

## **Chapter 21: Producing Community Audio Tours**

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### **3. Sample Step 7: “To Houghton County Veterans Memorial Park”**

This audio composition is the student’s first attempt to direct listeners from the previous location to her site, Veterans Memorial Park. The text ends with a preview to the next student voice and route.

#### **Transcript**

Upon exiting the Ambassador, you’ll step immediately onto Shelden Avenue. Cross the street and follow Quincy Street, which is directly in front of the Ambassador. The street is a slight hill, which turns right and becomes Bridge Street. On your right, you’ll see a two-acre park. Cross over Bridge Street and step on the lawn of The Houghton County Veterans Memorial Park. The park was dedicated on May 30, 1998, to honor the lives of the individuals from our county who made the ultimate sacrifice to preserve our country’s freedom. The park is open to the public for gathering and reflection. In the center of the lawn you’ll notice a large bronze statue. The statue’s dedication is etched into the four sides of its base. The dedication indicates that the statue is meant to represent all Houghton County Civil War veterans. Two brick walls mark the park’s front and back perimeters. The back wall is adorned with seals from all five branches of the military. The front wall contains multiple plaques with the names of prisoners of war and fallen veterans from the Civil War to the Iraq and Afghanistan wars. Locate the tall, color sign that reads “Historic Houghton.” The placard shares important details about the park, including the count of our county’s fallen veterans from each war. At the front of the park, which overlooks the Portage Lift Bridge, are three flags: The American flag, the Michigan State flag, and the black Prisoners of War Missing in Action Flag. Take a moment to pay your respects to the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country’s freedom and to appreciate the picturesque views of the canal. When you’re ready to move on, Chad will lead you back the way you came, down Bridge Street to Shelden Avenue.