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War Dog Memorial Fact Sheet

"The War Dog Memorial provided an opportunity to combine an extremely moving story of the undying devotion of these war dogs with a unique work of art, one that I feel will provide a meaningful image."

A. Thomas Schomberg

What is the War Dog Memorial?

The War Dog Memorial is a depiction of a soldier and his dog emerging into the environment of combat. Both man and dog possess a tense feeling of anxiety as they look off into the fields of impending danger. The column gives an architectural setting that provides a baroque quality of light, which is meant to illuminate the comradeship, protection, sacrifice and love between man and dog.

The Significance of the War Dog Memorial:

The War Dog Memorial not only serves to commemorate the courageous acts of heroism performed by these war dogs but also to:

- commend and recognize ALL dogs that ever served in battle — not just in Vietnam; and,
- illustrate that these memorials "belong to the people" — built out of support by the American public (not the government) in an effort to finally honor each and every valiant war dog and their efforts to save lives and prevent countless casualties.

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About the Sculptor:

World-renown sculptor, A. Thomas Schomberg, grew up in the Midwest during the 1940s and 1950s; a period of time he feels has had a lasting influence on his work. Along with these regional influences, his studies in both the United States and Europe have guided Tom to his present personal style and technique as a romantic realist. A culminating stimulus to Tom's work is his environment, from which he finds inspiration and subject matter.

When and Where will it be dedicated?

After a successful year of fundraising, the first War Dog Memorial will be dedicated February 21, 2000 (President's Day) at March Field Air Museum in Riverside, California. The second memorial will most likely be dedicated at the National Infantry Museum in Ft. Benning, Georgia.

*They Protected Us on the Field of Battle
They Watch Over Our Eternal Rest
We Are Grateful.*

The War Dog Memorial Inscription