

Good evening, friends.

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It is my pleasure this evening to tell you just a little bit about how this Memorial Falcon project came into being.

For approximately 2 years the High School PTA talked about some type of Memorial for the boys who were killed in the service of our Country. At each of the meetings we would ask for suggestions.

The suggestion of a sculptured falcon created a lot of positive interest. The falcon is the school mascot.

The PTA felt this should be a Community Project. The High School PTA started the fund with \$700 and we then sponsored Pottsgrove Community Day, November 24, 1973.

Many people in the community became a part of this project with their donations of hand crafted items, sewing, home made foods, white elephant items, a fish pond, etc.

There were cash donations by individuals as well as from one of the graduating classes. Students even helped by putting on a puppet show for the children and distributing fliers.

It was through the efforts of very many people in our Community that sufficient funds were raised for this Memorial.

The next step was to decide on a location. The first choice was to locate the falcon on the bank between the Ringing Rocks School and the high school as that is where it would be most easily seen.

However, the cost would have been prohibitive and the problem of vandalism played an important part in ruling out that location. After careful consideration of several locations inside the high school building, the lobby was chosen.

In the meantime, the committee was looking for a sculpturor to create the Falcon. Mr. Hunter Malpass was commissioned to do the sculpturing. We feel he can be very proud of his work and it turned out beautifully.

We feel that this Memorial will serve as a reminder not only to us but to future generations that regardless of personal feelings about the right or wrong of U.S. involvement in any war, there were boys who gave the Supreme sacrifice.

Through this Memorial Falcon we seek to honor the men and women of Pottsgrove who served in the armed forces of the United States and in tribute to those who gave their lives in the Service of our Country.