

# Creating a ‘Green Space’

## New Jersey VFW Post announces new community park

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A VFW Post in New Jersey will show why it is called the Garden State.

VFW Post 7925 Commander Brian Gallagher announced in July that the Post and community are coming together to build a “green space” for Fairfield residents to enjoy. The garden is named Schlapfer Gardens in honor of Warren Schlapfer, a late World War II veteran and VFW member.

Schlapfer, an Army veteran who fought in the Philippine Islands, was a charter member of VFW Post 7925 in 1946. Schlapfer died on March 14, 2022, according to his obituary.

Community members are also working on the Freedom Rocks project. Anyone can participate and they will receive a rock to paint in honor of any veteran. The stone will be placed in the garden when it opens.

Gallagher said that the project could not happen without the support of the residents of Fairfield.

“We wanted to give back to the Fairfield community for their support over the years as well as honor one of our founding members,” Gallagher said during an interview with TAPinto West Essex. “Schlapfer Gardens will be a place where our residents can enjoy a place of tranquility to remember and reflect.”

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