

Rededication of Veterans Memorial Park

Martinez, California

A Joint VFW & American Legion Project

In the spirit of the centennial of American entry into World War I, we embarked on a project to rededicate Veterans Memorial Park, Martinez, CA. This small city park, at the corner of Berrellesa St and Alhambra Ave, was dedicated on 14 June 1988. With its thirtieth anniversary in June 2018, it is appropriate to improve the existing park by placing a memorial to the Martinez service men and women who have died in battle during the world wars, Korea, Vietnam, and GWOT. The Martinez Veterans Commission approved the memorial at their 19 September 2017 meeting and the Park and Recreation Committee approved it at their 19 September 2017 meeting. The Martinez city council will consider the project at their 4 October 2017 meeting. If approved, the Post and AL would purchase the memorial, and Public Works would install it in the park. There would be a rededication ceremony at the park in June, 2018, with the Honor Guard providing a military rifle salute.

Cost Estimates. Three vendors were approached to provide cost estimates for a granite monument, 5' x 3' x 6", with the inscription shown below. The monument would rest on a platform 6" high.

- Oakland Monument estimate: "For the Die Black Granite 5ft Tall x 3ft wide x 6 inches thick Polished front only- rock cut the rest. For the base Black Granite 5ft wide x 1ft thick x 6 inches tall 1 inch polished top only - rock cut the rest. Total \$ 6,600 (This is WITH OUT military branch medallions). If you want to add the 5 military branch medallions we have them in 4 inches and cost \$300 each, we also have 2 and 3 inch military medallions which are a little bit cheaper."
- Art Monument Company, Inc. estimate: "No problem, the granite with 1 side of engraving would run \$7020+tax. Installation or foundation fees would be additional. Let me know if you have any questions or if there is anything I can do for you (8" thick). It would run \$6480 for 6" material. I would recommend checking with the city regarding building code. Usually they have a height limit where you would have to stay under unless we got a permit. We have 4" metal medallions which are \$225 each plus tax. I can order custom sizes to but would need to know the size in order to get a price. Let me know if you have any questions."
- Delivery is 4 months after order placement. The city will complete installation within a month of delivery. Since the VFW and AL are 501 C3 non-profits, there will be no sales tax to pay.

Memorial Timeline

- Project inception: 15 May 2017
- VFW Team formed: 15 June 2017
- Research on Martinez war dead complete: 15 July 2017
- Vendors contacted and estimates produced: 1 August 2017
- American Legion Executive Committee briefed and approved project: 10 August 2017
- Martinez Veterans Committee briefed: 5 September 2017
- Martinez Veterans Committee approval: 15 September 2017
- Martinez Park and Recreation brief and approval: 19 September 2017
- Martinez City Council brief: 4 October 2017
- Order placed for memorial: December 2017
- Memorial delivered to Martinez Park and Recreation: 15 April 2018
- Martinez Park and Recreation prepare and install Memorial in Veterans Park: April – May 2018
- Rededication ceremony in Veterans Park: June 2018



IN HONOR OF THE MEN AND WOMEN OF MARTINEZ
WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES IN DEFENSE OF OUR NATION
IN TIME OF WAR

WORLD WAR I

Brandon, Hazel L: Army Nurse McNamara, Henry
DelZotto, Caesar; USA, Pvt Flynn, Roy E.
Gatt, Walter J. Merrel, Harry D. USA Sgt
Severns, Sydney USMC, Pvt

WORLD WAR II

Atherton, Harry Drew Jr. USN Seaman 2c Rohlfing, Rudolf Frederick USNR Ensign
Boynton, Dwight Eugene USN Seaman 2c Shelly, Gilman F. USA 2LT
Campbell, William J. USA PFC Slack, Hayward USN Seaman 1c
Chak, Frank C. USA PVT Sparacino, Frank J. USA Tech 5
Cott, Gerald Francis USN Fireman 1c Sutton, James R. USMCR PFC
Duncan, James Niel USNR Seaman 2c Turner, Robert S. USA Tec 4
Fazzini, Tony M. USA Tec 4 Wilcox, Charlie, L. USA PFC
Guyon, Jarold Alfred USNR Av MA MT 3c Williams, Jack C. USA PVT
Hofmeyer, Herman J USAAF Pvt Wiseman, Dean Frederick USNR Seaman 1c
McFarland, Alan D. USA AV C Zitzmann, William F. USN Machinist

KOREAN WAR

Edwards, George Neil PFC USMC

VIETNAM WAR

Collins, Michael R. USN LT Robbins, Jerry C. USA SSgt
Halley, Harrison L. USMC Capt Tuller, Dennis J. USA PFC
Pettit, Craig S. USN Corpsman Breshears, Ronald C. USA

GLOBAL WAR ON TERROR

Magnani, Patrick D. USAF MSgt (Afghanistan)

ONCE IN OUR LIVES FOREVER IN OUR MEMORIES



View from Alhambra Ave.



View from Berrellesa St.