One of the focal elements of the planned Memorial Park plan is a new memorial plaza collecting, organizing, and presenting existing and new memorial elements in the park.

The plaza is oriented east/west, with the existing World War II plaque located on the east wall of the Lubko Center remaining and acting as a terminus to the view west. Adjacent to the World War II plaque will be a series of five new plaques, recognizing the five branches of the military. The view east from the plaza is punctuated with a new flag pole feature, with night up-lighting.

The plaza itself is defined by a series of paving bands that alternate between red brick and tinted concrete. The thirteen bands are intended to reference the thirteen stripes on the American flag. They also establish a timeline with stone blocks etched with a year, placed at the transition from one paving band to another. The dates start at the west, with the birth of the Nation in 1776 and continue through the plaza in 20-year increments up to the year 2020.
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Framing the paver plaza are dark granite seatwalls on both the north and the south. In addition to providing a place to sit within the plaza, these seatwalls will have sandblasted inscriptions recognizing the major wars and conflicts that the United States was involved in. The inscriptions will be placed on the face of the wall, located appropriately on the timeline. The wall will break in two locations to allow for the existing Korean and Vietnam War memorial stones to be placed along the timeline. Additional inscriptions will be included that identify key dates in the history of Wheaton.
The following is the draft descriptions that will be finalized before the pieces are fabricated:

1775-1783 American Revolution
1812-1815 War of 1812
1837-1838 Erastus Gary, Jesse Wheaton, and Warren Wheaton travel from New England and claim hundreds of acres
1846-1848 Mexican American War
1859 Wheaton Incorporated as a Village
1861-1865 U.S. Civil War
1867 Wheaton designated as DuPage County Seat
1890 Wheaton Incorporated as a City
1898 Spanish American War
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Medal of Honor Recipients from Wheaton

James Howard Monroe 1944-1967 (Vietnam)
Robert James Miller 1983-2008 (Afghanistan)
The seatwall will have an LED strip light hidden under the overhang of the cap which will provide soft, indirect lighting of the wall and plaza at night.

The central feature of the plaza will be the relocated Doughboy statue on a granite plinth. The Doughboy, like the other elements, will be located appropriately on the timeline. Extending to the east and west of the statue, there will be a sloped and tapered granite feature. This feature will have a polished black granite on the top, creating a reflective surface, enhancing views of the Doughboy. Skateboard deterreants are worked into the design of both the plinth and the seatwall to avoid damage from skateboarders.

Outside of the plaza to the north and south, will be a formal allée of trees creating shade for the plaza as the trees grow, and providing some buffering of the plaza from the other parts of the park.
PEDESTRIAN LIGHT
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RELOCATED HISTORIC SIGN
"MEMORIAL PARK"

ARCHITECTURAL WALL SCONCE
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BENCH, TYP.

RELOCATED KOREAN WAR
MEMORIAL STONE

RELOCATED DOUGHBOY
STATUE

RELOCATED VIETNAM WAR
MEMORIAL STONE

PAVER BAND, TYP.

COLOR CONCRETE BAND, TYP.

CONCRETE PAVING, TYP.

5 BRANCHES OF
MILITARY PLAQUE

EXISTING
LUBKO
CENTER

ALTERNATE #1 TERRACE:
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Landscape Legend

9 CJ – Katsura Tree
716 AS2 – Summer Beauty Allium
6 Al – Black Chokeberry
17 Td – Dense Yew