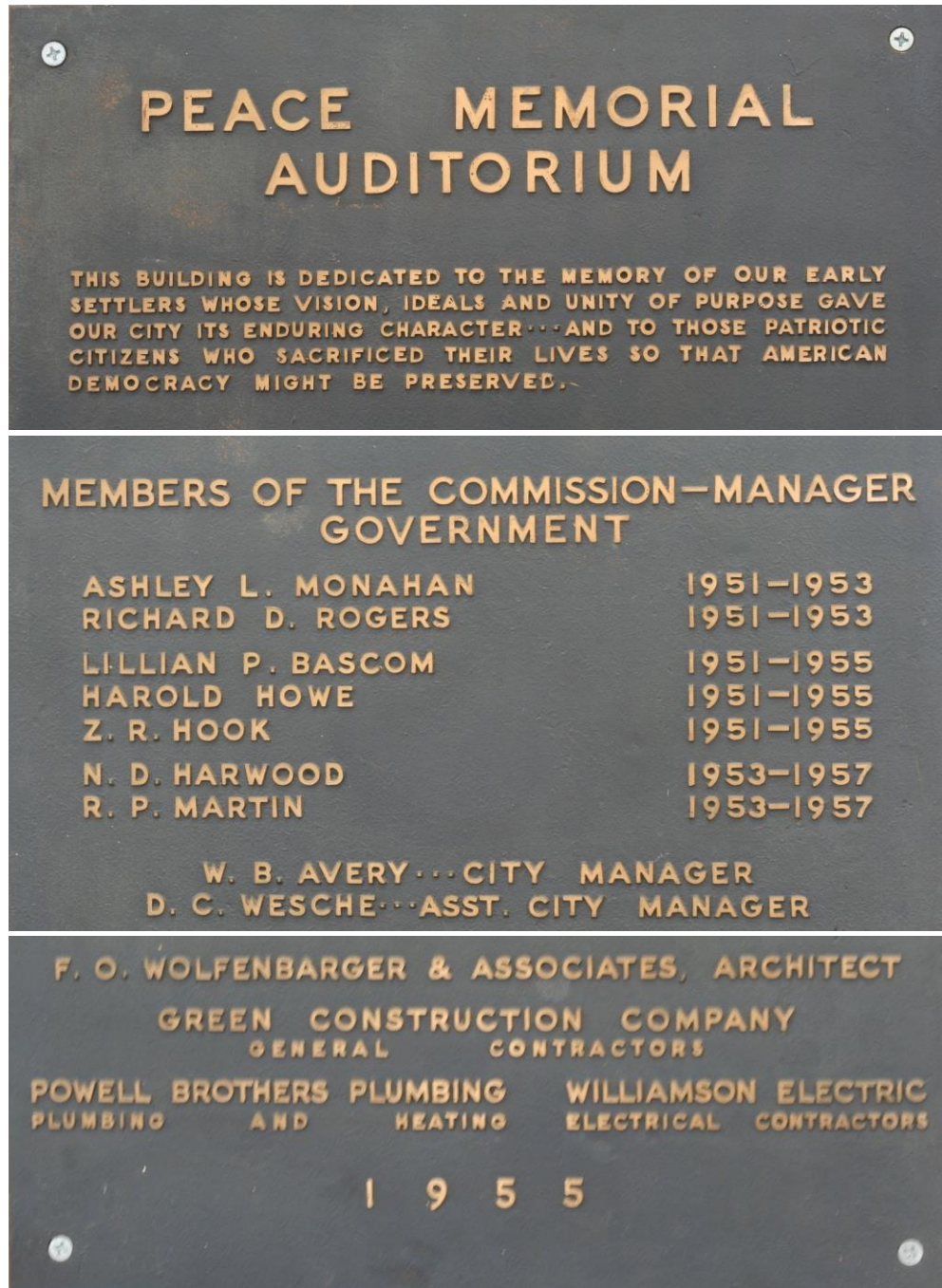


## Updating Peace Memorial Auditorium

### A concept

Peace Memorial Auditorium is located at City Hall and consists of two plaques, one placed in the foyer of the auditorium that houses the stage and basketball floor. The second is on the right of the front entrance to City Hall.



Billed by some as a World War II monument the plaque inside the building belies that interpretation. Some folks believe that the stage is a memorial, but the plaque clearly indicates that the building is the memorial. The plaque also indicates that the memorial is not for any specific war or event – the inscription reads ... ***to all citizens that gave their lives in defense of American Democracy.***

City Hall will undergo a renovation over the next year with the addition of new Parks and Recreation offices and the gymnasium stage area will be upgraded with new heating and air-conditioning. The Manhattan/Riley County Preservation Alliance appears to have taken on the project of rehabilitation of the stage, by championing a fund raising effort.

Many citizens expressed concern that Peace Memorial Auditorium was a Veteran's Memorial to World War II Veterans and that the city should update and maintain the memorial. As part of the building renovation project, some thought should be given to updating the memorial aspect of the building.

At least twenty-two monuments or memorials to Veterans are located in the Manhattan City Limits. This includes Kansas State University. A comprehensive list of monuments and memorials coupled with some historic artifacts could be placed in the foyer of the auditorium as part of the renovation effort.

When the Riley County Court House was renovated several years ago two commemorative boards from World War One and Two were removed and stored at the Riley County Historical Museum. The Boards can be referred to as the Gold, Silver and Blue Star Commemorative Boards. The Blue Stars indicate service in the war, Silver indicates wounded in action and Gold indicates killed in action. Restoring and adding these two boards to the Foyer of the auditorium along with a kiosk of information on Veteran' monuments and memorials would be a great addition to Peace Memorial Auditorium - the "Living Memorial.

The Foyer of the Peace Memorial Auditorium could be updated to contain a Kiosk, Peace Memorial Plaques and the WWI and WWII Gold, Silver and Blue Star Commemorative Boards. The boards could be mounted on either side of the existing plaque. Below the plaque a Kiosk could be installed. The Kiosk would contain information on each of the Veterans monuments/memorials located in the City limits as well as other historic information concerning individuals or events. Either touch screen or button activated the Kiosk would be linked to a website that would house photographs and other historic information. The kiosk would also include an interactive map providing, driving, bicycle and walking routes to the memorials and monuments. A slide show that contains photos of the majority of the monuments is located at the following link - <http://youtu.be/SYo1bC6B8Oo>

Attached are concept sketches for the Foyer and the Kiosk. Two lists of the Veterans Memorials are provided, one by category. This is a work in progress and any updates/corrections/additions to information provided are welcome.

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Foyer to Peace Memorial Auditorium-a concept: Add the WWI and WWII Gold, Silver and Blue Star Boards and an Electronic Kiosk Guide to Manhattan Veterans Memorials. Kiosk would have touch screen photos/guide map expanding to describe the memorial or monument.



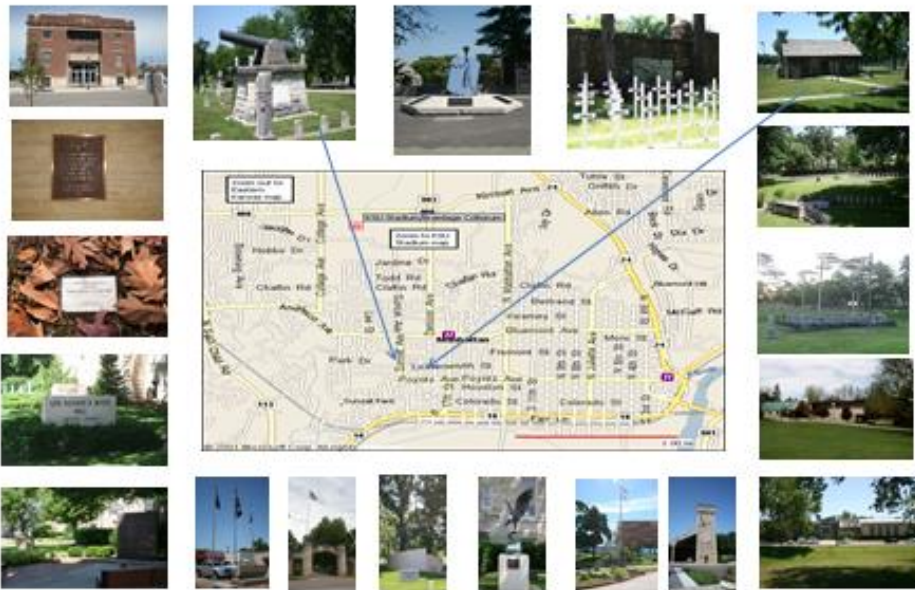
WWI Board

Peace Memorial Auditorium Plaque

WWII Board

Electronic Kiosk

Electronic Kiosk Guide to Manhattan Veterans Memorials Clicking on a picture or touching the picture would open up details from a linked website map is interactive



### **List of Veterans Monuments and Memorials (Twenty-Two)**

1. To Our Soldiers Community Building (Humboldt and Fourth Street)
2. Eagle Monument (Riley County Court House)
3. Riley County Veterans Monument (Riley County Court House)
4. Peace Memorial Auditorium (City Hall)
5. Union Soldier Monument (City Park)
6. Spanish American War Monument (City Park)
7. Manhattan High School Memorial Wall (School Photo, none of wall)
8. Union Soldiers Archway (Sunset Cemetery)
9. Defenders of the Union Monument (Sunset Cemetery)
10. Memorial Day Platform and Flag Pole –Sons of Union Veterans. (Sunset Cemetery)
11. The Gold Star Mothers Memorial (Sunset Cemetery)
12. American Legion War Memorial and Platform (Sunset Cemetery)
13. Memorial Stadium (KSU)
14. Vietnam War Plaque (KSU Student Union First Floor)
15. Col. Pearl Michael Shaffer Memorial (KSU) General Richard B Meyers Hall
16. Patrick K. Harrold Memorial - Vietnam Memorial (KSU) General Richard B Meyers Hall
17. World War I Photograph Memorial (KSU) General Richard B Meyers Hall
18. Danforth and All Faiths Chapels (WWII and Korea) (KSU)
19. World War II Memorial (KSU)
20. Vietnam Veterans Memorial (KSU)
21. William Grimm Memorial - Gulf War (KSU)
22. VFW Plaza (For Sale and Maybe removed)

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## **Veterans Memorials/Monuments By Category**

### **General or All Wars**

Peace Memorial Auditorium (City Hall)  
Eagle Monument (Riley County Court House)  
Riley County Veterans Monument (Riley County Court House)  
American Legion War Memorial and Platform (Sunset Cemetery)  
VFW Plaza

### **Civil War**

Union Soldier Monument (City Park)  
Union Soldiers Archway (Sunset Cemetery)  
Defenders of the Union Monument (Sunset Cemetery)  
Memorial Day Platform and Flag Pole –Sons of Union Veterans.

### **Spanish American War**

Spanish American War Monument (City Park)

### **World War I**

To Our Soldiers Community Building (Humboldt and Fourth Street)  
Memorial Stadium (KSU)  
World War I Photograph Memorial (KSU) General Richard B Meyers Hall

### **World War II**

World War II Memorial (KSU)

### **Vietnam**

Vietnam War Plaque (KSU Student Union First Floor)  
Vietnam Veterans Memorial (KSU)

### **Multiple Conflicts**

Danforth and All Faiths Chapels (WWII and Korea) (KSU)  
The Gold Star Mothers Memorial WWI, WWII, Korea and Vietnam (Sunset Cemetery)  
Manhattan High School Memorial Wall – WWI, WWII, Vietnam (West Campus )

### **Individual Monuments**

Col. Pearl Michael Shaffer Memorial (KSU) General Richard B Meyers Hall  
Patrick K. Harrold Memorial - Vietnam Memorial (KSU) General Richard B Meyers Hall  
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