

The simplicity of the piece is what it is all about. The conflict isn't simple. I will agree but to provide a design other than a simple elegant one will create tension. I feel the simplicity will ease the tension of those viewing it especially those who have lost loved ones.

The black marble or granite (choice is up to you - I'd pick the marble) is dignified and elegant while giving respect to the veteran. The stone(s) if marble is chosen should be an African stone as it is the blackest. When frosted the division is very acceptable.

I picked the three circles for many reasons. First, as shown on the diagrams there are three separate groups (be it history, culture, etc.) Second, it has a clamping effect. Third, it's bold enough to represent the strength of the people involved.

Possible inclusion inside the three circles:

History: We had 9/11 or the Allies and the USA which could be included in the center section along with its history. Then we have Iran and its history of the conflict there in another circle and finally Afghanistan and its history of the conflict in the third circle.

We also could put the 9/11 history with the Towers in the center, Shanksville in one of the circles and The Pentagon in the other.

So, as you see, there are many possibilities. Please feel free in consulting me should you wish on any design you may choose be it mine or somebody else's.

Thank you for this opportunity

Sincerely,



Tom

September 24, 2008

Persian Gulf Tribute Committee
The Highground
Post Office Box 457
Neillsville, Wisconsin 54456

Dear Committee,

I submit this presentation to you for your consideration towards the future Persian Gulf Memorial.

Should you accept it, that would be fine. Should you not accept it, but see parts you might want to consider, please feel free in incorporating them as you wish. My goal in submitting this package is to help you create the finest memorial possible.

I personally feel that sand and sandy things or sandy figures is not needed. I hope that the future piece will incorporate the names of those KIAs from both Afghanistan and Iraq.

I am sorry for the poor reproduction of wordage in the rear side of the memorial (#2 Rear Side) presentation. Here is what is presented but unreadable:

*Remembering those Wisconsin veterans
who have made the ultimate sacrifice*

Residents above could be substituted for Veterans.

The bottom of this #2 Rear Side reads:

In Honor of the Service of Wisconsin Veterans in the Persian Gulf Conflict

I have looked at the presentation and a short overview of the conflict could be added for each conflict. Possible addition of the Towers/Pentagon/PA is also possible. This could be worked out. I just finished a memorial in my hometown which, for 16 months, was a work in progress. Please don't settle on a piece until you're 100% sure of it as changes can be made. The back is simple and is presented as given.

Should you like the simple yet elegant design but wish to adopt other wordage, please again feel free. I would like a small say into the type face, style and size however should you choose these. The order of the various branches is in the official "Order of March" and should be listed that way - Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Coast Guard and Airforce.

Semper Fi,



Tom