

Persian Gulf Tribute Submission

To The Persian Gulf Tribute Committee, The Highground, and Judging Panel,

I would like to submit my second submission for the future Persian Gulf Tribute. I would like to see something that involves a symbol of God at The Highground. I feel that not only symbols of war/ conflict/ veterans/ soldiers, etc. for Honor, Healing and Support which I think are very wonderful what's there already, but that there should be something with a symbol of God because he is the biggest support of all for Healing. I know that this is a very controversial subject, but I still would like to submit my submission for consideration. If a cross is really something that is not preferred to be seen at The Highground, please continue to read my second suggestion that I will also include in this letter.

1. The first suggestion is the Cross in the middle of the map/globe with the words Some Gave All-All Gave Some with the Purple Heart on each end of the words. On the back side of the Cross would say One Nation Under God – Justice For All with a Peace Dove and an Olive leaf in its' beak. The Cross will sit on a map of the world that could have the war/conflicts marked on it. The map could be like a half of globe protruding out of the ground or flat with the ground. The cross would have a pair of soldiers boots on each side as a reminder of the Honor the Soldiers deserves for choosing to serve and walk in those boots for our Freedom and the Freedom of others. The boots I would like to see them in a black or bronze color. The Gold Star on the ground could be used for stone blocks to be sold to put soldier's name, etc. (deceased or living) who served in the war/conflicts on them. The blocks could be placed in different designs or the same on each end. A symbol of each branch of the Military would be placed at each end of the star. I would like to see the color in them shown by ceramic tiles or a special coating to hold the color and protect them in the winter months and from sun damage. Benches would be placed to show each war/conflict. Some type of symbol could be put on each bench with the name of each war/conflict. A large stone would be placed at the right or left side with The Persian Gulf Tribute and the saying, "A Place of Honor, Hope, and Healing So We Don't Walk Past You, But With You!" Lighting could be placed where needed and could have several sensor lights with maybe one or two lights continuously on.
2. If the Cross is too controversial, then I would suggest instead of the Cross to put people holding hands around or on the map/globe. The people could be a woman and man Soldier, boy and girl, possibly a Muslim male, women or child, a man and/or women and all holding hands in a circle. In the middle of the circle could be a Peace Dove with an Olive leaf in its beak. The Dove could be on a tree of life or on a wire rod coming out of the globe. I would keep everything else the same and add the boots on each end of the stone or one pair in front of the large stone.

I think The Highground is a very Healing and Honorable place for so many who visit. It is a very welcoming, knowledgeable, caring and well maintained Veteran's Memorial Park. Thank you to all who volunteer their time, talents and gift of money to help maintain such a place. It has educated me more about the sacrifices of so many for our Freedom and has helped in a part of my healing process.

I would like to thank you for your time and consideration and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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