## **Sheridan Veterans Memorial Park**

## Opening Celebration

## Join us for a special celebration of the Sheridan Veterans Memorial

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) and Commissioner Liz Wielinski invite you to celebrate the completion of the Sheridan Veterans Memorial! Many have worked tirelessly and contributed generously to make this memorial along the Mississippi River a reality. The project gained momentum in 2005 when a group of thirteen NE Minneapolis WWII veterans, led by the late Ed Karbo Sr., joined forces with the Sheridan Neighborhood Organization and approached MPRB about locating the memorial in what became Sheridan Memorial Park. Construction began in 2013 and a dedication ceremony was held on Veterans Day in November of that year.

The Sheridan Veterans Memorial, honoring all Minnesota veterans, is centered around a large spherical sculpture of protective shields, created by local artist Robert Smart. The memorial emphasizes the cost of war as well as the importance of peace. The perimeter walk has quotes about peace engraved in granite. The memorial is surrounded by peace gardens and vertical markers describing the ten conflicts in which Minnesotans have served. Artist Smart also created the steel and granite markers with faces of veterans cast in iron.

The ceremony will feature remarks by MPRB officials and public dignitaries, and comments by Robert Smart and Howard Weller, age 85, the last surviving member of the NE Minneapolis WWII veterans group who first envisioned the memorial site.

Please join us!

Saturday, June 28 10 am

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