

MINUTES FOR JANUARY 22nd, 2013
BOARD OF CHEROKEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CHEROKEE COUNTY, KANSAS

CONVENE

Chairman Richard Hilderbrand called the regular session of the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners to order and led all in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, January 22nd, 2013 in the Commission Room, #109 of the Cherokee County Courthouse. Commissioners Pat Collins, and Richard Hilderbrand were present, Commissioner Charles Napier was absent.

Members of the press present: Larry Hiatt, Patrick Richardson

Commissioners Collins and Hilderbrand began a review of Accounts Payables and Payroll expenditures for approval.

JUANITA HODGSON - County Treasurer

Distributions of \$2,942,856.97 with another \$3,480,000+ going to cities, schools, etc. and were posted yesterday to the appropriate entities.

No Fund warrants are paid in full. Funds are going into that fund in excess of \$10,000. Those funds can now go back into county general. She will consult with auditor Gene Mense regarding such transfer. Funds will continue to go into that fund throughout the year.

Hodgson issued an apology for the way raises came out in the meeting last week. The raises were turned into Human Resources and are included in the payroll listing in front of the Commissioners for approval. One promotional raise of \$.50 was given to one of her employees due to her oversight. Three employees, Genie, Joni, and Rebecca were increased by \$.50 for several reasons. The State of Kansas is now requiring that Motor Vehicle staff be assigned additional duties. Motor Vehicle salaries are reimbursed 100%, and last year \$117,636.23 was reimbursed back to the County General Fund. No county tax dollars will be affected by Motor Vehicle employee raises, and she asks that the pay raises stay in effect.

Commissioner Hilderbrand stated that he was disappointed that she gave the raises without talking to them first. Raises were given in May of last year of \$1/hr for the three due to the increase in work related duties to the upgrade of DMV computer program implemented last year.

After much debate, Commissioner Hilderbrand asked that she rescind the raises. He will also consider resolutions to change the way raises take place in the future to have them considered by Department Heads and Commissioners, during budget processes. Commissioners are elected to manage the money of the county, stated Hilderbrand. Commissioner Hilderbrand stated that he will not vote for tax increases if we continue to give raises. He said our health care could be cut. Employees deserve good health care, but if our hands are forced we will be forced to make cuts.

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Commissioner Collins also asked that the raises be rescinded so payroll could be approved today, and if this issue is resolved and the raises are approved at a later date, he would recommend that the raises be retroactive to the last pay period.

Treasurer Hodgson said that the state has added duties to clerks, which is the reason for her request for the increase. She stated that Collins previously agreed with raises for those with increased responsibilities. Commissioner Hilderbrand disagreed with that position. Just because the method of the job changes, that doesn't necessarily mean the job has changed. Collins agreed with Hildebrand's statement.

Hodgson asked if there was any chance they will be approved next month. Collins said yes, Hilderbrand said at this point he would say no. Hilderbrand asked that she come back with a new proposal, include things that they haven't heard, and try again. We do appreciate your willingness to talk to us stated Hilderbrand. Let's allow Commissioner Napier a chance to be involved in this discussion. Hodgson thinks they still deserve a raise, stating that she feels everyone deserves a \$.50 raise. Commissioner Collins stated that some people did get a raise within the last 2 years, others didn't. Hodgson pointed out that she started some employees \$.50 lower than the recommended starting raise of \$10/hr.

Hodgson refused to rescind the raises. Commissioner Hilderbrand stated that the payroll will not be approved and no one will get paid this month. He stated that her budget will be amended and decreased by \$32,000. Hodgson said to go ahead and rescind the raises if that is your choice. Hilderbrand stated that she is the one that must do it, stating that it's your paperwork for the request for raises. Hodgson stated that she will rescind the raises at the request of Commissioner Hilderbrand so county employees will get paid. She goes on record that she believes her employees deserve the raise.

RAYMOND GRIFFITH -

Mr. Griffith addressed commissioners, regarding issues brought before them in the past.

DAVID EDMONDSON - Veteran's Memorial Park in Baxter Springs

David Edmondson, Wayne Cook, and Charlene Hunley presented to the commissioners their plans for a public funded Veteran's Memorial Park in Cherokee County, to be located in Baxter Springs. Baxter Springs Mayor Huey York appointed a committee, appointing David Edmondson as chair. Cook and Hunley are members of that committee. Property has been acquired from American Bank, located at the N.E. corner of 13th & Park Ave. SI Veterans Memorials of Parsons were hired to draw up the plans and construct the memorial. The memorial would include a 35' flat concrete circle with 6' high granite stones for all branches of service. Granite pavers are being sold to help fund the project.

\$106,000 has been raised so far, the total cost is \$116,000. There is \$10,000 remaining to be raised. They are seeking the commissioner's consideration of a donation to help finish this project. Edmondson said that the materials have been bought, granite has been ordered, and this is going to happen. It will take 90 days to get granite, and sometime in the summer this will be built. This is for all Cherokee County veterans, not just those from Baxter Springs.

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Collins stated that this is a very worthwhile project. Due to Commissioner Napier's absence, please allow them to get with him and discuss this matter, but they are confident that something can be done.

A donation to the City of Baxter Springs, where a line-item has been established, is the preferred method of donating.

Over 800 citizens of Baxter Springs alone, served in WW II.

A copy of the written presentation, plans, and drawings from SI Memorials is attached.

RESOLUTION NO. 1-2013

Commissioner Hilderbrand made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 1-2013, making the Galena Sentinel-Times the Official County Newspaper. Seconded by Commissioner Collins, the motion carried 2-0, Commissioner Napier is absent.

DAVID GROVES - Sheriff

Sheriff Groves requests an Executive Session for a period of ten minutes for the purpose of Non/Elected personnel.

Commissioner Hilderbrand made a motion for Executive Session with the Sheriff for the purpose of Non/Elected Personnel. Second by Commissioner Collins, the motion carried 2-0 at 10:31 A.M., Commissioner Napier is absent.

The meeting resumed at 10:43 A.M., with no action taken as a result of the Executive Session.

KEVIN CURE – County Counselor

County Counselor Kevin Cure requests an Executive Session with the commissioners for the purpose of Attorney/Client Privilege. Commissioner Hilderbrand made a motion to enter the Executive Session for a period of five minutes. Second by Commissioner Collins, the motion passed 2-0, at 11:29 A.M., Commissioner Napier is absent.

The meeting resumed at 11:39 A.M., no action taken as a result of the executive session.

Commissioner Hilderbrand made a motion to approve the Minutes of the January 14th, 2013 meeting. Second by Commissioner Collins, the motion carrier 2-0, Commissioner Napier is absent.

Commissioner Hilderbrand made a motion to approve Payroll. Second by Commissioner Collins, the motion carrier 2-0, Commissioner Napier is absent.

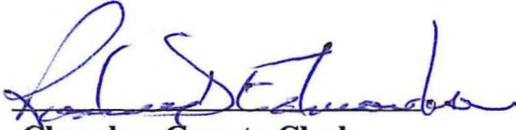
Commissioner Collins made a motion to approve Accounts Payables. Second by Commissioner Hilderbrand, the motion carrier 2-0, Commissioner Napier is absent.

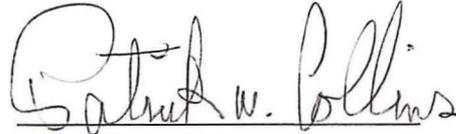
Commissioner Collins made a motion to adjourn until the next regularly scheduled meeting set for January 28th, 2013. Second by Commissioner Hilderbrand, the motion carried 2-0, Commissioner Napier is absent. The motion passed at 11:56 A.M.

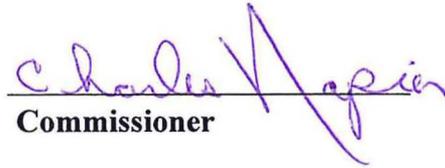
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ATTEST:

Resolved and ordered this day, January 28, 2013


Cherokee County Clerk


Commissioner


Commissioner


Commissioner

(Published in the official county newspaper on the ^{30TH}~~23~~ day of
January, 2013)

RESOLUTION NO. 1- 2013

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE OFFICIAL COUNTY
NEWSPAPER.**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF CHEROKEE COUNTY, KANSAS:**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Cherokee County, Kansas, upon due consideration of the matter finds that enacting the legislation would provide an official newspaper for publications of Cherokee County, Kansas.

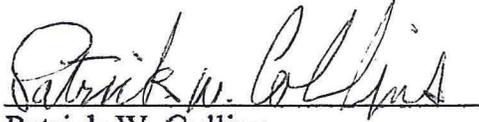
WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Cherokee County, Kansas, meeting in regular session, this 22nd day of January, 2013, does hereby resolve as follows:

Section 1. Appointment of Official County Newspaper. Pursuant to K.S.A. 64-101 the Board of County Commissioners of Cherokee County, Kansas, is required to appoint a duly qualifying newspaper as the official newspaper for publications of Cherokee County, Kansas. This Board hereby appoints the Sentinel Times as the official county newspaper pursuant to K.S.A. 64-101.

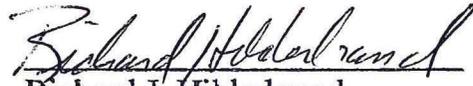
Section 2. Severability. If any section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase in this resolution, or the application thereof to any circumstances, is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid or ineffective by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of the remaining portions of this resolution.

Section 3. Effective Date. This resolution shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and publication once in the official county newspaper.

Adopted this 22nd day of January, 2013, by the BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF CHEROKEE COUNTY, KANSAS.



Patrick W. Collins
County Commissioner



Richard J. Hilderbrand
County Commissioner

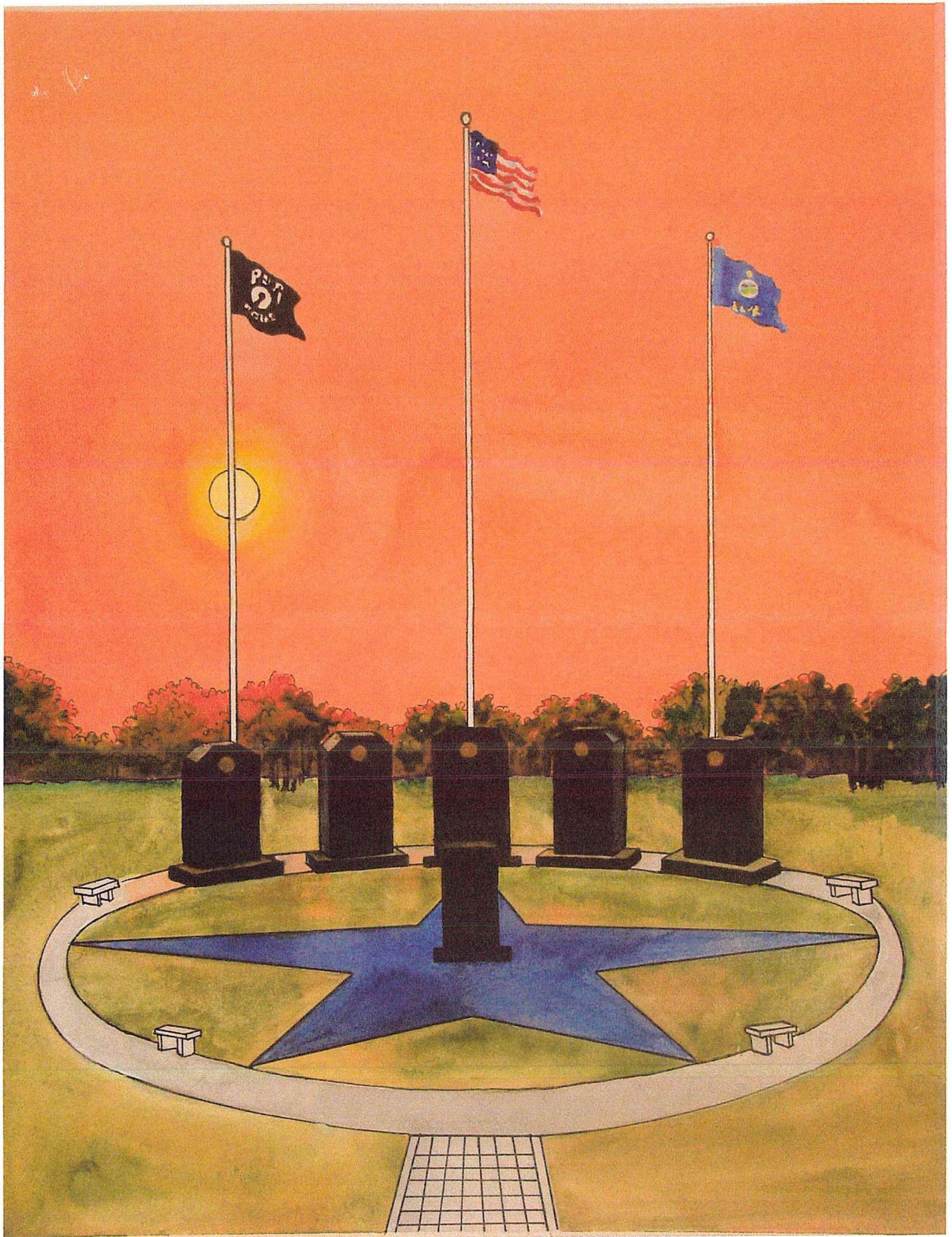
Charlie Napier
County Commissioner

ATTEST:



Rodney D. Edmondson
County Clerk of Cherokee County,
Kansas
Resolution No. 1 - 2013

Prepared by:
Kevin Cure, Attorney



VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK
Baxter Springs, Kansas

Dear Friends,

In 2011 The City of Baxter Springs formed a planning committee in an effort to recognize and honor those who have served our country and continue to do so today. This committee has been working to establish a Veterans Memorial Park. The committee has been working with the American Bank for their approval to construct this Memorial on the property located at 13th Street and Park Avenue. Although this is a City project, the construction of the Memorial will come from public funding. An estimated cost of the Memorial is \$100,000.00.

As an American, you are probably aware that a great debt is owed to the members of our armed forces. It is because of the sacrifices of our veterans and active service members and their families that our community enjoys the freedom and standard of living that we have today.

The Committee has hired SI Veterans Memorials a division of Suhor Industries, Inc. to assist with the design and layout, promotion, advertising, production and construction of the Memorial. Some of SI Veterans Memorials completed projects include: Arkansas Korean War Memorial, Little Rock, Korean War Memorial, Overland Park, Pittsburg State University War Memorial, Pittsburg Kansas, and the Northeast Kansas Korean War Memorial, Topeka Kansas. To view these completed projects you can visit their web site at www.simemorials.com

The Veterans Memorial Park in Baxter Springs will consist of six large black granite tablets. Five of the tablets will span across the back of the memorial, each tablet representing a branch of service. The Tablets will be engraved with pictures associated with the individual service being represented. In the center of a 35 foot concrete circle is the sixth tablet that will be engraved to represent all American Veterans. The Park will include a side walk leading to the Memorial made from granite pavers with veterans names engraved on them. These pavers are being sold as a fund raiser for the project. Three flag poles will be placed behind the Memorial. The American Flag will be flown from a 35 foot pole in the center along with the Kansas flag and POW flag on each side.

Please take a moment to reflect upon the tremendous sacrifices our country's veterans have made on our behalf, and how their courage profoundly impacts the freedoms we enjoy today. Now is the time to come together as a community to honor our veterans. Your donation to the Veterans Memorial Park will ensure that all veterans have a permanent place in our community dedicated solely to them for their sacrifices. The Memorial will serve as a constant reminder of the price of war and the unbreakable spirit of so many fellow Americans who have sacrificed so much in defense of our nation.

I hope that you can make a contribution and become a part of this Memorial by helping us bring this dream to life.

Included with this letter is a picture of the Memorial. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or setup a time where we can meet and go over the project in detail. My email is veteransmem@bax66mail.com, or call me at (620)674-2276.

Thank you in advance for your time and interest in our project.

Sincerely,

David Edmondson

BAXTER SPRINGS VETERANS MONUMENT

GRANITE STONE DESCRIPTION.

The center stone is 30 inches wide and 5 feet tall. The stone will have an engraving of The American Flag draped across the top. Also on the stone will be the words:

IN MEMORY OF ALL AMERICAN VETERANS

THIS MEMORIAL HONORS ALL AMERICAN VETERANS WHO ALTHOUGH SEPERATED BY GENERATIONS SHARED A COMMON UNDENIABLE GOAL TO PROTECT OUR COUNTRY'S FREEDOMS.

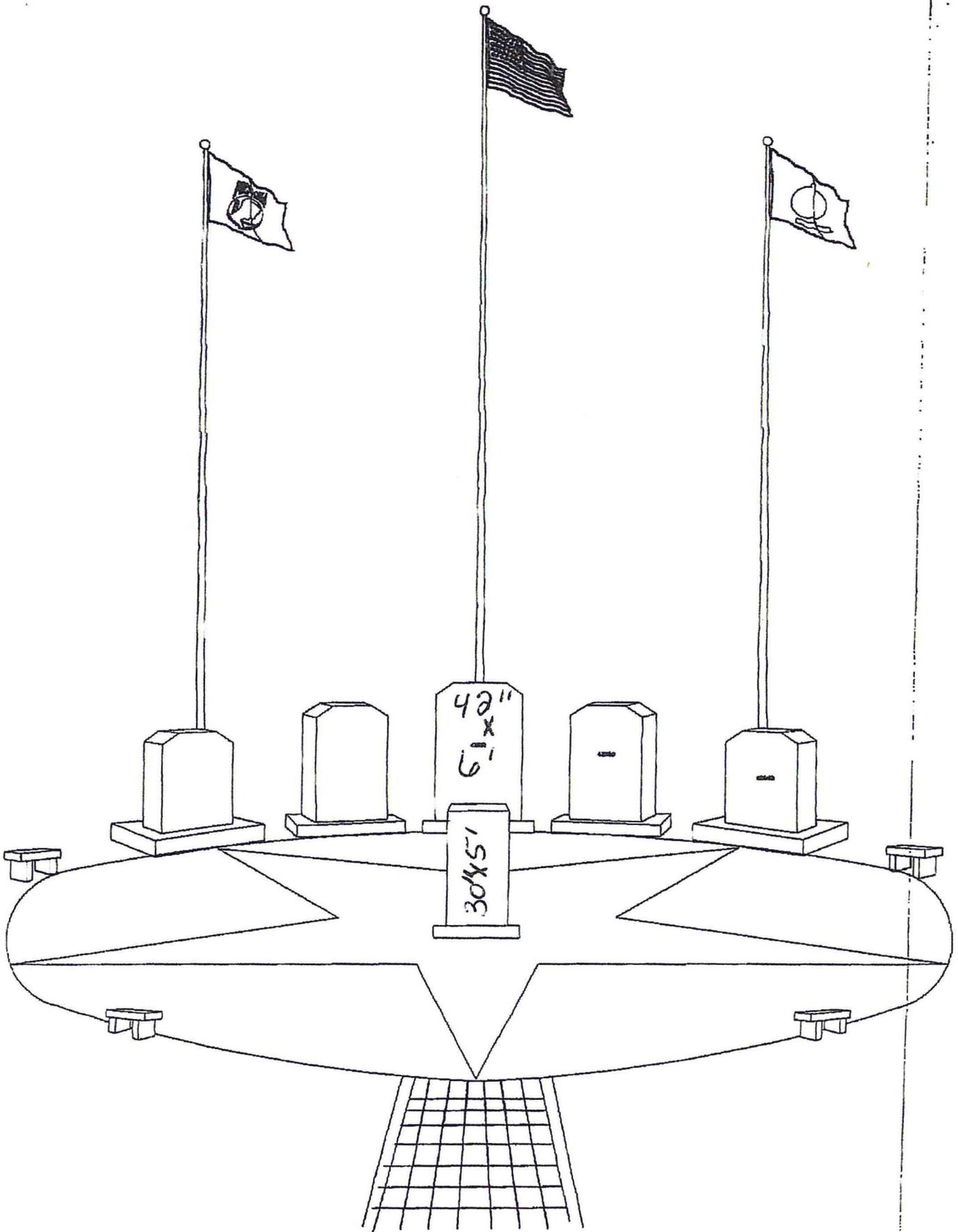
IN WAR AND IN PEACE THEY HAVE PLACED THEMSELVES IN HARMS WAY TO SERVE A CAUSE GREATER THAN THEMSELVES.

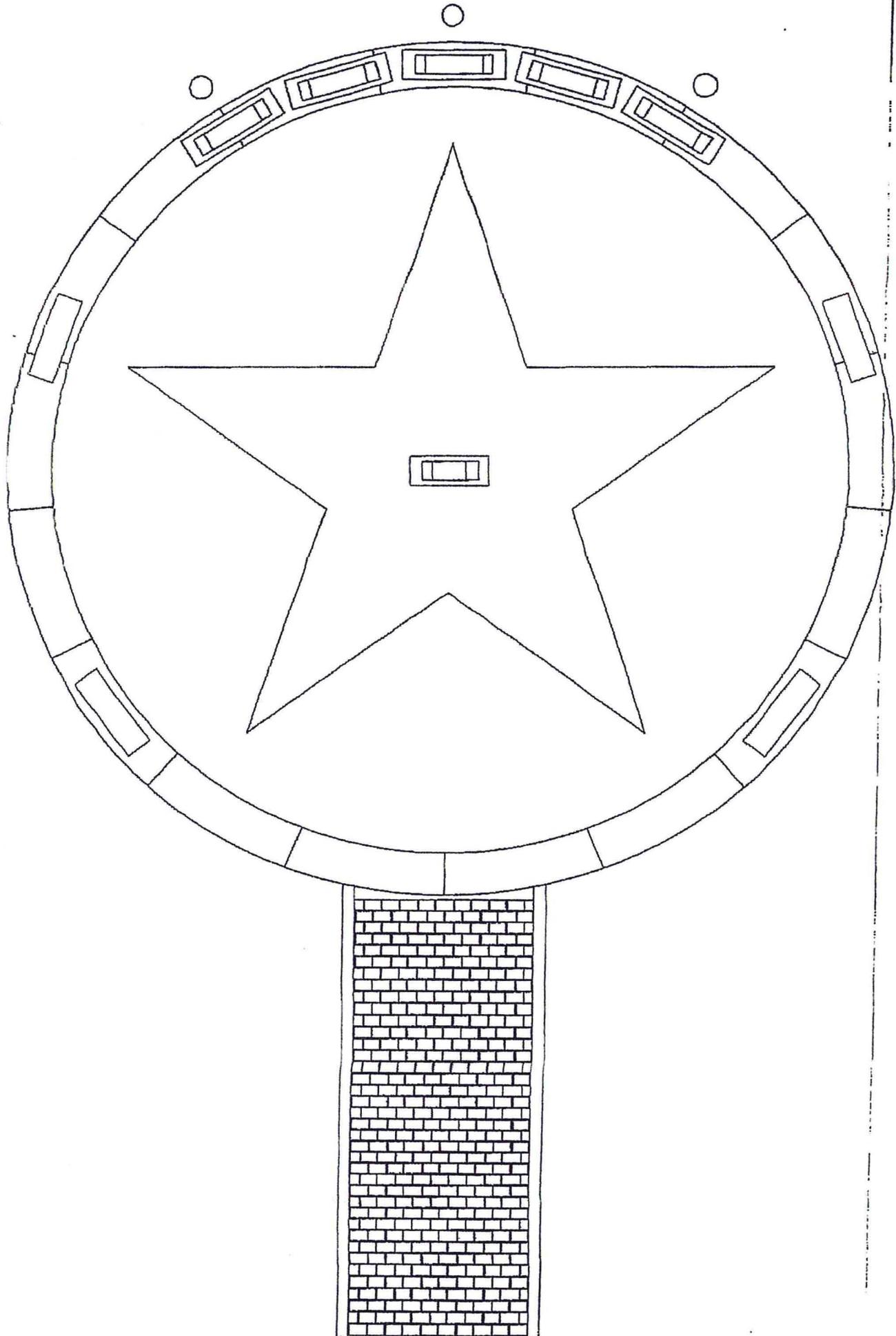
ENSURING THAT THE FREEDOM WE HOLD DEAR AND THE VALUES WE ALL SHARE SHALL PREVAIL.

THE AMERICAN VETERAN... FOREVER A SYMBOL OF HEROISM, SACRIFICE, AND FREEDOM.

The five stones across the back of the monument are 42 inches wide and 6 feet tall. Each stone represents a branch of service, **ARMY, NAVY, AIR FORCE, MARINES, and COAST GUARD.** The stones will have pictures engraved on them that are related to that particular service, along with the service crest.

The side walk leading to the monument will be paved with 6x9 inch granite blocks engraved with veteran's names. The side walk is 20 feet long and 8 feet wide. The circle incasing the monument is 35 feet wide.







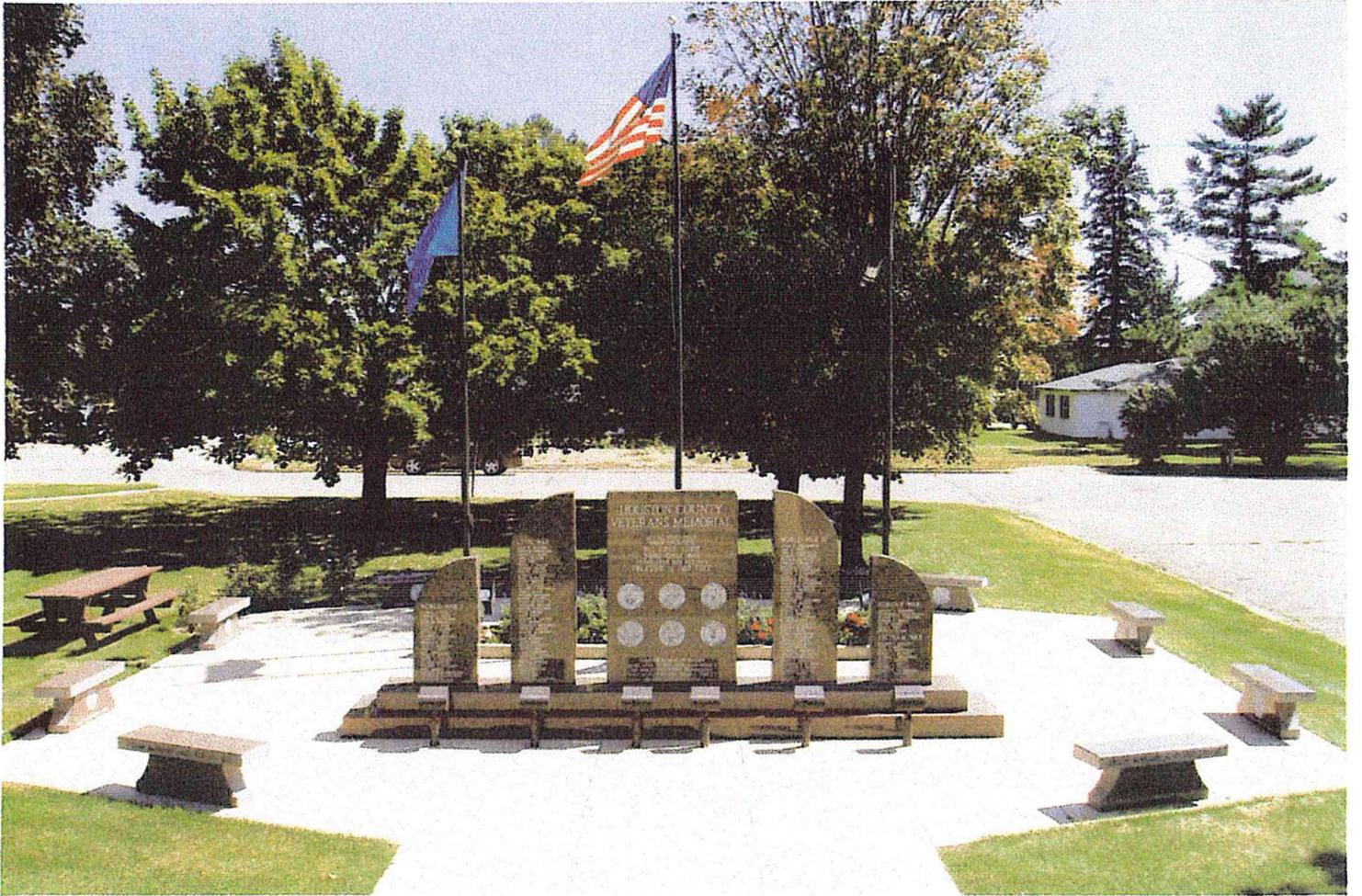
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DEDICATED
IN HONOR OF
ALL MEN & WOMEN
WHO SERVED
OUR COUNTRY
IN THE
ARMED FORCES

ALL GAVE SOME

SOME GAVE ALL









VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK

****** DEDICTED TO ALL WHO HAVE SERVED ******
MAY 27, 2013

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