

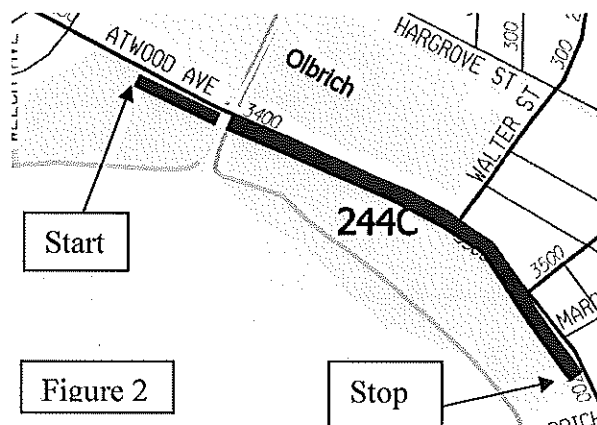
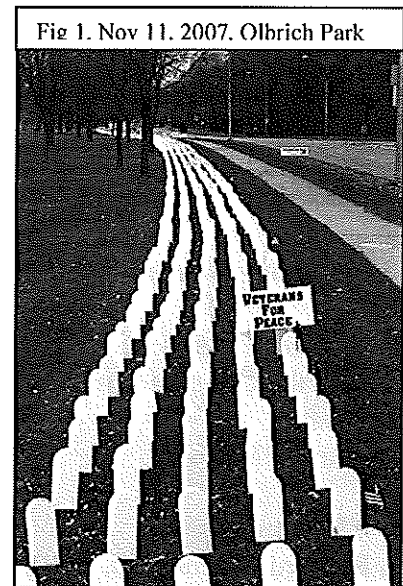
Proposal by Madison Veterans for Peace Chapter 25 for a Memorial Day-Week 2010 Observation

Memorial Day is Sunday May 30 and it is observed Monday May 31. We plan to observe it with a ceremony on May 31 in James Madison Park as VFP has traditionally done. We propose to the Parks Commission a week-long "Memorial Mile" gravestone display in Olbrich Park along Atwood Avenue, as we did there twice before (Veterans Day 2007, Memorial Day 2008) and well as twice at Forest Hill Cemetery (Veterans Day 2008, Memorial Day 2009).

We propose to install the gravestones Saturday May 29, and remove them Saturday June 5.

What: This is a week-long public installation of >5413 gravestone replicas to remember the lives of the U.S. service members killed in Iraq and Afghanistan during the current war. (As of March 25, figures are: Iraq 4386 and Afghanistan 1027). Veterans for Peace last organized this event here in May 2008, where it was in place for a week. (Fig 1 shows the Nov 2007 event)

Where: South/southwest side of Atwood Avenue, ~3300 to 3700 block, on the grass adjacent to the sidewalk, away from the street; starting just east of Lakewood Ave (Fig 2), interrupted by Starkwater Creek and the driveway to the parking lot/boat ramp, continuing, interrupted by Walter Street, continuing to the end of part property just before the Eastside Club.



Details: gravestones made of lightweight corrugated plastic, 8" wide and 14" tall, using 2 3/16" diameter metal rods 3" depth in ground for each. The gravestones of the 102 Wisconsin war dead would be marked with small Wisconsin flags. To accommodate >5413 gravestones in the 2850' along Atwood Avenue, we would position >1083 rows with 2' 6" spacing between rows, with 5 in a row, with 10" between gravestones in each row, making the row 6'8" across. We would have a 4' setback from the sidewalk (see Fig 1). We will erect a small tent (approx 12 ft. x 12 ft.) near the

parking lot next to the tennis courts which will be manned by VFP when possible. Watches will be positioned at night to prevent vandalism and emergency contact information will be promulgated.

Installation and removal: We would assemble ~3 dozen volunteers to set up the gravestones the morning of Saturday May 29; depending upon ground conditions this could take 3-6 hours. We would use the park's southeast (tennis courts) parking lot as staging areas for a limited number of vehicles carrying supplies, and will request volunteers to park in the Olbrich Gardens parking lot so as not to interfere with boaters using the northwest Olbrich Park lot. We would assemble volunteers to remove the gravestones the morning of June 5 and again have them use Olbrich Gardens parking lot.

Grass Cutting: At this time of year the grass may grow quickly during the week of the installation. We have members who have volunteered to trim the grass if necessary during the week with mowers and weedwackers (the rows are spaced to permit a normal size lawnmower between them).

Signage: At the beginning and end, there will be signs indicating "Memorial Day 2010- Vets for Peace – Madison " and contact info. The gravestones will be demarked with signs indicating major events and either Afghanistan or Iraq. Small Wisconsin state flags will mark the gravestones of the fallen Wisconsin service members.

Cleanup: During the removal, the area will be swept thoroughly and everything removed, including any flowers that have fallen on the grass.

Personnel: As we did previously, we would organize volunteers to be present 24-7 at a central location, to discuss the memorial with interested members of the public, adjust any blown over signs, etc.

Ceremony: There will be no ceremony at Olbrich Park.

Insurance: As we did in November, we will have a \$1,000,000 general liability insurance policy, with the city named as an insuree.

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