

# Portland Firefighter Memorial Plaza News

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*The Portland Fire-fighter Memorial Plaza is a place of tribute to Fallen Fire Chief David Campbell combined with a memorial wall sharing the names of all Portland Fire-fighters who have given their lives in service. The public plaza will be a place of remembrance, reflection, and interpretation of the vigilance of Portland Fire & Rescue's service to Portland.*

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## Dates of Importance

On June 26, 1911 marks the day Fire Chief David Campbell lost his life at the Union Oil Fire. It would take 17 years to create a memorial in his honor. The David Campbell Memorial at 1864 SW Alder Street would be dedicated on June 26, 1928. It has remained since, a testament to the vigilance of Portland Fire. The time has come to refresh its presence.

## A Project Budget

The process to build the Portland Fire-fighter Memorial Plaza and restore the David Campbell Memorial has continued to move forward. Our project management team has been able to procure the necessary information to finally create a construction budget target.

Over the past year, design work and the beginnings of the city approval processes, have continued. The DCMA has procured enough funds to move to the permitting/engineering phase. This will lead to construction of the actual Memorial Plaza.

The construction phase carries a cost of \$1.1 million. The DCMA is actively seeking partners, donors, and community grants to reach this goal. *If you are a potential donor, or know someone who would support our project, please contact the DCMA.* We would love to talk.

Donations can be made through the **DavidCampbellMemorial.org** website. The "Sponsors/Support" page offers a direct link to a donation portal. You can also contact the DCMA through the contact information in this newsletter.

To date, the DCMA has raised \$482,658 for this project. But our construction goal remains.

Our project will deliver three important outcomes:

1. Honor Portland's Firefighters who gave their lives in service.
2. Restore an important heritage site that is listed on the National Parks Service Registry of Historic Places.
3. Revitalize and restore a piece of the urban core of Portland, part of a much needed, larger agenda.

*On a related note*, if you've noticed the Memorial Triangle looking better these days, you can thank the city of Portland for providing a vandalism resistant trash receptacle, some neighbors who have consistently stopped to pick up trash and also report problems, and the Firefighters at the Portland Heights Fire Station, who offered to provide more direct care for the site as we move toward our finished Memorial. Many hands make the load light, as the saying goes. Thanks to everyone who have previously donated and shared support for this important place.

## The David Campbell Memorial Service (Changed Location)

On Wednesday, June 26, 2024 at 10:00 AM, the David Campbell Memorial will be held at the "Firefighters Section" of Lone Fir cemetery. The decision to hold our annual service at Lone Fir was due to the fencing currently surrounding the memorial. It would take too much time to remove and replace. Additionally, the lanterns have been removed for repair.

This is not the first time an alternate location has been used. In the 17 years prior to the memorial, the service would be held at Chief Campbell's grave in Riverview Cemetery. During street construction at 19th and Alder a few years ago, we also gathered at Lone Fir. This year's location is at 601 SE 26th Avenue. Follow the main road to the far west end. The Firefighters Section is marked with a flagpole and garden.

[www.DavidCampbellMemorial.org](http://www.DavidCampbellMemorial.org)

"David Campbell Memorial Association" on Facebook

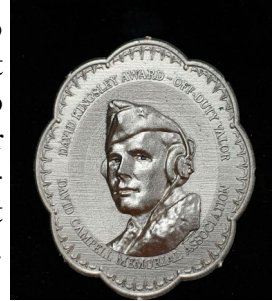
# Awards For Valor

Along with the development of the Portland Firefighter Memorial Plaza, the DCMA also issues Valor Awards for Portland Firefighters who have distinguished themselves both on and off duty. These



David Campbell Bronze Medal of Valor

awards are given on June 26th every year at the annual service to remember Portland's Fallen Firefighters. This year we have 3 unit awards along with a Bronze Medal for on-duty valor. We will also issue a David Kingsley Medal for Off-Duty Valor to a member who, while off-duty, placed his life at risk to save two Portland citizens. You can find more information about these awards and past recipients by visiting our website at [DavidCampbellMemorial.org](http://DavidCampbellMemorial.org). We also have a very special recognition that will be announced as the date gets closer.



David Kingsley Medal for Off-Duty

## The Goose Hollow Goose

A couple months back, the Goose Hollow Foothills League approached the DCMA with a compelling question: Could the Goose Hollow Goose find a nesting place at the Portland Firefighter Memorial Plaza? It didn't take long to answer that question with a resounding,



Yes! The DCMA, as does the Goose Hollow Foothills League, recognizes the value of collaboration and shared vision. Board members from both groups agreed, and plans are underway to create a place in the



Memorial Triangle for the Goose Hollow Goose to meet and greet both neighbors and visitors to the community. Formerly located on the Kings Hill Max platform, on the east face of Providence Park, The goose's nesting site was disrupted when Tri-Met decided to remove that Max stop completely. The goose was moved to storage until such time as a new home could be found. The DCMA was pleased to be asked and we should have plans to share in the near future, showing how the Goose Hollow Goose will once again be shared with the community.

## To Learn More...



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The development of the Portland Firefighter Memorial Plaza continues to grow and evolve. You can find additional information on the "David Campbell Memorial Association" Facebook Page. This also includes ways in which you can support this project and bring honor, recognition, and remembrance to all of Portland's Fallen Firefighters.

The David Campbell Memorial Association web site is another source of information. Find it at [DavidCampbellMemorial.org](http://DavidCampbellMemorial.org). And to speak to a member of the David Campbell Memorial Association, contact Don Porth, President, 503-805-8482 or [Don@PreventThink.com](mailto:Don@PreventThink.com)