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Subject: Otterbein SeniorLife Unveils Veteran's Memorial



The Otterbein SeniorLife Veteran's Memorial was unveiled at The Otterbein SeniorLife Community in Lebanon, Ohio, on 4/20/23. A heartfelt dedication ceremony was held, dedicating the memorial to all of our nation's veterans who have served, are currently serving and those who will serve in the years to come. This was a passion project for many veterans on campus, belonging to Otterbein's Veteran Group, Otterbein Honor. They introduced the memorial idea and the Veteran's Memorial Committee was formed, organized and led by the Otterbein Honor Leader, Larry Rankin. This committee designed the Memorial, working in conjunction with Jeff Hills, Otterbein Director of Development, and Jim Smith with Laser Imaging & Design. At the center of the Memorial is a seven sided granite monument. The first side introduces the Otterbein Veteran's Memorial – Honoring All Veterans for their service and sacrifice in defending freedom. Each additional side displays a touching array of pictures representing each military branch.

The dedication ceremony began with honoring the World War II veterans in the room. There was a Presentation of Colors and the Otterbein SeniorLife Veteran's Memorial was Unveiled. Speakers included Ohio State Senator, Steve Wilson & Jill Wilson President & CEO of Otterbein SeniorLife, Jeff Hills, Director of Development & Larry Rankin, Head of Otterbein Honors Committee. Kendra Couch, the Executive Director of Otterbein SeniorLife Lebanon, stated, "The Veteran's Memorial turned out beautifully and will be a wonderful tribute to veterans of all branches. The memorial creates an intimate space for gathering, remembrance, giving honor and healing." The Otterbein SeniorLife Veterans Memorial is now open & we welcome all those who would like to visit.

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