

Celebrating the History of the People of the Mahoning Valley

2015 Historic Preservation Awards Announced

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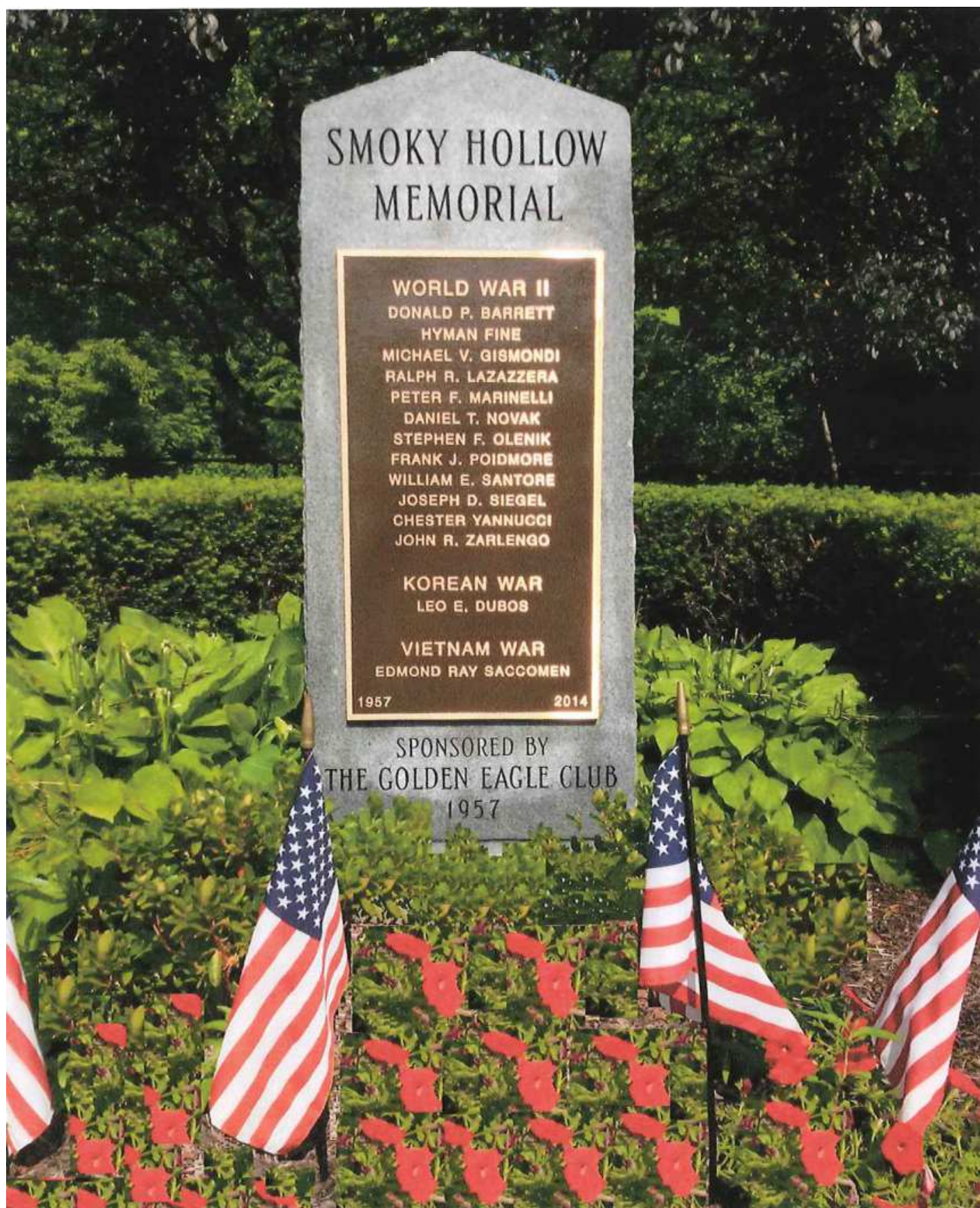


The Historic Preservation Committee of the Mahoning Valley Historical Society Board of Directors is pleased to announce the winners of the 2015 Historic Preservation Awards. These awards honor those in Mahoning and Trumbull Counties who take an active role in preserving historic buildings, sites, and districts. The winners will be honored at the Mahoning Valley Historical Society's 140th Annual meeting to be held on Tuesday, June 16th from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the Tyler Mahoning Valley History Center, 325 West Federal Street in downtown Youngstown. Reservations can be made by calling the Historical Society at 330-743-2589. The evening includes a dinner, the MVHS annual business meeting and the Historic Preservation Awards presentation. Cost is \$28 for MVHS members; \$32 for guests.

See all the award winners from the past ten years!
(<https://mahoningpreservation.wordpress.com/>)

The categories and 2015 winners are as follows:

Community Revitalization Award



(https://mahoninghistory.files.wordpress.com/2015/05/smokey-hollow-memorial_page_021.jpg)Smoky Hollow War Memorial

The memorial in Smoky Hollow lists residents of the Hollow who were killed in World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. It was found that the plaque on the memorial had one soldier's name wrong and was missing another WW2 soldier completely. Through extensive

genealogical research, Gerald Nunziato and Felix Lazazzera compiled information on all the soldiers including where they were born, where they went to school, their address in Smoky Hollow, date of enlistment, branch of the service, where they served, their assignment when they died, and where they are buried. The researchers were also able to get photographs of each soldier. All of this information has been compiled and is available in the MVHS Archives. A new plaque was made for the memorial that corrects Donald Novak's name to Daniel, adds Joseph Siegel, adds one soldier from the Vietnam War, and categorizes the names by the war in which they fought.

Commercial Revitalization Award



(<https://mahoninghistory.files.wordpress.com/2015/05/picture1.jpg>) The Raymond John Wean Foundation – Market Block Building

The Market Block building on Courthouse Square in Warren was built in 1868. The building evolved through a variety of uses and was sitting vacant in the late 2000's. In 2011 the Chesler Group of Cleveland purchased the building specifically to renovate it for the Raymond John Wean Foundation. The designers and architects restored original skylights, exposed the original masonry walls, and repurposed 1940's-era doors and original 1868 pocket doors. The finished building houses the offices of the Wean Foundation, additional office space for new initiatives funded by the Foundation, a community meeting space, conference rooms, break rooms, a fitness room, and reception areas.

MVHS Board of Directors' Award of Achievement

