

## **The “Old Glory” Days**

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In the early 1960s, the Armenian American Veterans of Detroit planned to build a recreation center to honor the memory of their fallen compatriots who served and sacrificed during WWII and the Korean conflict. These were young, brave Detroit Armenians who had given their lives for the love of country. The Apostolic Society supported the vision and offered the Veterans free use of a building site for their project. With much planning and community support, the Armenian American Veterans Building became a reality.

This building on the campus of St. John Armenian Church has seen generations come and go. Youth and seniors alike have enjoyed years of social gatherings, basketball games, group activities, and weekly senior luncheons. It has been a place to gather and enjoy fellowship with one another. The Veterans Building has kept our people connected and involved as a community. After many years of use, this facility has seen better days. Recently, fundraising for a renovation has taken place to bring back its “Old Glory” days.

Many updates are needed to keep the facility comfortable and safe; with generous donors, the prospect of making a positive change is most hopeful in keeping the doors open for generations to come.