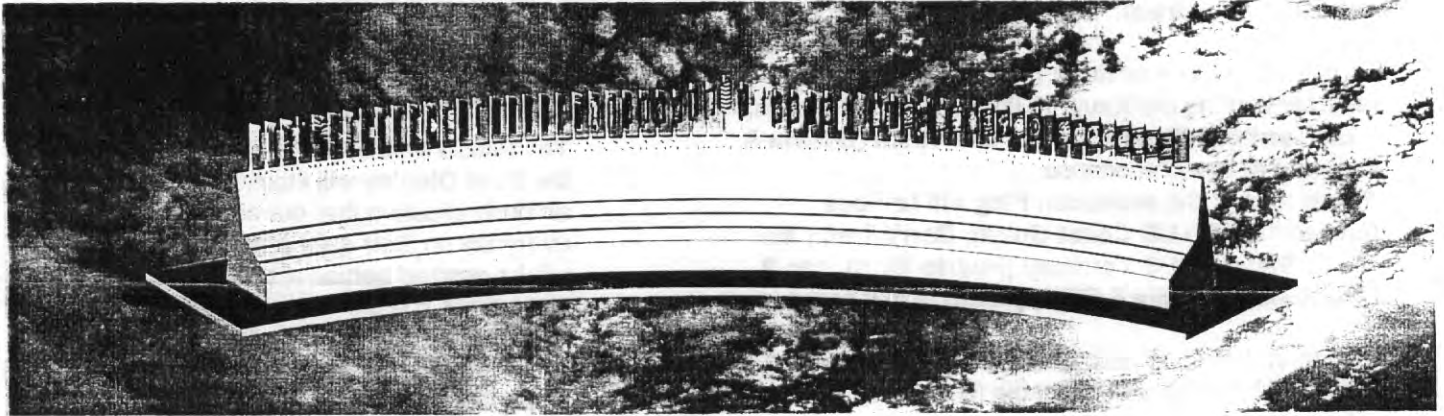


At Last----A Memorial to Sailors who gave their lives in the fight for Democracy and Freedom in Vietnam 1960 - 1975



U.S. NAVY / U.S. COAST GUARD VIETNAM UNIT MEMORIAL MONUMENT

What It is

The **U.S. NAVY/U.S COAST GUARD VIETNAM UNIT MEMORIAL MONUMENT**, to be located on the CISM (Council International Sport Military) Field on the US Naval Amphibious Base, Coronado, Ca., will be a personal, detailed, and heart-felt tribute to **all Navy & Coast Guard personnel** who died serving their country in the **South East Asia Theater of the Vietnam War** from **1960 to 1975**.

The monument will display individual plaques for each of the **16 Medal Of Honor** recipients and the **123 Navy Cross** recipients. The **2500+ Navy** and **7 Coast Guard** casualties will be **listed by unit, name, rank/rate, and home of record**. Units represented include:

- 356 Navy Units**
- 13 Marine Corps Units with Naval personnel assigned**
- 2 Air Force Units with Naval & Coast Guard personnel assigned**
- 2 Coast Guard Units**

There will be **207 individual plaques (11"x17")** identifying the various units per type command with the individual **KIA/MIA** information listed:

- (5) Task Force 115 Units**
- (30) Task Force 116 Units**

- (12) Task Force 117 Units**
- (9) Individual Units**
- (26) Naval Ships**
- (58) Naval Air Units**
- (13) Seabee Units**
- (12) NSA Saigon Units**
- (9) NSA Danang Units**
- (30) Corpsmen with Marines Units**

Each unit on the plaques will be identified by the shoulder or ship patch they wore so proudly.

Endorsed by the US Navy

In May 1999, Commander, Navy Region, Southwest, Rear Admiral V. Z. Froman authorized the construction and placement of the **US NAVY / US COAST GUARD VIETNAM UNIT MEMORIAL MONUMENT** and **BOAT DISPLAY** at CISM Field, Naval Amphibious Base, Coronado, Ca.

On June 23, 1999, **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)** was signed between the **Memorial Organization** and the **US Navy**, establishing the guidelines for long term operation and maintenance of the **Memorial**.

Memorial Design

The memorial is designed as a graceful 60 degree arc, approximately 66 ft long, 8ft high and 6 ft wide, set on a base that extends out and around the monument 3 ft. With the **AMERICAN FLAG** in the center, the top of the monument will permanently display the flags from all **50 States, 2 US Territories, and 4 Countries** to signify the homelands of the men who became casualties in Vietnam:

To the left of the **American Flag** will be flags representing the **US Navy, POW/MIA, 25 US States, 1 US Territory (Guam), and 2 Countries (Bolivia & Canada)** in that precedence.

To the right of the **American Flag** will be flags representing the **US Coast Guard, Don't Tread Me, 25 US States, 1 US Territory (Puerto Rico), and 2 Countries (Panama & Philippines)** in that precedence.

Etched in the monument under the **Flag Display** on the 4 ft, 15 degree vertical angle face of the monument will be this **Inscription**:

THIS MEMORIAL IS DEDICATED TO THOSE NAVY AND COAST GUARD SAILORS WHO SACRIFICED EVERYTHING IN A DISTANT LAND FOR THE CAUSE OF DEMOCRACY AND FREEDOM YOU ENJOY TODAY. LET US NEVER FORGET THEIR BRAVERY.

Under the inscription, on the 52 inch, 40 degree angle section of the monument, will be the plaques honoring the **16 Medal Of Honor recipients**, followed by two rows of plaques honoring the **123 Navy Cross recipients**. Picture plaques (8"x10") will be situated across the face of the monument to illustrate every type of ship, boat, airplane, or machinery used by the various military combat units.

The **Units** listed on the **Plaques** will be identified by the **shoulder or ship patch**, followed by the names of the casualties of the unit: **Date of Death, Rank or Rate, Full Name, Home of Record, and other Pertinent information**. If the individual was **Missing In Action (MIA)**, received the **Medal Of Honor (MOH)** or the **Navy Cross Posthumously**, that information will precede the date of death. If an individual had a **Naval Ship** named in his honor, the **Picture** of the ship will be under his name on the plaque.

Etched in the lower, vertical section (16") of the monument will be this **Inscription**:
**US NAVY / US COAST GUARD VIETNAM UNIT
MEMORIAL MONUMENT 1960-1975**

On the backside of the monument, every **Naval or Coast Guard Unit** that participated in the **South East Asia Theater of the Vietnam War, 1960-1975** will be identified. This includes units that

personnel served on **In-Country Vietnam, Ships at Sea, or embarked Units on Ships at Sea** that supported **Military Operations**. This represents the **EXEMPLARY TEAMWORK** exhibited by all units during this time of crisis. All **Ship/Units/Squadrons** will be identified by class or type on the plaques.

MEMORIAL / BOAT DISPLAY

The relationship of the **Memorial Monument** to the **Boat Display** will illustrate the scenario of an ambush situation that our servicemen faced everyday on their daily patrols. The **Memorial** will be erected behind a small row of trees, with more trees and shrubery located behind the **Monument**. The **PBR (Patrol Boat River 32')** and **PCF (Patrol Craft Fast 50')** will be located facing the **Memorial Wall**.

Memorial Conception

The concept of the Memorial started while **Ralph J. Fries** was serving with **River Section 535** on February 4, 1968 when **GMG3 Thomas J. Craghead Jr., forward twin .50 gunner on PBR-725** was **Killed In Action** by intense enemy fire. The Deaths of **Patrol Officer LT William E. Dennis, Executive Officer, BM1 Scott C. Delph, Boat Captain, and GMG2 Patrick O. Ford, After .50 Gunner on PBR-750** on June 21, 1968 and **GMG3 Marcus E. Cline, Fwd .50 Gunner on PBR-723** on June 24, 1968 has been on my mind ever since. They had served as a very close knit Naval unit since activation on October 18, 1967 with 6 Officers and 56 Enlisted Men.

Ralph retired from active duty with the **US Navy** on June 1, 1977. He started his own trucking business. In the summer of 1986 while trucking, he visited the traveling **Mobile Vietnam Memorial Wall** in Pagosa Springs, Co. for the first time. It was then with memories of the past, that he wanted to build a permanent **memorial monument** to pay an **Honorable Tribute** to all **Sailors who Died in the Line of Duty** and who served during the **South East Asia Theater of the Vietnam War**.

After retiring from active trucking on August 3, 1993, he started his vision of the **Memorial Concept** in September 1993. **Dedication Ceremonies** are planned to be held on **Veterans Day, Saturday, November 11, 2000**.

How You Can Help

You can help in two ways:

1. Please **send** me the name of your **Ship, Unit, or Squadron**, with **Hull, Unit, or Squadron Number** you served with or on during the South East Asia Theater of the Vietnam War zone, 1960-1975. Every **Naval and Coast Guard Unit** will be identified for serving their **Country**.

2. The **Memorial** is a **Tribute** by **Surveyors** to our **Comrades-In-Arms** who gave their **Lives** in the **Service** of our **Country**. The project has been approved by the **US Navy**.

This **Memorial** is unique in that it assembles information, pictures, and **Naval History** that has never been collected and displayed before.

The **Memorial** will be our way of remembering our **Comrades**, who are still on **Patrol** under a different **Command**.

We are collecting (Tax Deductible) monetary donations from **Individuals, Corporations, Business, and Organizations** as this project is totally funded privately. For any **Donation** over \$100.00, your **Name** will be listed on a plaque on the Monument for your support of this most **Memorative Tribute**.

Please send your Monetary Donations Checks payable and mail to:

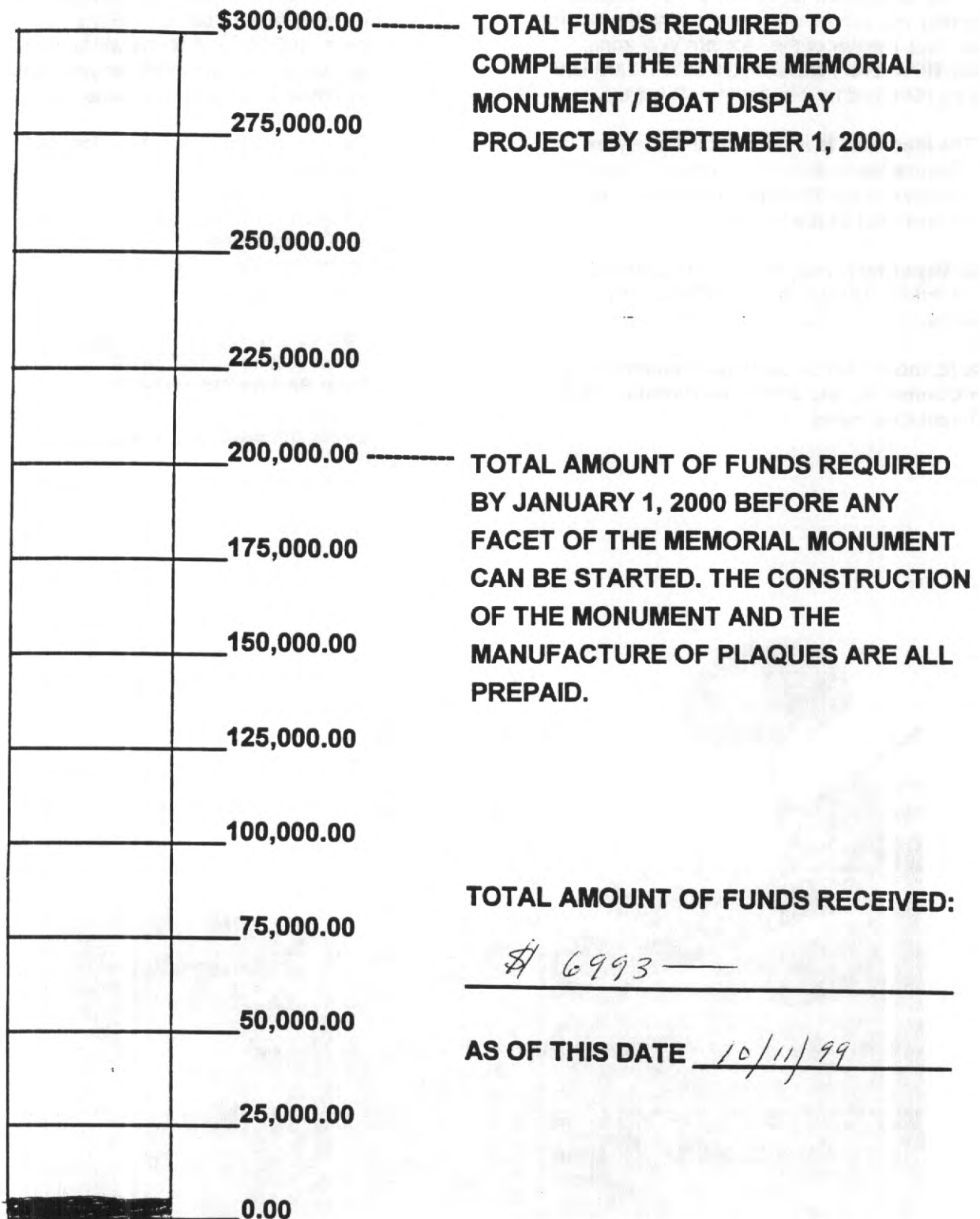
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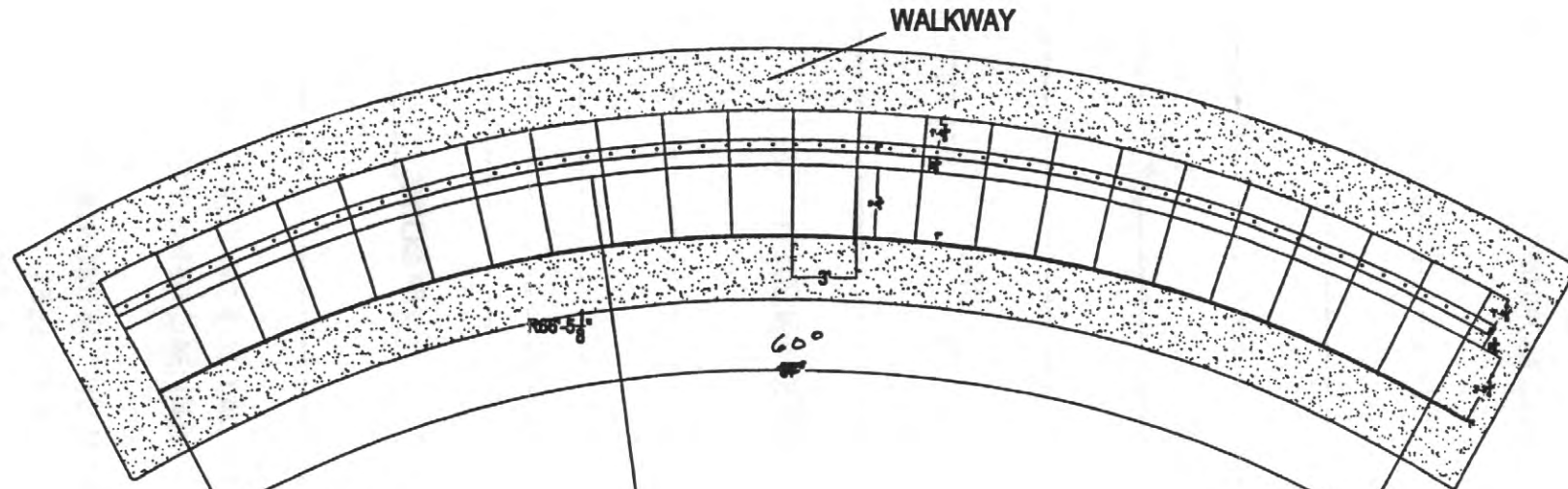
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