



FOREST HILL MEMORIAL PARK



Located at 4503 Forest Hill Circle, the park is easily accessible via Interstate 20.

From the west, exit Forest Hill Drive. At the light, turn right. At the very next intersection (Forest Hill Circle), turn left. Proceed just past Hartman Street and the park will be on your left side.

From the east, exit Anglin Drive. Immediately after the stop sign, turn left to go over the Interstate 20 overpass. At the stop sign (Forest Hill Circle), turn left. Drive west just past Access Overhead Doors and the park will be on your right side.

Mapquest Link: <http://mapq.st/17zNDxt>

The Forest Hill Memorial Park is open daily from dawn until dusk.

The Forest Hill Memorial Park is open to every citizen in the United States to honor the military service contributions of the men and women of our armed forces as well as remember Forest Hill Public Safety Officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty. It is also a place to host multicultural festivities. Situated in the DFW Metroplex, the Memorial Park includes the engraved names of men and women who served in all branches of the US military (or who are currently serving) on monument panels; a monument honoring POW/MIA service members; and a monument honoring Forest Hill Public Safety Officers.

Within the City of Forest Hill, diversity and culture are fundamentally interrelated in everything we do – from city events and projects to programs offered at our library and churches.

Located in north central Texas, the community of Forest Hill serves a multicultural citizenry of almost 13,000; however, as a suburb of Dallas, Fort Worth and Arlington, our “neighborhood” totals over 2,100,000 people of multiple ethnicities.

Reflecting on the military conflicts the United States has experienced over the past century and those in which we are currently involved, the elected officials of the city began discussions about creating a place where groups, especially military in nature like Veterans of Foreign Wars Posts and the Tuskegee Airmen, could celebrate and seek out their cultural peers. Thus, a catalyst for attracting visitors to Forest Hill was born.

In March, 2012, the Forest Hill City Council tasked a committee of volunteers and staff members with creating Memorial Park that would honor Veterans of our city, those of our surrounding communities and cities across the United States, and our Public Safety officers. The Committee secured park space, completed architectural and design work, held a ground-breaking ceremony on November 9, 2012, completing construction of the Memorial Park on the 2.36 acre tract of land located at 4503 Forest Hill Circle in May, 2013. The park is built on land donated to the city in 2002 by the Samuel Gene Payte family. Mr. Payte was a successful real estate developer and U.S. Navy Veteran. He served as an Aviation Radioman and a Belly Machine Gunman during WWII.

Working on the beliefs that city parks are a public trust and must meet the public needs of a diverse population, the elements of the Memorial Park include the following:

- › A “Court of Honor” where panels honoring Veterans past and present are displayed. All branches of the United States military are celebrated with etchings of the names of those who served or who are currently serving.
- › A monument honoring POW/MIA service men and women.
- › A monument honoring Forest Hill Public Safety officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty.
- › A commemorative bald eagle display with Dedication Day information and a listing of donors who contributed to the project.

Additionally, the property has more than one acre of green-space surrounding the park that is used to host an array of city sponsored events, including entertainment, educational and those that are culturally themed.

It is the desire of city leaders that the Forest Hill Memorial Park will draw tourists to the park to pay tribute to Veterans from Forest Hill and every state in the country during all four seasons and to create an identity for itself thus becoming an image-builder for the city's COMMUNITY DRIVEN spirit and history. We work with area non-profits, schools, military organizations as well as police and fire associations to bring awareness of the Memorial Park and its purpose.

In the words of Mayor Gerald Joubert, "It is my hope that the Forest Hill Memorial Park will be a place where people from throughout the country will visit and offer their thanks to those who serve our country and our city."

As a thank you to our Veterans, the City of Forest Hill offers, at no charge, the engraving of your name or that of a loved one on our panels. The application form, along with supporting documentation (as stated on the application) must be completed and submitted to the city for inclusion. Applications are accepted at any time.

Please ***[Click Here](#)*** for the Forest Hill Memorial Park Veterans Engraving application.

Applications and supporting documents accepted:

Via email: vwehle@foresthilltx.org

Mail: Forest Hill Memorial Park
3219 California Parkway
Forest Hill, TX 76119

Donations to help defray the costs of engraving the names of our Veterans are always appreciated. Please ***[Click Here](#)*** for our donation form.

For more information, please call the City of Forest Hill at 817-568-3009.

To view more photos of the Memorial Park please click on the "Photo Gallery" tab under the "About Forest Hill" tab.