

Dave Clifford Veterans Memorial Park Dedication Ceremony August 18th, 2019



On March 4, 2019, the Village of Suffern Board of Trustees proudly named Point Park in honor of life-long resident and United States Navy Veteran David Clifford. David (Dave) Clifford was born in 1935 in Suffern and was a life-long resident of the Village. With dedication and commitment, David Clifford proudly served his country as a member of the United States Navy during the Korean War. Following completion of his military service, David Clifford joined the Suffern Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 2973 in 1957; the post his father, John Clifford, a WWI Veteran, helped to establish in 1934.

Dave Clifford's love and passion for the Village of Suffern was unsurpassed. He wanted the Village of Suffern to always look its best and desired to preserve our history. He volunteered his time to our community and set up for Village of Suffern events - loading his truck at the Village Hall with chairs, speakers, and podiums. Dave was actively involved in the Airmont Cemetery Project Team which resulted in the creation of pathways that provide greater accessibility to disabled, elderly veterans, and those visiting the gravesites of their loved ones. Dave desired to improve, enhance, and beautify Suffern's local parks and veterans' monuments including Memorial Drive Park, Village of Suffern Soldiers Monument, and Point Park. Sadly, he passed away on August 30, 2018 before he could see his plans accomplished.

Since his passing, the members of Suffern VFW Post 2973 have worked to keep his dreams alive including the September 2018 placement of plaques near the Suffern Football Field dedicated to two Suffern Graduates who died serving their country in Vietnam, improvements and repairs to the Soldiers Monument at Lafayette Avenue and Washington Avenue including new sidewalks and repairs to the steps and stone walls, and the installation of a new monument including benches and lights to illuminate the flag at Point Park to honor all veterans including those who are still serving in the Global War on Terrorism.

It is with honor that the Village of Suffern, along with VFW Post 2973 and American Legion Post 859, will dedicate the Dave Clifford Veterans Memorial Park on August 18, 2019 in memory of Dave Clifford's commitment to his country, fellow veterans, family, friends, and the Village he so loved.