

County Board Pays Tribute to Fallen

Resolutions adopted by the Kane County Board that recognize and honor two fallen military heroes, from North Aurora and Elgin, whose names are the latest to be added to the county's Veterans Memorial Wall of Honor, were presented to their families at a ceremony July 10. The resolutions, which were presented to their families, recognized U.S. Army Specialist Christopher Alexander Patterson, of North Aurora, and U.S. Marine Corporal Alex Martinez for their "dedication in preserving the principals of justice, freedom and democracy."

Both men died this year as a result of combat action in Afghanistan, Patterson on Jan. 6 and Martinez on April 5. The names of both men have been enshrined on the county memorial's Wall of Honor along with those of more than 850 of the county's war dead dating from the Spanish American War to the present. A few hundred people attended a Memorial Day observance at the Veterans Memorial, where tribute was paid to Martinez and Patterson along with county's other fallen. The [Kane County Veterans Memorial](#) is located at the Kane County Government Center, at 719 S. Batavia Ave., in Geneva. The memorial, which was funded largely with riverboat grant funds, is designed to remember and reflect on Kane County's "soldier citizens" as well as offer visitors an educational and historical experience, according to Kane County Veterans Assistance Commission (VAC) superintendent John Carr.

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