

**Nelsonville Cemetery Association
Veterans Memorial Plaza with Columbaria**

Congregation Survey 2022

Questions/concerns regarding the overall project scope.

**Questions/concerns with any of the Individual Phases,
please note below:**

Phase I, Foundation Completion.

Phase 2, Veterans Memorial Circle Completion.

Phase 3, Columbarium Plaza Completion

**Comments and questions are welcomed.
Please use the back for additional space.**

Phase 1 – FAQ

- Can we only do foundation work for the Veterans' Circle?
We can limit the amount of foundation work initially done; however, we lose the cost reductions realized with economics of scale. We can anticipate doubling the cost of future foundation work by limiting the initial project scope.
- Can we omit the foundation work for the Columbaria?
We have discussed this at length with our contractors. If we are to incorporate Columbaria in our project, the foundations should be poured as part of the foundation work.
- Do we need 7 flag supports at the Veterans' Circle?
Currently there are 7 branches of service plus the American Flag and state flag. If we wish to fly all nine flags at once, we need to fly on at least 5 poles. We would fly 2 flags on all but the American Flagpole. Adding an additional 2 supports allows for more poles in the future. These supports are capped for safety until flagpoles are installed.
- Do we need the French drain if we eliminate the Columbaria?
We could eliminate the French drain; however, any additional construction in the future would hamper drainage and require a solution to avoid cracking the concrete.

Phase 2 – FAQ

- Will new veteran names be added to the monument as needed?
The Cemetery Association will add names to the Veterans Memorial approximately once a year. This will reduce cost of engraving.
- How will we provide lighting for the flags?
New solar light fixtures specifically made to mount on the tops of flagpoles are available and appear to work well. This type of light is used on the Nelsonville Village Hall flagpole.
- Who will be responsible for raising and lowering flags?
Because we are a volunteer organization, we hope to avoid this duty by not having a permanently displayed flag. However, if this option is requested, we hope volunteers will step forward to assist with this.

Phase 3 – FAQ

- Will the Cemetery Association provide guidance on Urn/Box sizes?
The Cemetery Association with the assistance of the selected Funeral Home will be available to ensure urns and boxes are the correct size.
- There is no possibility for additional decorations on Columbarium?
A review of area Columbaria shows that allowing additional embellishment is not desirable. For examples viewed to support this decision, please contact Karla Leppen. Any extraneous items placed on the memorial will be removed and discarded without notice.
- Who will be responsible for completing plaques/etchings at time of death?
The Cemetery Association will work with the Funeral Directors to contact suppliers contracted for this purpose. Initial plaque and etching will only be done by contracted suppliers.
- If I already have a ground lot and would like to exchange it for a columbarium niche, will I receive a break on the niche cost?
The Trustees are investigating possible pricing options including a discount for ground lots. The average grant fee paid for lots at Nelsonville is \$100.00. Only 3 lot grants have been written since the \$400/\$800 increase went into effect.