

Funds Being Raised for Memorial Honoring Sabetha Veteran
(KNZA)--A fund-raising campaign has been launched for the erection of a memorial honoring a Sabetha veteran.

Sabetha American Legion Post 126, Sabetha VFW Post 7258 and the Sabetha Chamber of Commerce have announced plans for a “Sergeant Major Wilbur Bestwick Memorial.”

The 120 by 48 inch engraved limestone memorial is to be erected north of Sabetha near the Lane Trail marker.

An American flag and Marine Corps flag, which will be illuminated at all times, will grace the memorial. In addition, four benches will be placed around the memorial.

Bestwick graduated from Sabetha High School in 1932 and was first person to hold the title of Sergeant Major. The rank of “Sergeant Major” was first implemented in the Marine Corps in 1957.

According to a letter from the Sabetha American Legion and VFW, the Memorial will cost \$25,000 to \$30,000 and they are seeking sponsorship donations ranging from \$500 to \$5,000 to cover the cost.

The letter says an account has been set up at United Bank and Trust in Sabetha and ask that checks be made payable to Wilbur Bestwick Memorial and deposited into that account.

Organizers hope to complete the project by early next summer in order to have a dedication ceremony on Memorial Day 2017. However, say they can only proceed as donations are received.

Those with questions are asked to contact Sabetha American Legion Adjutant Randy Garber at 285-1238, Sabetha VFW Commander Jack Barnes at 285-1689 or the Sabetha Chamber at 285-0111.

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