

HERE PAUSE AWHILE



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WHO FELL IN WAR



TO SAVE OUR PEACE



THEN GO RENEWED



AND BUILD THE LIVES



THEY LOST FOR YOU



IN GOD WE TRUST.



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Honoring Those Who Serve And
Those Who Have Served.



Our History

In 1945, a visionary group of Vinton citizens and leaders developed a plan to construct a memorial to honor World War II Veterans of Vinton who were killed in action. By 1948

the beautiful Vinton War Memorial Building was erected and dedicated. In 2006, the Vinton Vision Committee recognized the need to further honor both the past Vinton and Roanoke County veterans killed in action along with military men and women who have or who are currently serving our country. The Vision Committee has established an all-volunteer steering committee and capital campaign committee, conducted a nationwide search for an artist, facilitated opportunities for citizens' input, prepared a timeline for each stage of development and construction, evaluated financial means, and cultivated communication with the community.



Chairperson "Bootie" Chewning & Vice-Chairperson Audrey Thrasher

The Purpose



Veterans (left to right)
Herman Olsen, Henry Howell,
Betty Kelly, Wes Stevens

Area veterans, Vinton town officials and citizens – dedicated to recognizing veterans past and present – wish to honor those who have made and continue to make personal sacrifices for our freedom. Thus

was born the idea of an outdoor, freestanding Veterans monument, constructed to pay homage to all veterans from Vinton and Roanoke County. Because of their bravery, we are "the land of the free and home of the brave."



up the broad steps, up the rough rocks and terraced fountain to the granite panels inscribed with the names of fallen soldiers, and up again to the bronze American flag. Finally, the attention of visitors will be drawn to the encircling inscription on the architectural cast concrete lintels overhead:

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– THEN GO RENEWED – AND BUILD THE LIVES – THEY LOST FOR YOU – IN GOD WE TRUST.**

We also designed High Ground to be an attractive visual focus for individuals and organizations using the War Memorial Hall for conferences, weddings, and other functions. The pavilion will be a beautiful sight, with its stately columns accented by dogwoods in bloom. By day, sunshine will light the flag and fountain below; by night, strategically placed lights will warmly illuminate the pavilion interior."

HIGH GROUND

Of four possible models created by various artists, High Ground by the design team of Larry Bechtel, John Kirtley, and Mary Babcock received the nod of approval by the Vinton community who had ample opportunities to view all four choices and offer an opinion on a favorite. The choice indicated that the community recognized and appreciated the design team's portrayal of welcoming serenity and reflection.

Concept Statement by the Artists:

"The title of our design proposal, High Ground, came from a friend and Vietnam War Veteran who told me that in battle, " a soldier always looks for the high ground." Visitors approaching across the compass plaza to the octagonal pavilion will likewise find their attention drawn ever upwards:



Artists (left to right)
John Kirtley, Larry Betchel, Mary Babcock

Capital Campaign

To meet the needs of this construction project, the Vinton Vision Committee is reaching out to the community, businesses, and individuals to help provide financial support for the building of the Veterans Monument. The Gift Intention Form lists contribution options.



Capital Campaign Co-Chairmen
Jason Peters & Norman Jasper

Honorary Co-Chairmen
Wallace Cundiff & Dick Cranwell

"The Veterans Monument will be a constant memory of those who serve and those who have served. We will never forget the importance of freedom and those results that help our nation grow and prosper. Because our children are our future, we must continue these efforts to remember the past for a brighter future."

-Captain Norman J. Jasper, Jr., USMC

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