

LOCAL BOY SCOUT LAUNCHES SEARCH FOR VETERANS AND ACTIVE SERVICE PERSONNEL TO ADD TO TOWNSHIP MONUMENT

Troop 47 member, Jack Dougherty, is searching for active and retired military service personnel who meet certain credentials. Those who qualify will be honored by having their names added to the Shamong Township War Monument. In addition, Mr. Dougherty plans to clean the existing plaques on the memorial as well as clean and update the surrounding grounds.

Mr. Dougherty is also required to raise funds for this Eagle Scout project. You may contribute to this worthy project by making a check payable to Troop 47. Checks can be mailed to Jack Dougherty at 37 Breckenridge Drive, Shamong NJ 08088.

The stone monument is located in front of the original school house, also known as the 1921 Building, at the Indian Mills School.

The monument was originally conceived by the Indian Mills United Methodist Church in the late 1940s and later transferred to the township. In 1972, the Township enlarged the monument in order to honor additional soldiers.

Eligible candidates or their survivors must provide proof the soldier was a resident of Shamong Township at the time of deployment and also must provide proof of active service for at least 14 days in qualifying conflicts listed below:

- Operation Northern/Southern Watch (August 27, 1992 – March 17, 2003) *
- Operation Iraqi Freedom (March 19, 2003 – Ongoing) *
- Operation Enduring Freedom (Sept. 11, 2001 – Ongoing) *
- “Joint Endeavor/Joint Guard” – Bosnia & Herzegovina (Nov. 20, 1995 – June 29, 1998) *

- “Restore Hope” Mission – Somalia (Dec. 5, 1992 – March 31, 1994) *
- Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm Mission (Aug. 2, 1990 – Feb. 28, 1991) *
- Panama Peacekeeping Mission (Dec. 20, 1989 – Jan. 31, 1990) *
- Grenada Peacekeeping Mission (Oct. 23, 1983 – Nov. 21, 1983) *
- Lebanon Peacekeeping Mission (Sept. 26, 1982 – Dec. 1, 1987) *
- Vietnam Conflict (Dec. 31, 1960 – May 7, 1975)
- Lebanon Crisis of 1958 (July 1, 1958 – Nov. 1958)
- Korean Conflict (June 23, 1950 – Jan. 31, 1955)
- World War II (Sept. 16, 1940 – Dec. 31, 1946)
- World War I (April 6, 1917 – Nov. 11, 1918)

**Peacekeeping missions require a minimum of 14 days of service in the actual combat zone except where service-incurred injury or disability occurs in the combat zone, then actual time served though less than 14 days, is sufficient for purposes of property tax exemption or deduction.*

Shamong Township current and former residents who qualify should contact 609-654-7683. The deadline for inclusion is March 31, 2013 the project is slated to begin the spring of 2013, weather permitting.

Please submit proof of residency and military service to the Shamong Township Clerk at 105 Willow Grove Rd., Shamong, NJ 08088 for verification.

“I believe that it is our duty and our privilege to honor those who have served in the armed forces and have kept us safe. I would want every member of the armed forces who has ever lived in Shamong to be honored,” stated Jack Dougherty.