

Never Forget Our Fallen Heroes!

Press Release July 6, 2011:

Why hasn't substantial progress been made on the approved veterans memorial monument when over \$200k has been raised by American shooters & others for this worthy project that was just approved back in 2008 by both former mayor Oscar Goodman & ProTem Gary Reese.

Where is the "scale model" that V.F.W. Post 1753 has virtually been hiding since April 2009?

Why has this apparently become a private Business project for American Shooters & V.F.W. Post 1753 when it should be completely open to the greater Las Vegas veterans community.

Who authorized this to become a "secret project" and where is the cash?? Some \$200k has been raised!

All the Veterans' families and concerned veterans would truly appreciate a current and accurate status report on the veterans memorial monument that was approved for the Huntridge Circle Park in Ward 3.

In addition, why is former state Senator Bob Coffin so totally against this Veterans Monument when he knew it was approved since April 15 2008?

Since 69 years have already passed and Las Vegas is the only American city that still does not have a major Veterans Memorial Monument how much longer do we as veterans have to wait and patriotically speaking why does the city of Las Vegas want this shameful blot on its global image?

July 6, 2011 is truly a day to remember.

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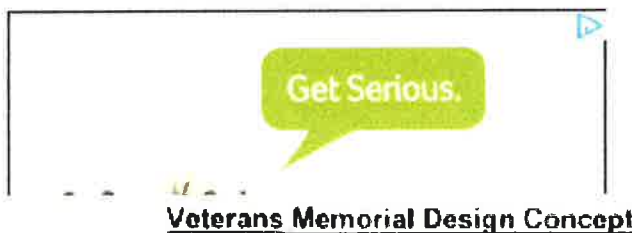
Oscar Goodman's and Gary Reese's unkept pledge to American Veterans

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By Steve Miller Saturday, June 25, 2011

On April 15, 2009, the Las Vegas City Council, under the direction of then-Mayor Oscar Goodman and then-Mayor Pro Tem Gary Reese, approved American Shooters, Inc. as fundraiser to generate \$800,000 for the construction of a Veterans Memorial Monument at the closed down Huntridge Circle Park on Maryland Parkway between Charleston and Oakley Blvds. near downtown Las Vegas.

To show their sincerity, the City Council commissioned an artist rendering of the Memorial. Then nothing happened for over 27 months.



Veterans Memorial Design Concept



On June 1, 2011, the project's founder, retired United States Marine Peter Christoff, informed the City Council that \$192,000 was reportedly collected by American Shooters, but the money is no where to be found. He also told the council that the owners of American Shooters appeared on a TV program and pledged to personally make up any

deficiencies in the event the total \$800,000 could not be raised through public solicitation.

Mayor Pro Tem Reese tried to cut Mr. Christoff off while he was speaking at the podium, but upon being pressed for a response announced that American Shooters is going through "reorganization" in an attempt to explain the delay. Reese then stated that the Memorial would be delayed at least two years based on American Shooters' purported financial situation.

Mr. Christoff and other veterans attending the council meeting did not accept Reese's explanation, and produced a video to tell their story.

Will an unkept promise and a possible \$192,000 rip off in the name of American Veterans become the legacy of Oscar Goodman and Gary Reese?

Here is a video that tells the sad story:

Kelly's Heroes - Las Vegas Veterans Memorial city council video

