



**Saline County Veterans' Memorial
Committee**

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SALINE COUNTY VETERANS' MEMORIAL PROJECT

We are writing this letter as members of the Saline County Veterans' Memorial Committee. For the past several years, the Saline County Veterans' Memorial Committee (Committee) has been working to fund construction of a Veterans Memorial (Memorial) at the Courthouse in Wilber NE.

The Committee is committed to raising enough money to construct a Memorial that will recognize all honorably discharged Veterans in Saline County and the surrounding area.

The Memorial planned will be different from others in the area. No "bricks" will be sold for names of Veterans to be on. Instead, a computer "database" will be compiled with the name, other selected information and a picture (if desired) of each Veteran. Upon completion of the project, this computer information will be available to all those visiting the Memorial at a Kiosk station inside the Memorial. By using a computer database rather than bricks, the information will not only be current today, but for many generations to come.

To complete this project, we need your help. The sale of bricks has been used to pay for much of the cost of other Veterans' Memorials built across the State. The Saline County Veterans' Memorial Committee is depending on the good will and generosity of individuals, companies and organizations to fund this Memorial. In so doing, all Veterans can be recognized, even those who cannot afford the cost of a brick. No Veteran will have to pay to have their name listed at the Memorial.

It is time we recognized the sacrifices of all those who have bravely served our Country over the years. Soon all of our living World War II Veterans will no longer be with us. It is important to get the Memorial constructed to honor them, as well as all other American Veterans, living and deceased.

The project is planned to be constructed in Three (3) phases. The Committee is looking for "cornerstone" contributors who will donate or pledge enough money to get this project going. The Committee has raised approximately \$92,000.00 to date. For this Memorial to begin construction of Phase 1, an additional \$35,000.00 still needs to be donated or pledged.

The Committee has determined that, to complete construction, approximately \$135,000.00 in additional funds will need to be donated or pledged. Approximately \$50,000.00 will be needed to add the computer equipment & programming for listing all of the Veterans' names in Phase 2. An additional \$50,000.00 will be needed to complete the memorial in Phase 3, with a total cost estimate of the Memorial at \$225,000.00.

The Committee hopes to start construction on Phase 1 in the Spring of 2011, with the ground breaking before Memorial Day. The other Phases will be started as we receive donations to cover their cost.

All donations will go to Veterans' Organizations and should be tax deductible. Donors need to check with their tax preparer for advice.

Can the Committee count on you, your company, or your organization, for support in constructing this Memorial? While the Committee has decided that no list of donors be placed on the Memorial itself, a fitting display will be placed at the computer location and, with the County's permission, in the Courthouse, recognizing donors and their contributions.

The Committee would ask you, your company, or your organization, to please consider contributing to this worthy project by either donating or pledging at least \$1,000.00 as a "cornerstone" contributor. If you cannot donate this much, any contribution will be gratefully accepted.

Remember, America's Veterans gave their all for us so that we can enjoy the freedoms we have today. Please help us honor those who gave so much for us with a contribution for the construction of this Memorial.

Thank you very much for your support!

Yours very truly,

CURRENT COST ESTIMATES FOR PHASE II

1. Software programming costs for kiosk -----	\$50,000.00 (+ or -)
2. 32" Outdoor touch screen for the Kiosk -----	2,800.00
3. Indoor computer storing kiosk date and running software -----	1,000.00
4. Pulling wiring and hookup for the Kiosk -----	1,500.00

PHASE III

1. 4 Brick murals, fabrication & install (\$215/sq. ft) -----	\$16,340.00
2. Outer strip of brick pavers with base material -----	5,000.00
3. (4) Granite benches (\$1,850 ea) -----	7,400.00
4. (6) 20' flag poles and bases (1 for each branch of service)(\$1900 ea) ----	11,400.00
5. Lighting for each flag pole (3 lights ea @ \$1,000.00 per light -----	18,000.00
6. (4) Bollard lights for sidewalks (\$900 ea) -----	3,600.00
TOTAL -----	\$117,040.00

Assume 4% inflation per year

ADDITIONAL COSTS (not included)

1. Flag Replacement
2. Kiosk Software Management
3. Landscaping

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PLEDGE DONATION INFORMATION

Yes, I, We would like to make a tax deductible Gift in the amount of \$ _____

(Please Print or Type)

IN HONOR OF:

Veterans Name : _____

RANK : _____ **BRANCH OF SERVICE :** _____

DATES OF SERVICE: _____ **to** _____

____ Check ____ Money Order

Should be made payable to "Saline County Veteran's Memorial"

Your Name : _____

Address : _____

Please Mail or Return to

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