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### Gary New Duluth Veterans Memorial Announces Rededication Ceremony

Duluth, MN May 23, 2012 The Gary New Duluth Veterans Memorial will be rededicated with a special ceremony on Monday May 28, 2012 at 9:00 AM at its original site on the corner of Commonwealth Avenue and Stowe Street. Saint Louis County Attorney **Mark Rubin** will MC the event, and Mayor Don Ness will be one of the keynote speakers.

The original Gary New Duluth Memorial is celebrating its 60th Anniversary in 2012. This community landmark was built in 1952 to commemorate the service of WWII and Korean veterans from Gary New Duluth. A partial list of Vietnam veterans was later added. A \$30,000 project aided by local businesses and community volunteers is restoring the existing monument to its original glory. In addition a new monument has been erected to recognize veterans from the Far West neighborhoods of Gary New Duluth, Riverside, Smithville, Morgan Park, Fond du lac and Oliver, WI who served in the Vietnam, Gulf, Iraq, and Afghanistan Wars.

Congressional Medal of Honor recipient Mike Colalillo, who lived in the Smithville community is also being honored with a plaque dedicated to his bravery and service.

Project coordinators Mark Boben and Gary Bubalo are expecting several hundred people at The Memorial Day rededication. "The Memorial has been a source of community pride for 60 years and the renovation and improvement to the site allows us to honor another generation of service men and women from the Far West community" said Bubalo.

For more information, please check out our Facebook site at [www.facebook.com/gndveteransmemorial](http://www.facebook.com/gndveteransmemorial).

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