

The purpose of the Starke County Veterans Memorial Plaza is to recognize all Starke County veterans who died of casualty while serving our country during a time of war or conflict from the founding year of our county, 1850 to present.

The following wars/conflicts will be recognized:

- Civil War (April 12,1861-April 9,1865)
- Spanish American War (April 21,1898-August 13, 1898)
- Philippine American War (February 4,1899-July 2,1902)
- WWI (July 28,1914-November 11, 1918)
- WWII (September 1,1939-September 2, 1945)
- Korean War (June 25,1950-July 27, 1953)
- Viet Nam War (November 1, 1955-April 30, 1975)
- Persian Gulf War (August 2, 1990-February 28,1991)
- Bosnian War (April 6,1992-December 14, 1995)
- Kosovo (March 5, 1998-June 11, 1999)
- Afghanistan (October 7, 2001-December 28, 2014) ?
- Iraq (March 20, 2003-December 18, 2011) ?

Casualty is defined as:

- ...died (no matter the cause) within the defined combat zone (varies based on dates).
- ...died while on a combat/combat support mission to/from the defined combat zone.
- ...died within 120 days of wounds, physical injuries, or illnesses incurred or diagnosed in the defined combat zone.

The names of veterans currently listed on the memorial located on the southwest corner of the courthouse will be included on the new memorial without further qualification.