



*Village of Tivoli  
Deputy Mayor  
Bryan F. Cranna*

Mr. Richard Dedrick  
American Legion  
Harris Smith Post  
8 Tivoli Commons  
Tivoli, NY 12583

Dear Mr. Dedrick:

I want to first take this opportunity to thank you and the members of the Harris Smith Post for allowing my sons and I to attend the annual Veteran's Day ceremonies last month. I was very impressed by the service and the dedication your post showed to those who have bravely and admirably served this great nation.

I take this opportunity to propose a working relationship between the Harris Smith Post and myself. As the son of a Viet Nam Veteran, and grandson of a WW II veteran who lost a leg in combat, I have a great deal of respect and admiration for the brave men and women who proudly wore our nation's flag in the Armed Forces. Those brave souls are America's heroes and we should be grateful to them for their service. Therefore, I would like this letter to be the first step in a project I would like to see become a reality.

I believe the Village of Tivoli should see a new monument erected in honor of servicemen and servicewomen who have served in the Armed Forces since the previous monuments were placed several years ago.

One idea that I have envisioned are stone benches with dedications engraved into them. These would be similar to those that were placed in front of the Village Hall in Red Hook.

This new monument will cost money. Therefore I would welcome an opportunity to meet with your post to discuss some fundraising opportunities to offset the costs. One possible idea to raise funds is a direct appeal to Tivoli residents. A notice can be included in the quarterly water bills that are mailed from village hall. A dinner and or raffle are just a few other options we can consider.

I will make myself available and work around your schedule to discuss this idea and plans to see this become a reality.

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My best to you and your family at this holiday season.

Thank you for your service to our nation and for what you and your members do all year long to honor our Veterans.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bryan F. Cranna', written in a cursive style.

Bryan F. Cranna  
Deputy Mayor