

Las Vegas Veterans Memorial

Artist Selection
Progress Report
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The Las Vegas Veterans Memorial

A salute
to our country
and to the
veterans who
served for us



Las Vegas Military Contributions



- Nellis Air Force Base
- Nevada Test Site
- Creech Air Force Base
- Tonopah Test Range
- New VA Hospital
- Rapidly growing veterans population

Las Vegas Veterans Memorial Foundation

- The Las Vegas Veterans Memorial Foundation is a non-profit 501 (c) 3 created by a local group of special forces veterans and American Shooters, a veteran-owned business in Las Vegas
- For the past year, the Foundation has worked in close collaboration with the City of Las Vegas, local veterans organizations, the Las Vegas Arts Commission, and neighborhood residents and homeowners associations.

Site Selection

- Huntridge Circle Park
- High visibility
- Heart of historic Las Vegas



Artist Selection Process

June 2009: Las Vegas Arts Commission releases requests for qualifications

September 2009: More than 200 proposals submitted from internationally-recognized artists

December 2009: Selection Committee selects four finalists to present concepts and maquettes

June 2010: Joan Benefiel, Douwe Blumberg, Cliff Garten, and Eugene Daub & Rob Firmin present maquettes for public display

Mid-August 2010: Final Selection

Joan Benefiel

- Brooklyn, New York
- Director – Excalibur
Bronze Sculpture
Foundry
- MFA – New York
Academy of Art
- Nassau County
Vietnam War
Veterans Memorial



Joan Benefiel



- Four Heroic figures and a single empty shroud, draped in the American Flag
- “Eternal Flame”
- Bound by chains of dog tags

Douwe Blumberg

- USC Idyllwild School of the Arts and Music
- 200 private & public commissions
- US Army Special Forces Monument
- NJ Fallen Soldiers Monument
- Ground Zero Finalist



Douwe Blumberg



- Haunting sculptures representing American military involvement
- Centerpiece bronze modern vignette and family group
- Granite memorial walls with narrative quotations

Cliff Garten

- MFA Rhode Island School of Design
- Masters in Landscape Architecture –Harvard
- Public Art Master Plan for Calgary, Alberta
- Ft. Worth Streetscapes



Cliff Garten



- Inscribed “Wall of Remembrance”
- The Great Lawn
- Court of Honor with 5 Sentinel Columns
- Grove of Silence with granite benches and commemorative sculptures

Eugene Daub & Rob Firmin

- Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts
- MA & PhD – Univ. of Chicago
- Lewis & Clark Memorial, Kansas City
- USS San Diego Memorial
- National Salute to the Military Memorial



Eugene Daub & Rob Firmin



- Bell Tower with perched golden eagle
- 5-point star pedestal
- Memorial Wall recognizing fallen soldiers
- Central plaza with flags representing all branches of the military

Public Participation

- 100% privately funded
- Individual and Corporate donations
- Personal and Family Memorial Opportunities
- Memorial to be turned over to the City of Las Vegas following construction

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June 28, 2010

Honorable Mayor Oscar Goodman
and members of the City Council
Las Vegas City Hall
400 East Stewart Ave.
Las Vegas, Nevada 89101

Dear Mayor and City Council:

A three page inquiry regarding proposed Design Drawings depicting concepts for a Veteran's Memorial to be erected at Huntridge Circle Park on Maryland Parkway in Las Vegas, has been circulated throughout the local veteran's community.

Of the Design Drawings depicted, Design #2 received overwhelming approval from the majority of the hundreds of people who were asked to review the drawings and provide their opinion as to which concept would most honor those who gave their lives in defense of our country.

Please allow the families of our local veterans to be the ones who make the decision as to what would best express our heart felt gratitude for the sacrifices made by our men in women in the United States military.



Peter Christoff
U.S.M.C. Retired

This Design Drawing received majority approval:



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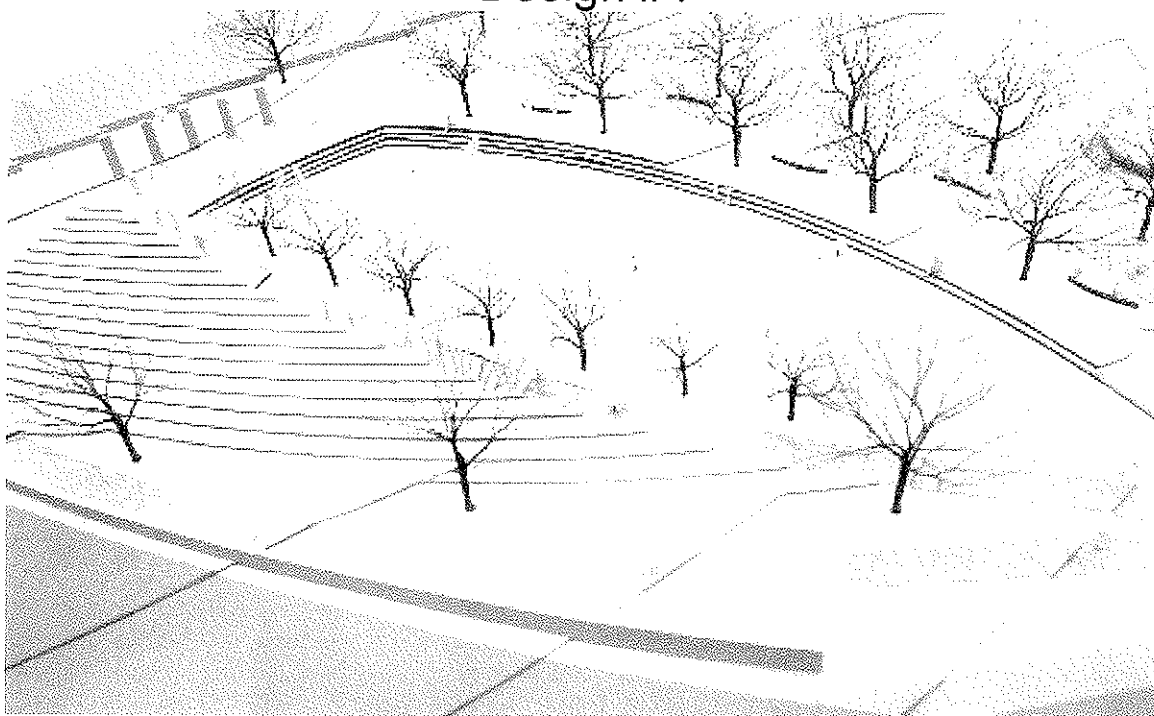
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THESE ARE THE PROPOSED DESIGNS FOR
THE VETERAN'S MEMORIAL TO BE PLACED
AT MARYLAND PARKWAY CIRCLE PARK

PLEASE LET MAYOR GOODMAN KNOW
WHICH ONE YOU PREFER. CALL 229-6241
TO EXPRESS YOUR CHOICE.

THANK YOU

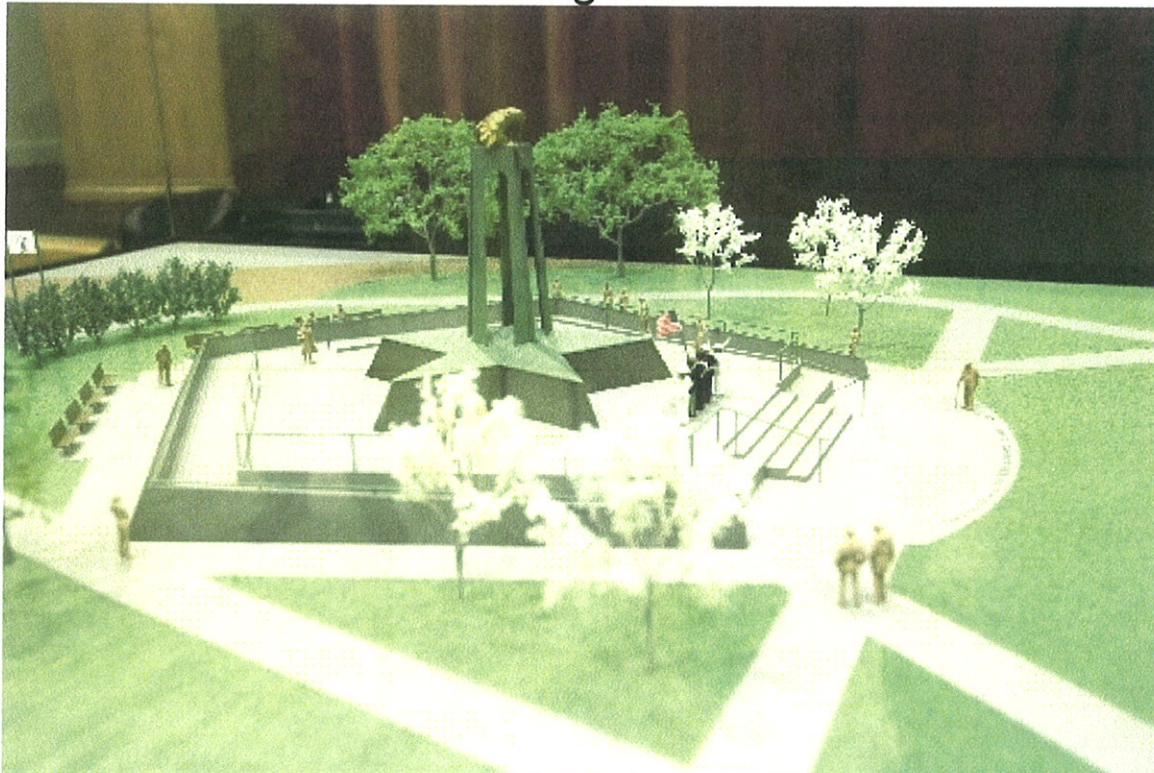
Design #1



Design #2



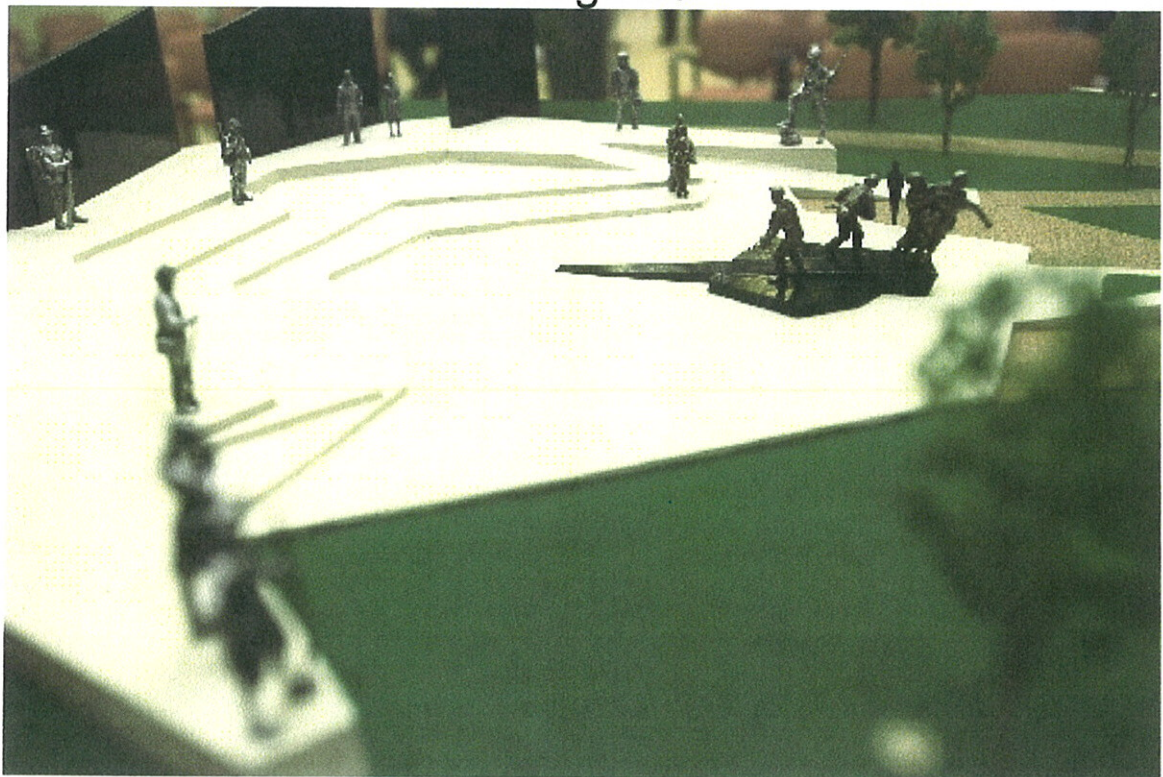
Design #3



Design #4



Design #5



Program Proposal

Veterans Memorial at Huntridge Circle Park.

Improvement Description:

Install a new memorial to honor and recognize the contributions of United States military veterans. This memorial is proposed to be located at the south end of the park, visible by passing traffic.



The walking surface is proposed to include personalized brick pavers with a veteran's name, service branch and years of service, in tribute to a particular veteran who has been sponsored by a contributing donor. The donor funds collected will be used to construct and maintain the monument, possibly through one of the Valley's local veteran's service organizations. This flexible paving system allows for continued fundraising efforts. Undeveloped areas in the park to the south of the memorial are available for additional pavers, seating, and smaller monuments.

The existing movie reel sculpture now located at the south end of the park will be relocated to the center of the park labyrinth as part of this construction.

Purpose and Scope of Work:

- Demonstrates the community's support, gratitude, and respect for the United States Armed Forces.
- Provides a vehicle for friends and family to honor individual veteran's contributions and sacrifices.
- Provides an honorarium to each branch of the U.S. military.

- The center highest flag pole for the American Flag will be located in the center of the circular walk (where the movie reel sculpture in now located) and illuminated at night by ground mounted spotlights.

- The monument creates an icon to help introduce the park when driving north on Maryland Parkway.

Conceptual Cost Estimate \$803,000

Conceptual Cost Estimate Notes:

- Expected accuracy +30% to +50%
- Estimate includes all design, inspection, and construction costs required to complete the work, together with standard contingency amounts and cost escalation to the midpoint of construction.
- Assumes funding no later than 7/1/08, completion during 2110 (approximately a 2 year project duration)

Location Site Plan At Huntbridge Circle Park

