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a project of the La Vernia Historical Association



Veterans Memorial Today

Project Description

The La Vernia Historical Association (LVHA) created the idea for a La Vernia Veterans Memorial in 2006 to provide a community expression of appreciation for Veterans of the United States military. The focus is on impacting not only the La Vernia area community but future generations.

The City of La Vernia granted permission to the LVHA to place the monument in the La Vernia City Park. The city's property ownership enables security, oversight, and maintenance around the memorial. LVHA oversees engraving and cleanliness and is responsible for interacting with public questions and ceremonies at the monument.

Dustin Buckley, a graduate of La Vernia High School and UTSA School of Architecture created the memorial's original design. Hollie Scott Sanchez, PLLC, Studio Architects, developed the architectural plans.

The monument is designed to have the names of honorable discharged, qualified Veterans inscribed on the granite walls.

Qualified Veterans are any who have lived in or near the La Vernia Wilson County area, have family and friends in the area, or simply have a fondness for the area. Residency is not required.

Funding for the project has come from many fundraisers, donations, in-kind contributions, and generous grants. For several years the LVHA hosted the La Vernia Wild West Hammerfest Bicycle Ride, many small events, online auctions, and online raffles.

On August 9, 2017, the foundation for the project was poured, completing Phase 1.

By November 2018, Phase 2 was completed, which included the erection of the walls for the names of the veterans, the completion of the Patriots Pathway leading up to the monument, and the installation of the benches.

Phase 3, the crowning piece, the Obelisk is hoped for completion by Veterans Day 2024 (weather and materials dependent)



Obelisk

The last object for the La Vernia Veterans Memorial is the 21-foot-tall Obelisk. Placed in the center of the memorial and has a cement base, and five 3form Koda XT* sides. To highlight the memorial, the top will be lit with a representation of the US Flag. The total cost for the Obelisk is over \$120,000.

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