# WELCOME TO WASHINGTON PARK ON THE SHORES OF BEAUTIFUL LAKE MICHIGAN IN MICHIGAN CITY, IN

#### TOUR THE MANY HISTORICAL SITES & MONUMENTS

1. To enter the park you will be crossing over Trail Creek, called *Riviere du Chemin* (Trail of the River) by the early French and Indians, on the *George Washington Bicentennial Bridge* built in 1932.





2. At the foot of the bridge you will see the *Winterbotham Monument* dedicated 31 May 1893. The inscription on the front, lakeside, reads "In memory of the Soldiers of the Civil War who gave their services to perpetuate the union of the States." On the bridge side it reads "This monument is the gift of John H. Winterbotham to Michigan City." It was designed by M. Muldoon of Louisville. It is made of finest quality Vermont grey granite weighing 76 tons and stands 65' from the ground to the top of the olive branch. Above the tablets is a cylindrical bronze belt cast in figures representing scenes of the war including shields of the United States and Indiana, a stand of cannons and accoutrements of battle.

Many soldiers portray the uprising of the north, responding to the call of arms; people of all conditions of life leave their occupations; the farmer his plough, the blacksmith his forge, to take up arms in response to the call parting from his parents, sweethearts, wives and children. Above this in Latin "It is sweet and glorious to die for one's country." Victorious peace is typified by the statue of "Peace" waving an olive branch.

#### Turn right on Lake Shore Drive. On your left you will see:

3. The Old Band Stand designed by H.M. Miles and dedicated 6 July 1911. 10,000 persons attended the first concert on the new band stand.

The Haskell & Barker Band, renamed the Michigan City Municipal Band, held weekly summer band concerts here 1911-1978 when they moved to a modern Amphitheater further east in the park. Local, state and national Questers spearheaded a drive to finance the renovation and preservation of the band stand as their Bicentennial project. It continues to be used for special concerts and other occasions.

#### As you turn left on the Park Entrance Road, on your left you will see:



4. A statue of the WWI "Doughboy." The Service Star Legion (War Mothers) spearheaded a fund drive to erect this monument so that the memory of the deceased soldiers, who made the supreme sacrifice during the World War, may be kept fresh and the deepest tribute of love and respect be paid them at all times. They unveiled the monument on Armistice Day, 11 Nov. 1926. The shaft consists of three stones with a life-sized figure of a "doughboy" on top and measures 22" in height. It is made of Northern Pearl granite with a base of Bedford marble. A double copper lined box was placed in a chiseled opening in the base and doubly sealed therein. It contains the names of the servicemen, names of Michigan City's Gold Star Mothers and War Mothers of the Service Star Legion, along with history of the monument all written in water-proof ink on parchment.

The bronze "doughboy" is in full battle uniform and the bronze American Eagle with two crossed cannons is below. The inscription reads: "Lest we forget 'Our Boys' who answered their country's call in the World War 1917

– 1918" And near the base "Sponsored by the Service Star Legion War Mothers of Michigan City, Ind. A.D. 1926."

### Continue straight on the road to the Lakefront. As you turn left you will see:



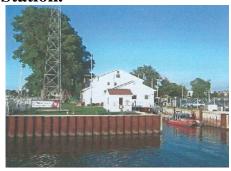


Winter 2012-13

Winter early 1900's

5. The Michigan City East Pierhead Light and Fog Signal Tower with Attached Elevated Walkway "Catwalk" was built in 1904 and placed on the National Register of Historic Places by the United States Department of the Interior on 17 Feb. 1984. The "Catwalk" was in danger of demolition by the U.S. Coast Guard, but the local "Save the Catwalk" fund drive raised the funds to restore and illuminate it and established an endowment fund for its preservation. The U.S. Coast Guard has donated both the East Pierhead Light and Fog Signal Tower with Attached Elevated Walkway to the City of Michigan City.

Follow the road past the boat basin turning right on Browne Basin Road to #2 Winterbotham Monument. Turn left on Heisman Harbor Drive until you come to the Monument Circle and U.S. Coast Guard Station.



6. A U.S. Life-Saving Station was built on the site in 1889 to monitor shipping and help the local populace in times of need with a small crew of

only seven men. In 1915 it was adopted into the newly formed U.S. Coast Guard. The station was completely rebuilt in 1988 and now has a Crew of 20 men and women who cover a 300 square nautical mile area on Lake Michigan. They average 80 search and rescue cases and 235 law enforcement boardings each year.

## Immediately in front of the U.S. Coast Guard Station is the Monument Circle.



7. This Memorial Plaza dedicated to all Veterans by a grateful community was dedicated Veterans' Day 11 Nov. 1994. In the center is a monument honoring Vietnam War Medal of Honor recipient Pfc. Daniel D. Bruce. On the front is his citation and on the reverse is a list of local servicemen who lost their lives in Vietnam. Beginning on the right side of the center walk are monuments honoring all the branches of service and the POW-MIA. Please note: Please note: The original Bruce memorial was replaced and rededicated on May 20, 2014.

7. Front – PFC Daniel D. Bruce May 18, 1950 – March 1, 1969

Plaque – Private First Class Daniel D. Bruce United States Marine Corps

Rank and Organization: Private First Class, U.S. Marine Corps. Headquarters and Service Company, 3d Battalion, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division. Place and Date: Fire Support Base Tomahawk, Quang Nam Province, Republic of Vietnam, 1 March 1969. Entered service at: Chicago, Ill. Born 18 May 1950, Michigan City, Ind.

Citation: For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while serving as a mortar man with headquarters and service company 3d Battalion, against the enemy. Early in the morning PFC. Bruce was on watch in his night defensive position at Fire Support Base Tomahawk when he heard movements ahead of him. An enemy explosive charge was thrown toward his position and he reacted instantly, catching the device and shouting to alert his companions. Realizing the danger to the adjacent position with its 2 occupants, PFC. Bruce held the device to his body and attempted to carry it from the vicinity of the entrenched Marines. As he moved away, the charge detonated and he absorbed the full force of the explosion. PFC. Bruce's indomitable courage, inspiring valor and selfless devotion to duty saved the lives of 3 of his fellow Marines and upheld the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the U.S. Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country.

Posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor by the President of the United States, Richard M. Nixon on February 16, 1971.

Interred in Greenwood Cemetery Michigan City, Indiana

7. Reverse – Various services symbols at top.
These our boys who gave their lives in the service of our country during The Vietnam Conflict from Aug. 5, 1964 to Aug. 15, 1973

Cpl. Bobby G. Baker Pfc. Lawrence C. Free Sgt. Donald E. Harper Jr. 1st Lt. Thomas R. Keppen Pfc. Joseph Kraemer Pvt. Larry E. McCoy L/Cpl. Lawrence J. Putz Jr. Pfc. Kenneth L. Scott L/Cpl. Karl R. Von Martz Sgt. Robert E. Birkholz Pfc. Gary R. Clifford SP/4 Robert J. Dorshak Pfc. Freddy R. Gore Pfc. Edison R. Harkins III Sgt. Fred R. Kvocka Pvt. Marvin R. McCoy SP/4 Ronald G. Pahl SP/4 Charles Pearce Jr. Pfc. John D. Retseck Sgt. Ralph E. Roach SP/5 Dennis W. Santow SP/4 Philip Tomaszewski SP/5 Glenn A. Westphal Pfc. Earl C. Wilson SP/4 Aaron C. Smith Pfc. Johnny W. Thompson Sgt. Philip W. Pier Sgt. Roger W. Pedue SP/4 Vincent L. Mager Pfc. Bruce E. DeRolf Lt. Robert E. Akins Jr. Pvt. Marven R. McCay Sgt. Donald J. Trampski MIA

Monuments beginning on the right side of the center walk:



Dedicated to all men and women Dedicated to all men and women who have served their country as who have served their country as active or reserve members of the active or reserve members of the United States Marine Corps United States Army



Dedicated to all men and women Dedicated to the men and women who have served their country as of all branches of U.S. Military active or reserve members of the service who have suffered enemy United States Air Force imprisonment...and to those whose fate is still unknown



Dedicated to all who have served in Dedicated to all men and women wartime support of America's fighting who have served their country as men and women as members of the active or reserve members of the United States Merchant Marine United States Coast Guard



Dedicated to all men and women who have served their country as active or reserve members of the United States Navy

Continue to follow the road as it curves to the left and enter the Old Lighthouse Museum parking lot on your right. Enter the museum grounds to view two more monuments along the fence.



8. The plaque on the small stone reads: In memory of The Grand Army of The Republic by Lucretia Williams Tent 38 Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861- 1865. At the top of the plaque is D of U V (Daughters of Union Veterans).

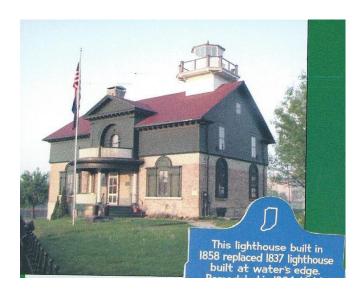


9. The plaque on this monument features a Spanish-American War soldier ready for battle in front of the Battleship *Maine* which gave rise to the battle cry of the war "Remember the Maine." At the top is the design of the flag holder for a veteran's gravestone which reads Spanish War Veteran 1898 - 1902 Army United Navy USA Philippine Islands Puerto.

The plaque reads: "You triumphed over obstacles which would have overcome men less brave and determined" President McKinley. Dedicated

to United Spanish War Veterans by Sheldon Morris Durbin Auxilliary 1936 Sheldon Morris Durbin enlisted in the war at age 14 and after 3 months' Service was honorably discharged on account of ill health and died at age 17.

After viewing these monuments be sure to visit the Old Lighthouse Museum with its many displays both on the grounds and on the inside two floors depicting many aspects of a working lighthouse, local history and the area's nautical history including the launching of the Great Lakes' First Submarine.



10. On 5 Nov. 1974 the Old Lighthouse was placed on the National Register of Historic Places because of its historically significant architecture and association with lake transportation. On 9 June 2013 it celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a museum. In 1963 it was purchased by the City of Michigan City for historical purposes and is operated and maintained under lease agreement by the Michigan City Historical Society, Inc. The City of Michigan City also became the owner of the East Pierhead Light Tower (2012) and Elevated Walk (1995).

The lighthouse plaque reads: This lighthouse built in 1858 replaced 1837 lighthouse built at the water's edge. Remodeled in 1904. Light placed at end of pier. Seven keepers and fourteen assistant keepers served here 1837 – 1940.

# ADDITIONAL MONUMENTS TO BE FOUND IN MICHIGAN CITY, IN DEDICATED TO THE LIVING AND DEAD VETERANS OF VARIOUS WARS



#### CHRIST THE CONSOLER WORLD WAR I MEMORIAL

Located on the parish grounds of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church, E. 10<sup>th</sup> & Buffalo St.

Front tablet 1917 [cross] 1919

IN PIAM MEMORIAM
ERECTED TO THE GREATER GLORY
OF GOD
AND IN MEMORY OF THESE FOUR
YOUNG MEN OF ST. MARY'S PARISH
WHO MADE THE SUPREME SACRIFICE

BENNO TIMM PAUL DARRON CLEMENT OSOSJOHN KNOLL

OF THEIR LIVES FOR GOD AND COUNTRY

AND IN HONOR OF ALL THOSE FROM THIS PARISH WHO IN THE ARMY AND NAVY SERVED THEIR COUNTRY IN THE GREAT WAR ENDING NOVEMBER THE 11<sup>TH</sup> 1918

AUSPICE K OF C COURT NO 837 BY ST. MARY'S PARISH REV. A. M. ELLERING PASTOR

#### East tablet

#### 1917 HONOR ROLL 1919

#### OF ST. MARY'S PARISH

#### REV. S. J. RYDER U.S.A. CHAPLIN

REV. S. J. RYDER U.S.A. CHAPLIN				
ADRIAN VALERRYU.S.		GUTSELL LEE	U.S.A.	
AKE LEO		HAGEN WILLIAM		
ALLEN FRANK		HART CHARLES		
BADUR EDWARD		HARWAS JOHN		
BLOCK FRANK		HARWAS FRANK	U.S.N.	
BLOCK GEORGE		HARWAS LOUIS	U.S.A.	
BLOCK JOHN		HEEG CLEMENT		
BUCKLEY JAMES		HEEG HENRY		
<b>BUKOWSKI LAWRENC</b>	E'''	HEALION ELMER		
BURKETT GEORGE		HEALION WILLIAM		
CASSIDY HUGH		HOCK JOHN		
CHRISTNER EDWARDU	J.S.N.	JASKE FRANK		
CHRISTNER RICHARD	U.S.A.	KARRAS HENRY		
JOHN CONBOY	U.S.N.	KENEFICK WILLIAM		
COONEY EDWARD	U.S.A.	KENEFICK JAMES		
CUSH STANLEY	U.S.N.	KEPP JOHN		
DANT BERNARD	U.S.A.	KERRIGAN JOHN M.D.		
DANT JOSEPH		KERRIGAN PAUL		
DARRON VICTOR		KIENITZ LOUIS		
DOHERTY EDWARD		KINTZELE RAYMOND	U.S.N.	
DOHERTY KEVIN		KNOLL ANDREW A.	U.S.A.	
DONNELLY ROBERT	U.S.N.	KNOLL ANDREW J.		
DRAETER ALOYSIUS	U.S.A.	KRAMER CLARENCE		
DREWS JOSEPH		KRANTZ FRANK		
EGLE HARVEY		KRUEGER DONALD	U.S.N.	
EISELE HENRY		KRUEGER PAUL	U.S.A.	
ESSLING NICHOLAS		LA GESS EARL	U.S.N.	
FINSKE CARL		LA GESS THOMAS	U.S.A.	
FINSKE LOUIS		LAVERY JAMES		
FINSKE WILMER	U.S.N.	MACK GRANT		
FARRELL FRANK	U.S.A.	MADGINSKI JOHN S.		
FISCHER CLEMENT		MADGINSKI JOHN		
FOGARTY PAUL		MADGINSKI PETER		
FOLDENAUER MARTIN' ' '		MARSKE LEO	U.S.N.	
GAJEWSKI EMIL		MARSKE JOHN		
GILLESPIE CLYDE		MARSKE JOSEPH		
GLUGLA ARTHUR		MAXWELL EDWARD	U.S.A.	

#### West tablet

#### 1917 HONOR ROLL 1919

#### OF ST. MARY'S PARISH

McCrory Charles	U.S.A.	RETSECK WALTER	U.S.A.
McCRORY LOUIS		ROBOWSKI FRANK	U.S.N
McGONAGAL JERRY		RYAN JOHN	U.S.A
McLAUGHLIN JOSEPH		RYAN CORNELIUS	
MELINSKY JOSEPH		SAVINSKI GEORGE	U.S.N.
MICHAELY LEO		SCHMIDT PHILIP	
MILLER EDWARD		SCHAETH ROMAN	
MORRISON LEO		SEIMETZ LEO	U.S.A.
MULLEN T. C.		SEIMETZ HENRY	
MUTCH LAWRENCE		SEITZ LEO	
MARTIN EDWARD		SMUTZER LOUIS	
MARTIN FRANK		SPANG FRANK	
NESPO FRANK		SULLIVAN JOHN	
NOVITZKE LEO		TIMM WALTER	
<b>OBRINGER LAWRENCE</b>	E U.S.N.	TRUNK WALTER	
OLIGER FRANK		WAGNER JOSEPH	
OLIGER ULYSSES		WELLNETZ EDWARD	
OSOS ALOYSIUS	U.S.A.	WEIZEL HERMAN	
OSOS PAUL	U.S.N.	WENTLAND JOSEPH	
PAHS AUGUST		WIESE GEORGE	
PAHS STEPHEN	U.S.A.	WIESE JOHN	
PACHOLKE LEO		WILL CARL	
PAWELSKI JOSEPH		WILL REX	
PASORSKE CLARENCE	U.S.N.	YOST FRANK	
PIZAREK ALEXANDER	U.S.A.	ZOCH ALFRED	U.S.N.
PHALEN JOSEPH		ZOCH RALPH	U.S.A.
PHILLIPS WALTER			
PHILLIPS WILLIAM	U.S.N.	K OF C SECRETARIES	
RADTKE JOSEPH	U.S.A.	KRUEGER RUDOLPH	
RANK GEORGE		McCORMACK JAMES	
RENKAWITZ ANTHONY	Y ' ' '	MICHAELY GEORGE	
RENKAWITZ FRANK			
REISER FRANK		FOGARTY MARY FLO	NAVY
REISER GEORGE			
RIECHEL JULIUS		CONBOY MARY	
RILEY FRANCIS		KENNEDY ALICE <sup>ARMY</sup>	NURSES
RILEY HERBERT			
RETSECK HENRY		MULQUEEN ALEXINA	ORDN DEF
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#### WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL

Located at the entrance to St. Stanislaus Cemetery 1015 Greenwood Ave. Michigan City, IN

#### **WORLD WAR II MONUMENT**

"In memory of our heroes who died for their country in World War II. May they rest in peace."

T/Sgt. Frank Skwiat - 5-1943
Ens. Ed. P. Komasinski - 12-1943
G.M. 1/c Ted Pytynia - 1-1944
E.M. 2/c Matthew S. Pawlik - 3-1944
S/Sgt. Leo Wantuch - 4-1944
S/Sgt. Henry Granacki - 6-1944
Cpl. Stanley Bartuzik - 7-1944
Pvt. Edward Skwiat - 9-1944
Pvt. George Granacki - 12-1944
Pvt. Henry P. Guth - 12-1944
P.F.C. Clement Groch - 1-1945
Cpl. John Smiertelny - 1-1945

Pvt. Edwin Nawrocki - 2-1945 S/Sgt. Micheal Jankowski - 3-1945 P.F.C. Edward Pawloski - 5-1945 M/M 3/c John T. Groch - 7-1945 LT. Wlad. J. Baranowski - 1-1946 Sgt. Clement C. Dreyer - 5-1944 Sgt. George Janatik - 9-1944 PFC. James J. Firanek - 9-1947 Sgt. Joseph Block - 6-1945 Cpl. Edward Shebel - 9-1944 Sgt. Matthew Szymaszek - 7-1944

Mothers of World War II, Inc. Polish American Unit 157 Michigan City, Indiana

The veterans memorialized here were all members of St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish.

## GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL

Located in Greenwood Cemetery Section "S" Tilden Ave. & Decatur St.







This memorial was dedicated Memorial Day 31 May 1926 to perpetuate the memory of scores of Civil War veterans who lie buried in Greenwood Cemetery. The memorial is of the original designed many years by the local G.A.R. post. Only 4 members were still alive to see the dedication. It stands 26' high with a life-sized Union Soldier on top. The entire monument is of Vermont marble except for the red Ozark mountain marble upon which the

names of all the Michigan City soldiers who have fought in the Civil War are inscribed on three sides. On the front it reads: "One Country One Flag" Below this is seen the G.A.R. badge displaying at the top the American eagle, cross cannons with cannon balls and the U.S. flag of the Civil War period. Below this it reads: "Sponsored by Women's Relief Corps Geo. V. Rawson Post 46 Dept. Ind. GAR1861-1865"

The cost of the \$5,000 memorial was financed from the Civil War Veterans Reserve Fund, the Women's Relief Corps, Service Star Legion (War Mothers) and other local citizens.

#### WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL

Located in entrance circle
Greenwood Cemetery
Tilden Ave. & Decatur St.



The campaign for this memorial began during the war and was revived by War Mothers II, Unit 114 and other organizations in 1947. It was dedicated 7 Nov. 1948. Design chosen by Gold Star Mothers. This monument is "Dedicated to the Memory of These Our Boys and all who served in World War II." Above this is the U.S. shield with "1941 – 1945 above." Since this was a global war, a world globe of the world sits atop a marble pedestal. On the seven sides are inscribed the names of the 138 local servicemen who lost their lives in WWII.

GILFORD ALBERTSON S.M. 3/c.

SCT. JAMES ALLIE

LT. WALTER BARANOWSKI

CPL. STANLEY BARTUZIK

PYT. BERNARD BAXTER

ENS. JOHN T. BEAHAN

PYT. HAROLD E. BLACK

PYT. JOSEPH J. BLOCK

PYT. FRANK BOYAN

SCT. ROBERT BRINK

PYT. CHARLES BRITZKE

SCT. ALBERT C. BROWN

LT. LARL W. BURNS

SGT. KENNETH G. CONKEIN

PHC. FRANK COPPOLA

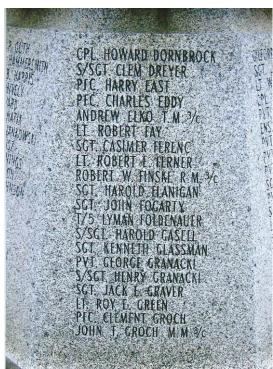
LT. RUBERT CORNAY

DONALD F. COWGILL F2/c

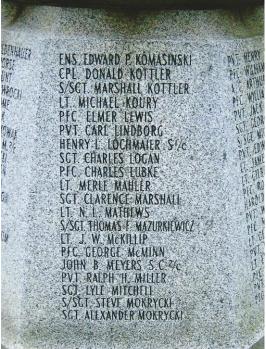
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PYT. ROBERT H. DANLELSON

LT. HARVEY DEAN

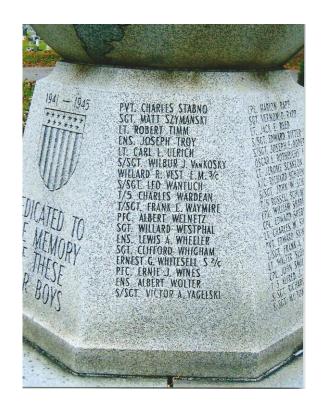






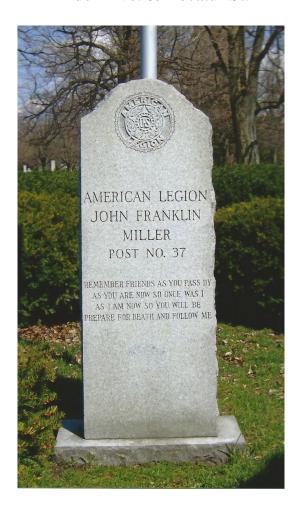






#### VETERANS OF WORLD WAR I MEMORIAL

Located in circle at intersection of Sections O – P – Q – R
Greenwood Cemetery
Tilden Ave. & Decatur St.



The World War I Memorial circle was erected in 1922 by the American Legion John Franklin Miller Post No. 37 with 160 burial spaces for veterans of World War I. It shows the emblem of the American Legion and is inscribed "Remember friends as you pass by As you are now so once was I As I am now so you will be Prepare for death and follow me."

#### VETERANS OF ALL WARS MEMORIAL

Located in circle at intersection of Sections Q – R – S – T Greenwood Cemetery Tilden Ave. & Decatur Sts.







The circle which contains this memorial was dedicated 15 Oct. 1967. Construction of the circle and monument was under the auspices of John Franklin Miller American Legion Post 37 and the cemetery board of regents and was completed for Memorial Day 1969. The design by Michael Budak, manager of the cemetery, originally had the largest circulating fountain in Indiana at the time. The circle contains burial spaces for 130 servicemen beginning with veterans of the Korean War.

# VETERANS MEMORIAL Located at entrance to Swan Lake Memorial Gardens 5700 E. U.S. Highway 20 Michigan City, IN







This memorial marks the Veterans Memorial Gardens at the cemetery and was dedicated Veteran's Day 11 Nov. 2008. Both designs were the result of a contest conducted in grades 8 to 12 in all of Michigan City's Schools. The front design by William Warren depicts a soaring eagle with the flags of the United States and Indiana and is inscribed "In Loving Memory of Our Veterans." Below are the emblems of the Marines, Army, Navy, Coast Guard and Merchant Marines. The reverse design by Rebecca Stueck, Megan Daure, Alana Murray and Raeanne Bennett depicts the eagle over the world globe. On the base is inscribed "Like a brave eagle, our armed forces are protecting the innocents of the world as they always have throughout the darkest hours. With a beacon of starlight in the night during war and hard times, our world has responded to this protection with their own bravery and raised heads." Dedicated by residents of Michigan City

#### PFC KENNETH L. SCOTT MEMORIAL Located on the south side of Garden Street playground



Marine P.F.C. Kenneth L. Scott was the first serviceman from Michigan City to die in the Vietnam War when he was killed in action Quang Tri Province, Vietnam on 6 Sept. 1966. He was just 20 yrs. old and was married just one week before he was sent overseas. This simple granite monument with a flagpole and shrubs is located in the playground he played in growing up. It simply reads "In Memory of P.F.C. Kenneth L. Scott Killed in Action Vietnam Sept 6, 1966."

Michigan City certainly has paid tribute to all of our citizens who were willing to give all to protect us over all these years. You will not find any monuments to veterans of the Revolutionary War or the Indian Wars, but when all the flags are flying at veterans graves, there will be a special flag holder flying a flag for Revolutionary War veteran Abijah Bigelow and Indian Wars veteran Samuel Miller.