme decided on and a design finalized, we will proceed with construction of the park. This is a very condensed agenda but is basically what will happen.

Funding for the park will come from the following:

1. Donations from individuals, families or organizations. Donators will be identified somewhere on the park site. Any and all donations will be accepted.
2. Sales of commemorative bricks. Bricks can have 3 lines of type with 16 characters or spaces per line. Bricks will cost $100 each (see examples below). To get the project started, bricks are on sale now. Use the form to give us the information to be printed on the brick. Send the form along with payment to the address below.
3. Sales of commemorative flagpoles, benches, statues, etc. Purchasers of any of these items will be identified with a plaque. The cost of these commemorative items are $2500.00 for flagpoles and $1500.00 for park benches.

Any person can be memorialized with a commemorative brick, flagpole, park bench, etc., military service is not a requirement. Direct any questions you might have concerning this to the Park Committee. You can contact anyone of the following people; Kenny Christiansen, Darrel Merry, Kenny Carlsten, L. G. Norman, Delores Hoefs, Tom Welsh, Sharon Heineman, LaVern Kubik, Leon Wichman, Herman Essmann or Gene Case.

The Memorial Park Committee is open to and welcomes any input or suggestions. If someone has an idea for a feature that we haven't touched on, let us know and it will be considered. The Park Committee will have final say on the park's design and features.

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