

Avenue of Flags

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“United We Stand”

During the early days of the Persian Gulf War an idea ignited in the minds of a handful of local citizens to create a community project for the purpose of demonstrating patriotism and support for our armed services.

The group adopted the name ‘United We Stand’ and enthusiastically proposed an Avenue of flags as a tribute to men and women, past and present, who have worn the uniform in service to their country. ‘United We Stand’ set the ambitious goal of 250 flags to adorn the Whitfield County Courthouse, and was overwhelmed when 558 flags were ordered by the local citizenry!

The flag represents individual soldiers, airmen, sailors, or guardsmen who have or are currently serving honorably. They are given in love and gratitude by members of our community. Flags are color coded with tape to match the section in which they are grouped loosely alphabetically. The cluster of flags around the County’s War Memorial, memorialize those who died in service to their country. The POW/MIA flag formation surrounding the Memorial is believed to be one of the largest such displays in the country.

The Avenue of Flags was dedicated May 25, 1991, shortly after the conclusion “Desert Storm” during the Gulf War. Flags are proudly displayed on the grounds of the Courthouse lawn each year on Presidents Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day (June 14), Independence Day, Patriot Day (9-11-2001), National POW/MIA Day (3rd Friday in September), Liberty Tree Weekend (October -third weekend), and Veteran’s Day. Should the Holiday fall on Sunday the flags will be displayed on the Saturday.

On Memorial Day 2008 after the remodeling of the Whitfield County Courthouse, additional flags were dedicated and are displayed on the King Street grass median. With this addition, there are currently a total of 725 flags on display.

Flags are posted at 7 AM and retrieved at 5 PM except during inclement weather. Posting is faithfully presented by Boy and Girl Scouts, Service Clubs, and the local National Guard Unit members. All citizens are welcome to participate!

A complete list of honorees is kept in the Whitfield County Courthouse Clerk’s office. See: www.avenueofflagswhitfieldcountyga.ws

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WHITFIELD COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Section 1-9

CRAWFORD STREET

1991 Original Display -- Sections 1 – 9

Section Number	Color	Names
1	Red	Avrett – Leonard
2	White	Lindsay – Young
2	KIA / MIA	Boggs - Zorn
3	Blue	Abernathy – Burrell
4	Grey	Cady - Felker, C.M.
5	Purple	Felker, D.M. - Hubbs
Section Number	Color	Name
6	Yellow	Hughes – Mathis
7	Brown	Mauldin – Rittenhouse
8	Green	Roberts – Vaughn
9	Orange	Vineyard – Yance
9	Orange	Special Groups

PARKING DECK

Section 10 - 11

Section 10 -- Abernathy – Lawson

Section 11 – Lindsey - Williams

KING STREET

2007 Addition – 2007 – Sections 10 & 11