

A New Carillon
Fort Snelling National Cemetery

The existing veteran's carillon at Fort Snelling National Cemetery was commemorated in 1986, but has been silent over 20 years due to an excavation error in 2003.

A new carillon was proposed by the American Legion Post 580, Chanhassen, Minnesota, and was vetted by the Department of Veterans Affairs. On February 13, 2023 approval was given to raise the funds for a replacement carillon. The Minnesota Veterans for Veterans organization (a 501-c19 organization) established an account on May 19, 2023 for all carillon donations. This organization and account satisfy the gambling commission requirements for recurring gambling funds as a donation. Additionally, donations from individuals qualify as being a tax deductible donation.

The carillon system will include new speakers for the existing carillon tower; underground speaker conduit from the administration building to the tower; a digital control system; and office installation. The total funds necessary for this effort are approximately \$90,000. All funds raised will be solely for the new carillon and will be utilized only when the mission amount is raised. Any amounts raised but not used will be returned to American Legion Post 580 for philanthropic use.

Currently there are over 210,000 veterans buried at Fort Snelling, and their tombstones remain a lasting symbol of the cost of freedom. Additionally, over 200,000 visitors visit the cemetery annually. In the next twenty years, 4 million loved ones and visitors will once again hear the carillon playing inspirational, reverent, and patriotic music honoring the veterans' service to our country.

Donations can be sent to:

American Legion Post 580 Carillon Fund
290 Lake Dr. E
Chanhassen, Mn 55317

Your support in honoring our heroes of the past and future generations will be greatly appreciated.