

RIVERSIDE  
NATIONAL CEMETERY

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*A Living Memorial*



*On Behalf of A  
Grateful Nation*

*The freedoms we've come to  
expect as Americans have been  
paid for in lives sacrificed.*

*However, we cannot fully  
appreciate what we do not  
understand. Through the use  
of memorials and kiosks that  
eloquently speak of the price paid  
for our freedoms, the Riverside  
National Cemetery awakens our  
awareness, conscience, and loyalty.*



# HONORING THOSE WHO GAVE SO MUCH

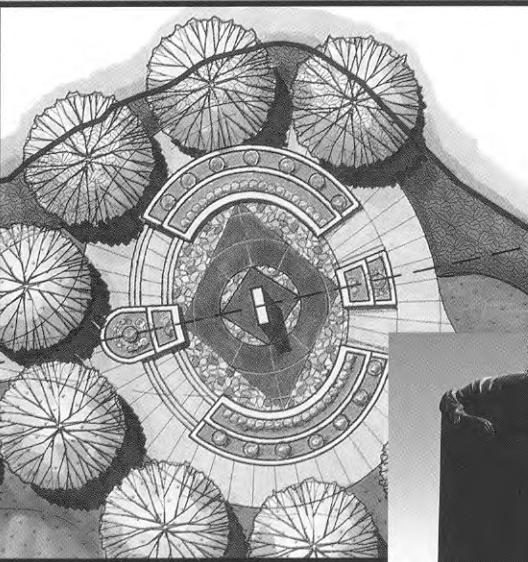
While some were called upon to exhibit exceptional valor, the majority served in anonymity with diligence, dedication, and constancy. We often know these individuals as members of our families who, in their passing, remind us of a commitment to more than personal comfort. All who took the oath to protect and defend this great nation and served with honor deserve broader recognition for their sacrifices.

As generations of children grow to adulthood, they find it hard to comprehend why the freedoms we enjoy are to be guarded. We, as well as future generations, are now being given the opportunity to learn about the costs of gaining and guaranteeing freedom as well as the opportunity to honor those who have paid the cost. To learn, understand, remember, and honor...it all becomes reality through the development of the Riverside National Cemetery as a living memorial to the servicemen and women of the United States.

## A LIVING MEMORIAL

With the rush of a cool breeze whistling through the grass and the sounds of waterfowl swimming near the waters edge, the Riverside National Cemetery's park-like atmosphere and memorials create a living, breathing site of peace and remembrance. The cemetery is dedicated to the memory of thousands of men and women interred there as well as countless individuals who have served our country honorably. Their service has spanned the entire history of America and contributed to its establishment, growth, and preeminence among the world's nations. Many in the course of service never made it home.

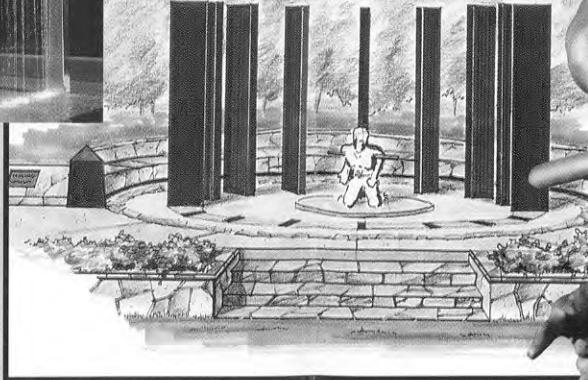
The Millett family of Idyllwild, CA has very strong ties to Riverside National Cemetery (RNC). COL. Lewis Lee Millett Sr. U.S. Army (Ret) is a recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor for actions during the Korean War. COL. Millett served our Nation for 31 years of active duty during WWII, Korea, and Vietnam. COL. Millett Sr. is among those honored at the National Medal of Honor Memorial at Riverside National Cemetery.



*The Veterans Memorial was dedicated May 27, 2000, in honor of the sacrifices made by all servicemen and women in our armed forces on behalf of our country since its inception.*



*The Medal of Honor Memorial was dedicated on November 5, 1999 in honor of all Medal of Honor Recipients.*

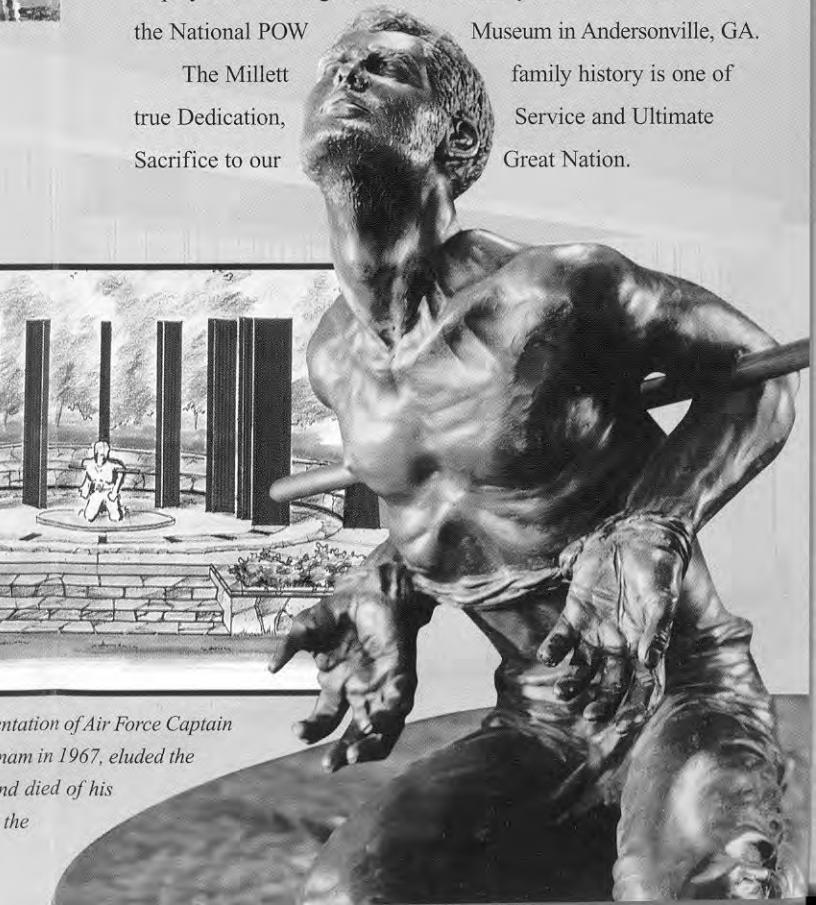


*The P.O.W./M.I.A. Memorial is a moving representation of Air Force Captain Lance Sijan who was shot down over North Vietnam in 1967, eluded the enemy for six weeks, was captured, tortured, and died of his injuries. Captain Sijan posthumously received the Congressional Medal of Honor.*

The Colonel's beloved wife Mona was a true military wife. She followed her Army husband to his various tours of duty in the U.S. as well as Greece, Thailand, the Philippines, and even visiting Vietnam. Mrs. Millett became ill after the death of her youngest son and never recovered. She died in 1993 and is interred at RNC along with her son John. SSGT John Millett, a U.S. Army Medic, was killed in 1985 when his plane exploded upon takeoff in Gander Newfoundland while returning from a UN Peace Keeping Mission in the Sinai. The Colonel's oldest son, Lewis Lee Millett Jr., a U.S. Army Veteran, is an accomplished sculptor who resides with his wife Amy in Idyllwild, Ca. After attending Medal of Honor conventions with his father, Lee began producing action sculptures of Medal of Honor recipients. One such sculpture of USAF Captain Lance Sijan was adopted as the POW/MIA Memorial for RNC. Lee's miniature replicas of the POW/MIA piece are currently on display at the Pentagon, all three Military Academies and the National POW

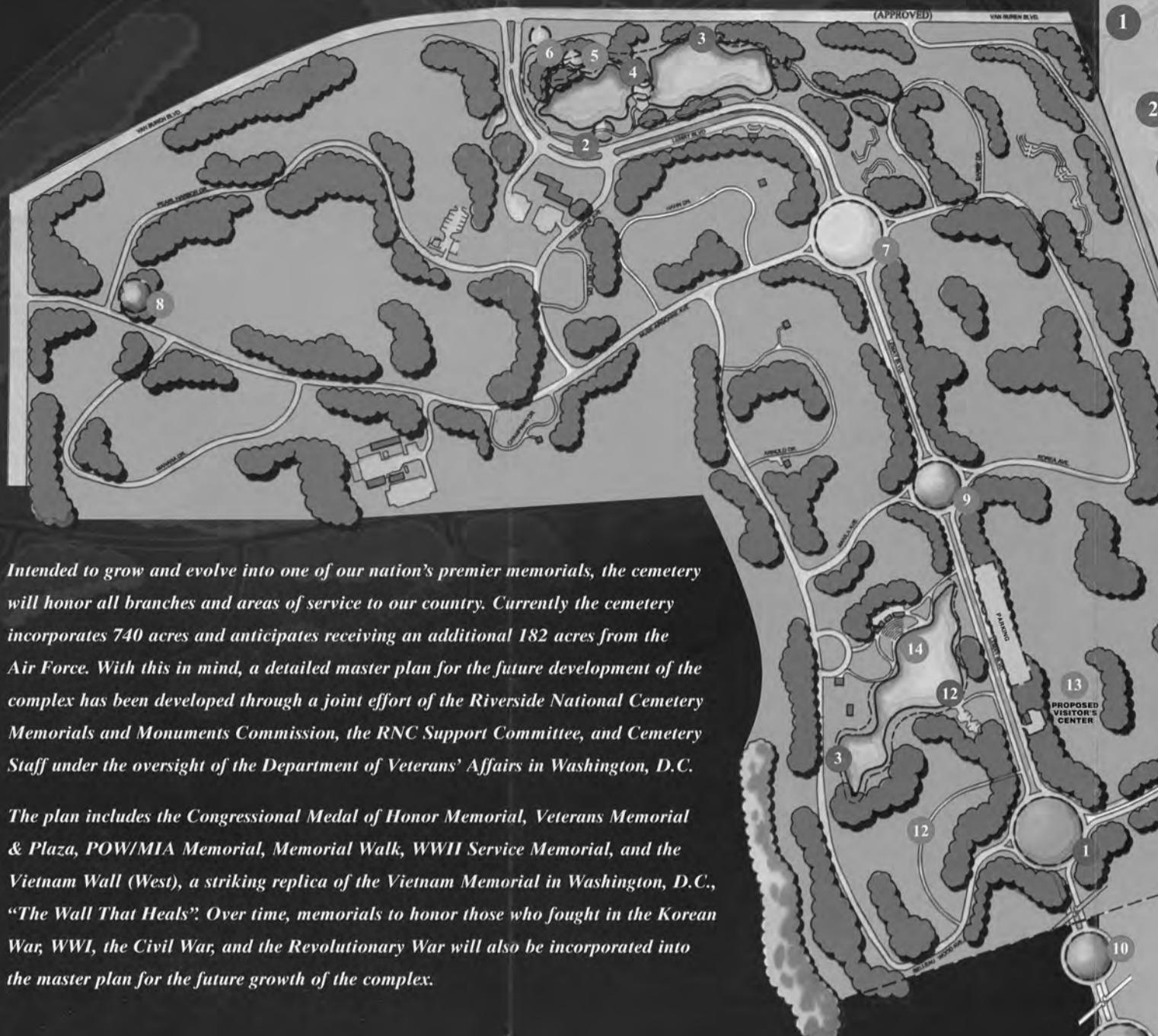
Museum in Andersonville, GA.

The Millett true Dedication, Sacrifice to our family history is one of Service and Ultimate Great Nation.



# THE MASTER PLAN

## A LEGACY FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS



Intended to grow and evolve into one of our nation's premier memorials, the cemetery will honor all branches and areas of service to our country. Currently the cemetery incorporates 740 acres and anticipates receiving an additional 182 acres from the Air Force. With this in mind, a detailed master plan for the future development of the complex has been developed through a joint effort of the Riverside National Cemetery Memorials and Monuments Commission, the RNC Support Committee, and Cemetery Staff under the oversight of the Department of Veterans' Affairs in Washington, D.C.

The plan includes the Congressional Medal of Honor Memorial, Veterans Memorial & Plaza, POW/MIA Memorial, Memorial Walk, WWII Service Memorial, and the Vietnam Wall (West), a striking replica of the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D.C., "The Wall That Heals". Over time, memorials to honor those who fought in the Korean War, WWI, the Civil War, and the Revolutionary War will also be incorporated into the master plan for the future growth of the complex.

### A VISION IN ACTION

The Riverside National Cemetery Support Committee is dedicated to putting the master plan to work. With each addition, the cemetery is increasingly appreciated as a national treasure with historical standing. While the cemetery is maintained by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, the development and support of the memorial complex rests on the shoulders of individual citizens. There are tremendous opportunities for participation, contribution, and support.

### PERSONALIZED MEMORIALS

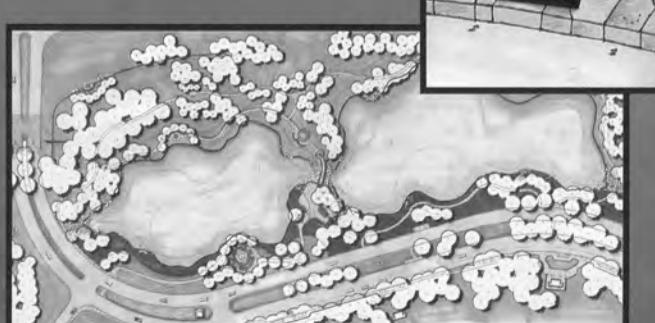
#### Tree of Remembrance

For a donation of \$50 or more to the RNC Support Committee, your name and the honored veteran's name or service organization will be inscribed on a leaf and placed on the Tree of Remembrance Wall of the Cemetery's Administration Building. The proceeds are applied to current memorial projects as well as continued beautification projects.

### GENERAL MEMORIAL FUND

#### Posthumous Remembrance

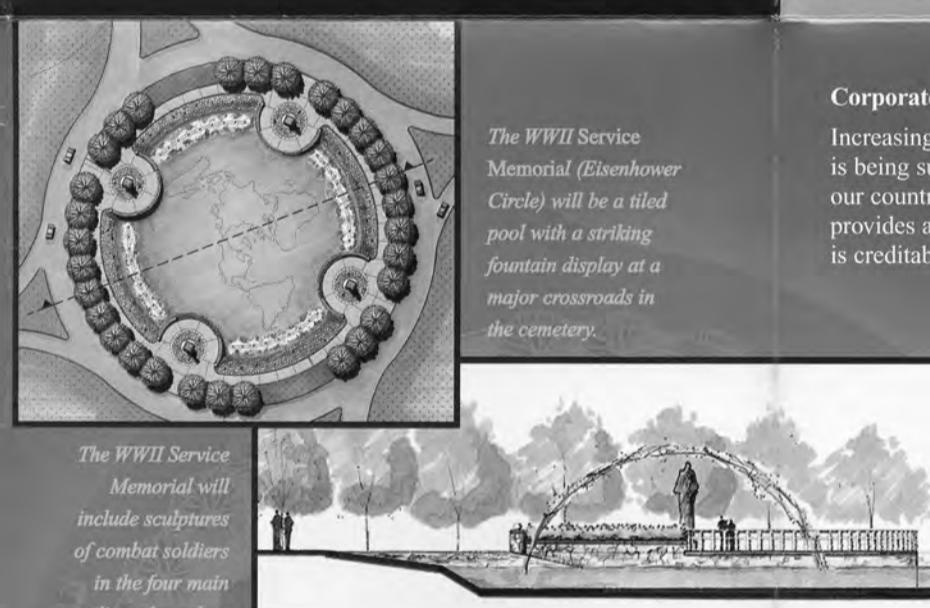
The efforts of all those who served are honored together through gifts like yours. Gifts offered in memory of individuals, or to the general fund, are consolidated for the development of lasting memorials.



The Memorial Walk will surround the two ponds and offer settings for meditation and reflection.

### Planned Giving

Your donation will help ensure that the achievements of generations of veterans are forever preserved as a legacy for the youth of future America. We recommend you choose a plan that suits your circumstances and consult a financial advisor before making a final decision regarding these arrangements.



**YOUR GIFT OF APPRECIATED ASSETS** – If you have assets such as stock or real property that have grown in value over time, you can donate them to the Riverside National Cemetery Support Committee and save taxes in the following ways: you get a charitable deduction for the market value of the asset when the gift is made; you avoid the capital gains tax that you would pay if you had sold the asset; and the value of the asset is removed from your taxable estate, thereby reducing your estate tax liability.

**A CHARITABLE BEQUEST** – Your will or living trust can be a creative vehicle for making thoughtful gifts. After providing for the needs of your loved ones, you can make a charitable bequest to the Riverside National Cemetery Support Committee of a dollar amount, a property, a percentage of your estate, or what is left after others have been taken care of. An attorney can add a simple codicil to your will to make your wishes clear. Similar arrangements may be made for a living trust.

**RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS** – You may accumulate funds in a company pension plan or a private fund, such as an Individual Retirement Account, that go beyond your and your loved ones' need for comfortable support. In such a case, you can give all or a portion of such accounts to the Riverside National Cemetery Support Committee. Alternatively, you can designate the Riverside National Cemetery Support Committee as the beneficiary of such accounts.

**LIFE INSURANCE** – One of the simplest ways to make a significant gift in the future is to name the Riverside National Cemetery Support Committee as the beneficiary of an insurance policy on your life. Alternatively, you may name the Riverside National Cemetery Support Committee as the beneficiary of

**1 Congressional Medal of Honor Memorial (Nimitz Circle)**

**2 Veterans Memorial & Plaza**

**3 Veterans Memorial Walk**

**4 POW/MIA Memorial**

**5 Vietnam Wall (West)**

**6 K-9 Handlers Memorial**

**7 WWII Service Memorial (Eisenhower Circle)**

**8 Korean Service Memorial**

**9 WWI Service Memorial (Doolittle Circle)**

**10 Civil War Service Memorial**

**11 Revolutionary War Service Memorial**

**12 AMVETS Carillon Tower**

**13 Visitor's Center**

**14 Amphitheater Cover**

### Corporate Giving

Increasingly, individual, community, and national involvement is being supplemented by corporations who see their role in our country expanding. The Riverside National Cemetery provides an opportunity for support of an organization that is creditable and efficient with lasting results.

### ANNUITY TRUST, UNITRUST, AND CHARITABLE LEAD TRUST

These are further tools of "Planned Giving" Estate Planning that may meet your goals of leaving a legacy to those who served.

### A TIMELESS GIFT

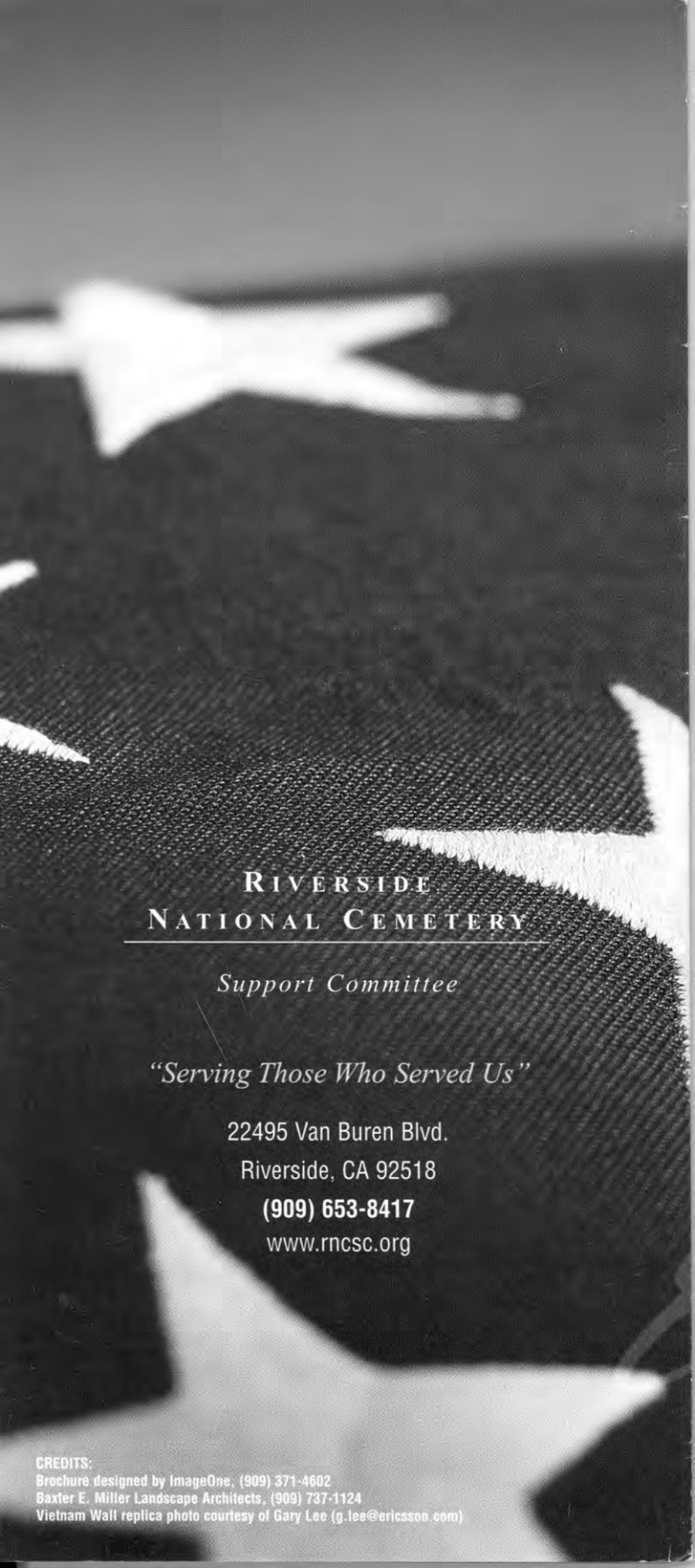
All that has been achieved at the cemetery, was achieved by individuals who caught the vision of what the cemetery could be. You can make a lasting impact on future

generations understanding the importance of the freedoms they enjoy and our veterans dedication and service to this great nation. We are accomplishing this through the continued transformation of Riverside National Cemetery into a national veterans memorial and shrine. We invite you to join us by dedicating a portion of your resources or involvement as a gift to honor the service and sacrifices made by our country's veterans and their families.

**For further information or if you would like to get started with "Planned Giving" today, please contact the Non-Profit RNC Support Committee at (909) 653-8417.**

*The Vietnam Wall (West), a half sized replica of the wall in Washington D.C., will contain all the names of those who fell in Vietnam.*





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*Support Committee*

*“Serving Those Who Served Us”*

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