

## **NEW USS ALBANY MEMORIAL PARK**

Fellow Veterans & Supporters,

The USS Albany Association & the City of Rensselaer, New York have entered into an agreement to provide a Memorial Park to honor all those that proudly served aboard any ship named Albany from 1846 to present.

Recently I met with another contractor to look at the Memorial Park project and he is very impressed and excited about taking on this project.

Realizing our funds are limited, the contractor is willing to work with us as we go through our public fundraising campaign.

The contractor selected is A-Z Landscaping Inc., Steve Noel, owner-operator and a **Marine Corps Veteran**.

The link to some of his work & Projects

<https://www.facebook.com/people/A-Z-Landscaping-INC/100057146032578/>

I have been working with the city of Rensselaer, New York, and they are very excited to have all the approvals in for this project. This includes all the necessary approvals by the required agencies, the common council and Mayor Michael Stammel.

As we are all aware, since the pandemic prices of everything have escalated to a point where I've been looking to downsize, renegotiate, or change requirements & specifications.

As we pursue public funding, we are looking for support from Electrical & lighting contractors, Vendors, Businesses, State Agencies, Rensselaer County, Veteran group, Military organizations, the general public and obviously all of the members of the USS Albany Association that have been extremely generous over time.

Currently the memorial fund has \$30,000 in the bank and we're still shy about another \$50 to 60,000 based on recent quotes & material cost to complete the project. However, I am confident that between the public, various state agencies, Veteran organizations & the USS Albany Association membership, we will be able to bring this to fruition.

The contractor and I have been making some modifications for cost-effective measures and he is confident that we can pull this together and have completed between the end of **September / October 2023**.

The site location will be in the City of Rensselaer's Riverfront Park overlooking the Hudson River, the skyline of Albany NY, with the backdrop of the Memorial ship USS Slater DE-766

*Concept Drawing:*



The benefactor contribution form is attached and will also be placed on the USS Albany Website as well as be distributed to the media.

**The memorial stone & flagpoles have been ordered and meetings with state and county reps are scheduled.**

I am extremely excited to offer this information and hope you are as well.

Shipmate,

Wayne V. Van Amburgh

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**New Memorial Park coming soon !**