

**Bastrop Parks and Recreation / Public Tree  
Advisory Board Agenda**

**Bastrop City Hall City Council Chambers  
1311 Chestnut Street  
Bastrop, TX 78602  
(512) 332-8800**



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**February 05, 2026**

**Agenda - Parks and Recreation / Public Tree Advisory Board at 5:30 PM**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

**3. MINUTE APPROVAL**

3A. Consider and act to approve Parks and Recreation / Public Tree Advisory Board meeting minutes from Thursday, November 6, 2025 Regular Meeting.

SUBMITTED BY: Jason Alfaro, Director of Parks and Recreation

**4. REPORTS**

4A. Receive a report on the operations and projects of the Parks & Recreation Department Monthly Update

SUBMITTED BY: Jason Alfaro, Director of Parks and Recreation

4B. Receive a report on the operations of the Bastrop State Park.

SUBMITTED BY: Nathanael Gold, Bastrop and Buescher State Parks Complex Superintendent

4C. Receive a report on the Bird City Coalition

SUBMITTED BY: Luke Thompson, Bird City Committee

**5. WORKSHOP**

5A. STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP

SUBMITTED BY: Jason Alfaro, Director of Parks and Recreation

**6. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION**

6A. Receive and discuss the Veterans Memorial

SUBMITTED BY: Jason Alfaro, Director of Parks and Recreation

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that this Notice of Meeting as posted in accordance with the regulations of the Texas Open Meetings Act on the bulletin board located at the entrance to the City of Bastrop City Hall, a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public, as well as to the City's website, [www.cityofbastrop.org](http://www.cityofbastrop.org) and said Notice was posted on the following date and time: 01/29/2026 at 3:15 p.m. and remained posted for at least two hours after said meeting was convened.

/s/ Sandy Holder  
Sandy Holder, PARD/PW Technician



# STAFF REPORT

**MEETING DATE:** February 5, 2026

**TITLE:**

Consider and act to approve Parks and Recreation / Public Tree Advisory Board meeting minutes from Thursday, November 6, 2025 Regular Meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTED BY:**

Jason Alfaro, Director of Parks and Recreation

**BACKGROUND/HISTORY:**

Section 551.021 of the Government Code provides as follows:

(a) A governmental body shall prepare and keep minutes or make a tape recording of each open meeting of the body.

(b) The minutes must:

1. State the subject of each deliberation; and
2. Indicate the vote, order, decision, or other action taken.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

N/A

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve, amend, or correct the minutes of the November 6, 2025 Regular Meeting Parks and Recreation / Public Tree Advisory Board.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- November 6, 2025 Minutes

**MINUTES OF CITY OF BASTROP PARKS AND PUBLIC TREE ADVISORY BOARD****November 6, 2025**

The Bastrop Parks and Public Tree Advisory Board met in a Regular Meeting on Thursday, November 6, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at the Bastrop City Hall Council meeting room, located at 1311 Chestnut Street, Bastrop, Texas. Members present were Steven Fobert, Rick Rivera, Gail Sheehan, Margaret Robinson, Deborah Jones, and Nathanael Gold. Staff present was Parks and Recreation Director Jason Alfaro. Council Member Cynthia Sanders-Meyer was present.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

At 5:30 p.m. Chair Deborah Jones called the meeting to order.

**2. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

No citizen comments

**3. MINUTE APPROVAL**

- 3A.** Motion was made to approve the minutes from the Parks and Recreation / Public Tree Advisory Board meeting from Thursday, October 2, 2025 Regular Meeting by Member Gail Sheehan. Motion was seconded by Margaret Robinson. Motion passed unanimously.

**4. REPORTS****4A. Parks & Recreation Report**

Report was given by Parks and Recreation Director, Jason Alfaro.

**4B. Bastrop State Park Report**

Report was given by Lost Pines State Park Complex Superintendent, Nathanael Gold.

**4C. Bird City Coalition Report**

Report was given by Luke Thompson, Bird City Committee

**5. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION****5A. Receive and discuss an update on the Tree Carving**

It was discussed that a pipe rail fence to match the rest of Fisherman's park would be installed, as well as up lighting. It was discussed that a QR code on a plaque could tell the story of the tree carving, collaboration with the historic society was recommended. No action taken.

- 5B. Consider and take action to recommend approval to the City Council of Article 5, Landscaping Requirements, for inclusion in Chapter 14 (Bastrop Code of Ordinances), replacing the current B3 landscaping provisions upon adoption of the Bastrop Development Code.**

Motion was made to recommend approval of Article 5, Landscaping Requirements, for inclusion in Chapter 14 (Bastrop Code of Ordinances), replacing the current B3 landscaping provisions upon adoption of the Bastrop Development Code; forward recommendation to the Planning & Zoning Commission (P&Z), with P&Z to forward a recommendation to City Council by Member Gail Sheehan. Motion was seconded by Member Rick Rivera. Motion passed unanimously.

**5C. Consider and act on a recommendation to the City Council for Article 6, Tree Preservation and Mitigation, for inclusion in Chapter 14 (Bastrop Code of Ordinances), replacing the current B3 Code and Technical Manual tree preservation provisions upon adoption of the Bastrop Development Code to City Council.**

Motion was made to recommend approval of Article 6, Tree Preservation and Mitigation, for inclusion in Chapter 14 (Bastrop Code of Ordinances), replacing the current B3 Code and Technical Manual Tree Preservation Provisions upon adoption of the Bastrop Development Code to City Council by Member Gail Sheehan. Motion was seconded by Member Margaret Robinson. Motion passed unanimously.

**5D. Discussion on Designating part of Mayfest for Parkland for Veterans Memorial**

Discussion took place, no action taken.

**5E. Discussion on Canceling January Meeting**

Motion was made to cancel the January meeting due to the New Year federal holiday by Member Steven Fobert. Motion was seconded by Member Gail Sheehan. Motion passed unanimously

**5F. Discussion on Workshop in February**

Discussion took place that a workshop meeting would occur at the February meeting. Workshop would have a masterplan focus. No action taken.

Member Gail Sheehan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:05pm. Member Margaret Robinson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

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Chair, Deborah Jones

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Secretary, Nathanael Gold



# STAFF REPORT

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**MEETING DATE:** February 5, 2026

**TITLE:**

Receive a report on the operations and projects of the Parks & Recreation Department Monthly Update

**AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTED BY:**

Jason Alfaro, Director of Parks and Recreation

**BACKGROUND/HISTORY:**

Review the City of Bastrop Parks & Recreation monthly operational and project report

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

N/A

**RECOMMENDATION:**

N/A

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Parks & Recreation Operations Project Report



To: Parks Board

From: Sandy Holder, Parks & Recreation/Public Works Technician

February 5, 2026

Subject: Parks and Recreation Operational Report January 2026

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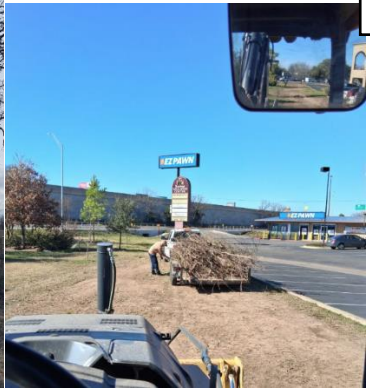
## **Parks**

Big thank you W/WW guys for cleaning out irrigation line for us at Hunters Crossing.  
Parks Crews Painted the green pipe to white at Fishermans Park.  
Parks Crews Pulled up old BBQ pits to be replaced at various parks.  
Parks Crews Replaced Broken irrigation heads at Police Dept.  
Parks Crews installed BBQ Pits and Mile marker sign at Fishermans Park.  
Parks Crews cleaned up brush from the East Gateway.  
Parks Crews cleaned up the fence line along Blakey Lane.  
Parks Crews Repaired the gate at Fisherman's Playground.  
Parks Crews Painted the pipe fence around Guardian statue of Fisherman's.  
Parks Crews Pulled soil from trees at Fairview cemetery with David.  
Parks Crews Power wash sidewalks at Bob Bryant Park.  
Parks Crews Put away all the Christmas lights, gingerbread house, and White picket fence.  
Parks Crews Backfilled the Irrigation boxes on Hwy 71 Gateway.  
Parks Crew mowed  
Cemetery Crew Regular Maintenance and Pulling weeds.  
Beautification Team Landscaped Hwy 71 flowerbeds.  
Beautification Team Picked up trash at various locations.  
Beautification Team Maintenance cleaning at the planter beds at City Hall.  
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# STAFF REPORT

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**MEETING DATE:** February 5, 2026

**TITLE:**

Receive a report on the operations of the Bastrop State Park.

**AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTED BY:**

Nathanael Gold, Bastrop and Buescher State Parks Complex Superintendent

**BACKGROUND/HISTORY:**

Review the Bastrop State Park monthly operational report.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

N/A

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Review the Bastrop State Park monthly operational report.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Bastrop State Park Monthly Operational Report

## Lost Pines State Park Complex Visitation through December 2025:

Park Name	YTD Fiscal Year 2026	YTD Fiscal Year 2025	Increase/Decrease	Percentage inc/dec
Bastrop SP	42,764	42,511	253	.6%
Buescher SP	16,948	20,490	(3,542)	(17.3%)
<b>Complex Totals</b>	<b>59,712</b>	<b>63,001</b>	<b>(3,289)</b>	<b>(18.37%)</b>

- Bastrop SP's visitation remains steady while we have seen a drop in Buescher SP's, we believe that the decline is due to the heat this summer and fall. Bastrop SP has air conditioned cabins and full hookup RV sites while Buescher does not. So we believe that the decline is due to those factors.
- We have been treating portions of the park for wildfire and prescribed fire season, applying herbicide, mechanical thinning, hand clearing, shoring up pond dams, mulching, and shredding burn lanes.
- We hosted public hunts this year and during the youth hunt 11 deer were taken many of which were the kiddo's first deer. Very exciting for them. Prior to the 2011 fires Bastrop SP did not have an abundance of deer, since the fires changed the landscape we have an abundance of deer and it is good that we have fewer mouths on the range. Between the 2 hunts 13 deer and 3 pigs were taken. The kids mopped the floor with the adults 😊.
- Construction for the tribute putting green near the historic pro shop will begin late February! This will allow visitors to putt around free of charge to pay homage to the legacy of our historic golf course.
- Construction for the reconstruction of the Lake Mina bridge began this week! This project will replace the wooden bridge with a design replicating the historically accurate rock bridge that originally served visitors in that location. The original bridge was removed sometime in the 60s or 70s for an unknown reason and replaced a wooden one.
- We have "softly" opened our new Interpretive Center at the historic pro shop, full completion and opening is scheduled to occur in March just in time for Spring Break.
- We currently are in the design phase for a new water and wastewater system at Buescher SP, with this project we are hopeful that we will be able to add full hookup sites to the Cozy Circle Campground which would help increase overnight use at this park. Buescher had low grade schedule 10 PVC for their waterlines and jokingly we refer to Buescher as "Buescher Springs SP" because of all the water leaks that occur regularly! This will be a huge improvement for Buescher.
- With the winter storm precipitation we are hopeful that we received enough precipitation to potentially conduct Prescribed Fire operations, but it will all depend on weather.
- The upcoming interpretation program flyer isn't ready at this time, but I will forward once our interpreter finishes it. She is still finalizing and confirming November programming.



# STAFF REPORT

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**MEETING DATE:** February 5, 2026

**TITLE:**

Receive a report on the Bird City Coalition

**AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTED BY:**

Luke Thompson, Bird City Committee

**BACKGROUND/HISTORY:**

Review staff Bird City Coalition Report.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

N/A

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Receive Bird City Coalition Report.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

N/A



# STAFF REPORT

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**MEETING DATE:** February 5, 2026

**TITLE:**

STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP

**AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTED BY:**

Jason Alfaro, Director of Parks and Recreation

**BACKGROUND/HISTORY:**

STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

N/A

**RECOMMENDATION:**

N/A

**ATTACHMENTS:**

N/A





# STAFF REPORT

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**MEETING DATE:** February 5, 2026

**TITLE:**

Receive and discuss the Veterans Memorial

**AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTED BY:**

Jason Alfaro, Director of Parks and Recreation

**BACKGROUND/HISTORY:**

The Bastrop Cultural Arts Commission invites sculptors to submit designs for consideration for a Veterans Memorial Sculpture. Bastrop has a large community of Veterans, and the Commission seeks to honor the memory of fallen soldiers through the timeless beauty of iconic art. The Commission requests that the image of Julius Thomas (the first Bastropian killed in the Vietnam war) be included in the memorial sculpture. Possible Location Next to the American Legion building at Mayfest Park.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Veterans Memorial Proposal



Cultural Arts Committee

Tuesday, November 18, 2025, 1:00pm

1. Bird Junction Updates
  - a. Russell Smith -installation /unveiling
  - b. Amanda Jones- sculpture update
2. Veteran Art Call & Review
3. First Friday Transition
  - a. December Window Decorating
  - b. Timeline
  - c. Overview
4. Dia de los Muertos Recap
5. Texas Downtown Conference Recap

# Cultural Arts Call for Iconic Art Installation – Veteran's Memorial



City of Bastrop – Due November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025



The Bastrop Cultural Arts Commission invites sculptors to submit designs for consideration for a Veterans Memorial Sculpture. Bastrop has a large community of Veterans, and the Commission seeks to honor the memory of fallen soldiers through the timeless beauty of iconic art.

The Commission requests that the image of **Julius Thomas** (*the first Bastropian killed in the Vietnam war*) be included in the memorial sculpture.

The memorial will be placed in one of the following various outdoor locations, to be determined:

- In front of the Police Department building at 104 Grady Tuck Lane
- Next to the American Legion building at Mayfest Park
- Next to the Kerr Community Center on Martin Luther King Jr. Dr.

Please read the following information and criteria carefully. Applications must be complete, and projects must follow all guidelines for acceptance and consideration.

## 2025-26 Call for Entries

You are invited to submit your proposal to be displayed in a public space. The following criteria are required:

1. The iconic art project must depict the image of Julius Thomas and imagery or verbiage honoring fallen soldiers.
2. No minimum height and width requirements
3. The call is open to all artists without geographic distinctions or restrictions.
4. Required Medium: Bronze or Stone

## Iconic Art Project 2025 Artist & Entry Information

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone: Home ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Social \_\_\_\_\_  
 Media Account Handle: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Website: \_\_\_\_\_

**Title #1:** \_\_\_\_\_

Materials: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Estimate Price Summary: \_\_\_\_\_

Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Width: \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated Date of Completion: \_\_\_\_\_

Artist Explanation/Details: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Title #2:** \_\_\_\_\_

Materials: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Estimate Price Summary: \_\_\_\_\_

Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Width: \_\_\_\_\_

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Estimated Date of Completion: \_\_\_\_\_

Artist Explanation/Details: \_\_\_\_\_

**Title #3:** \_\_\_\_\_

Materials: \_\_\_\_\_

Estimate Price Summary: \_\_\_\_\_

Height: \_\_\_\_\_

Width: \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated Date of Completion: \_\_\_\_\_

Artist Explanation/Details: \_\_\_\_\_

Artist Statement of Interest (why are you a good fit for this project? 250 words or less):





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## Bastrop Iconic Art Project 2025

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A Proposal by Clint Howard  
November 2025

## Iconic Art Project 2025 Artist & Entry Information

**Full Name:** Clint Howard  
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**City/State/Zip:** Bastrop, TX 78602  
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**Media Account Handle:** FB: @dithfoundry & @clinthowarddesigns  
 INSTA: @pyrologyfoundry & @howarddesignstx  
**Website:** Pyrology.com & Clinthowarddesigns.com

**Project Goal:** *Commemorating Bastrop's first soldier to be killed during the Vietnam War, Julius Thomas, as well as all the men and women from this community who have made the greatest sacrifice in defense of our nation.*

**1:** 110 % Lifesize Depiction of Julius Thomas Held by Guardian Angel  
**Materials:** Cast bronze with a stainless steel substructure, to be mounted on client-provided concrete pad or granite. Site work, engineering, lighting, etc., is available, but excluded in this proposal. Delivery and installation of the sculpture is included.

**Estimate Price Summary:** \$385,000

**Height:** approx. 10'x10'x8'h above base

**Estimated Date of Completion:** 12-18 months from execution of contract

**Artist Explanation/Details:** Guardian Angel (armored or robed) attending a fallen soldier. This design would feature the likeness of Mr. Thomas, but focus on the sacrifices of all those who have served and sacrificed from Bastrop.

**2:** 4x Lifesize Bust of Julius Thomas

**Materials:** Cast bronze on a granite base. Granite base, delivery and installation is included in this estimate. Site work, engineering, lighting, etc., is available, but excluded in this proposal.

**Estimate Price Summary:** \$300,000

**Height:** 12' (base is 5'x5'x5' cube, figure is approx. 7' high)

**Estimated Date of Completion:**

**Artist Explanation/Details:** Heroic scale depiction of Julius Thomas, mounted to a granite base, including the seals of each branch of service under the United States Military. This design places a higher priority on Mr. Thomas' sacrifice as a local hero.

**3:** Lifesize Figures with Contemporary Veteran's Monument

**Materials:** Cast Bronze on 12" high granite base. Granite base, delivery and installation is included in this estimate. Site work, engineering, lighting, etc., is available, but excluded in this proposal.

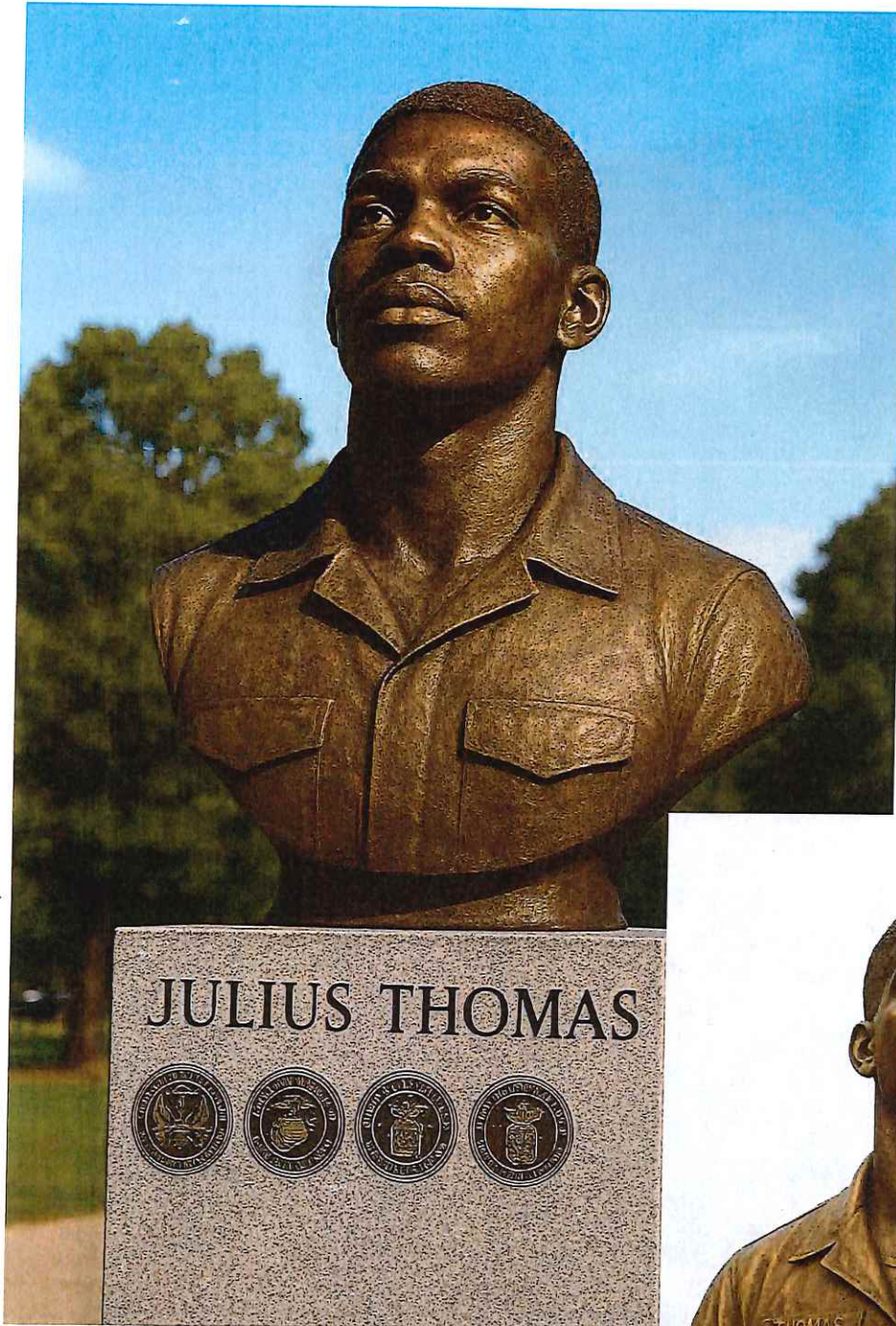
**Estimate Price Summary:** \$470,000

**Height:** 7' high x 4' x 5'

**Estimated Date of Completion:**

**Artist Explanation/Details:** In this design, one of the figures would depict a likeness of Julius Thomas, but it would also feature an "unknown soldier". The text on the front of the monument is open for client direction. There is also an option to have the rear clad in granite and include an updateable listing all the names of Bastrop's fallen veterans.

2: 4x Lifesize Bust of Julius Thomas






## ARTIST RESUME



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[www.clinthowarddesigns.com](http://www.clinthowarddesigns.com)[www.pyrology.com](http://www.pyrology.com)**EDUCATION****Texas State University**

1996-1999

Fine Arts—Sculpture &amp; Foundry

**WORK EXPERIENCE****President/Owner****Pyrology Foundry & Studio**

1999-Present

Sculptor

1996-Present

**CIVIC INVOLVEMENT**

Visit Bastrop

Board of Directors

Texas Society of Sculptors

Board of Directors

Texas Workforce Commission

Board of Directors

Bastrop Art in Public Places

Founding Member, Board

Lost Pines Art Council

**CLINT HOWARD****OBJECTIVE**

To create and maintain a bronze casting foundry of unsurpassed quality, while overseeing the creation and production of my personal art.

**COMMISSIONS & PERSONAL SCULPTURE****Texas Department of Public Safety Fallen Officers Memorial**

Austin, Texas, 2024

**Life-size Buffalo Bullock** Texas State History Museum, Austin, Texas, 2018**"Shirt Tails" Veterans Monument** Boys Ranch, Amarillo, Texas, 2017**150% Life-size Portrait, Winston Churchill** Houston, Texas, 2012**5-Foot Tall Buc-ee Beaver** multiple locations throughout the Southern United States, 2010-present**Life-size Moose** Columbus Zoo, Ohio, 2007**8-Foot Firefighter** Bastrop County Volunteer Fire Department, Texas, 2007

I also maintain a full body of non-commission pieces available as limited editions.

**PROJECT MANAGEMENT / ART DIRECTOR****Vietnam Monument**

The State Capital, Austin, TX

Oversaw the entire project, including digital enlargement, finish sculpting including hands, faces, and gear, bronze production, delivery, installation, site design, &amp; engineering.

**Three Life-size Mammoth Sculptures**

Mayborn Museum, Waco, TX, 2024

Worked in partnership with artist, to produce original sculpture for Baylor University and Mayborn Museum. Overseeing and coordinating entire project, from presenting maquette, digital enlargement, engineering, manufacturing, delivery, and installation.

**Larger than Life-Size Fiberglass & Bronze Phantom Warrior Statue**

Fort Hood, Killeen, TX, 2010

Oversaw creation of original sculpture from maquette to monument, including production and installation.

**12-Foot High Texas A&M University Class Ring Monument**

College Station, TX, 2009

Oversaw the creation of monument from a 3D file provided by the class ring manufacturer (Balfour). Coordinated engineering, manufacturing, delivery, installation, and perpetual maintenance plan.



## Once, America Sent Them to War. Now Texas Welcomes Them Home.

Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson  
(1912-2007)

Sen. Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa  
Co-Chairman

Rep. Wayne Smith  
Co-Chairman

Executive Committee  
Robert Floyd, Chairman  
John Milerko, Treasurer

Terry B. Burkett  
Don Dorsey  
Al Erwin  
Kinnan Golemon  
Richard McBride  
Pat Nugent  
Kerry Orr  
Phil Price  
Michael Wright

Development  
Brian Archimbaud

Communications  
Cheryl Fries

### Letter of Recommendation

The Texas Capitol Vietnam Veterans Monument contracted with Deep In The Heart Foundry in 2011 through the spring of 2014 to produce our monument for placement on the state Capitol grounds in Austin, Texas. The project included producing a 1.25 times life size bronze sculpture and concluded with placement on the Capitol grounds.

As the monument committee representative for oversight with the foundry, I had weekly contact with foundry owner Clint Howard and his staff. As production work moved along an established timeline, the foundry clearly kept me informed and were professional in all respects. Project cost were in excess of \$5M and Deep In The Heart was on budget and on time during each phase of the project. Their expertise in all aspects of project management were invaluable to our committee.

Without reservation, the Texas Capitol Vietnam Veterans Monument Committee gives the strongest recommendation for the professional work performed by Deep In The Heart Art Foundry.

Sincerely,

Terry B. Burkett  
Texas Capitol Vietnam Veterans Monument  
Executive Committee



Texas Capitol Vietnam Veterans Monument  
Executive Committee, Robert Floyd, Chairman  
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www.LifeLynx.org



**Jamie Howard**

**From:** Ron Spies <rspies73@aggienetwork.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 09, 2011 1:50 PM  
**To:** Jamie Howard  
**Subject:** Letter of Reference

To Whom it May Concern:

The Association of Former Students commissioned Deep in the Heart Foundry to produce a 12 foot replica of the Texas A&M University class ring.

The project was started in 2008 and completed in 2009. The total cost was \$400,000 and was completed on time and within budget. Deep in the Heart was great to work with throughout the entire project.

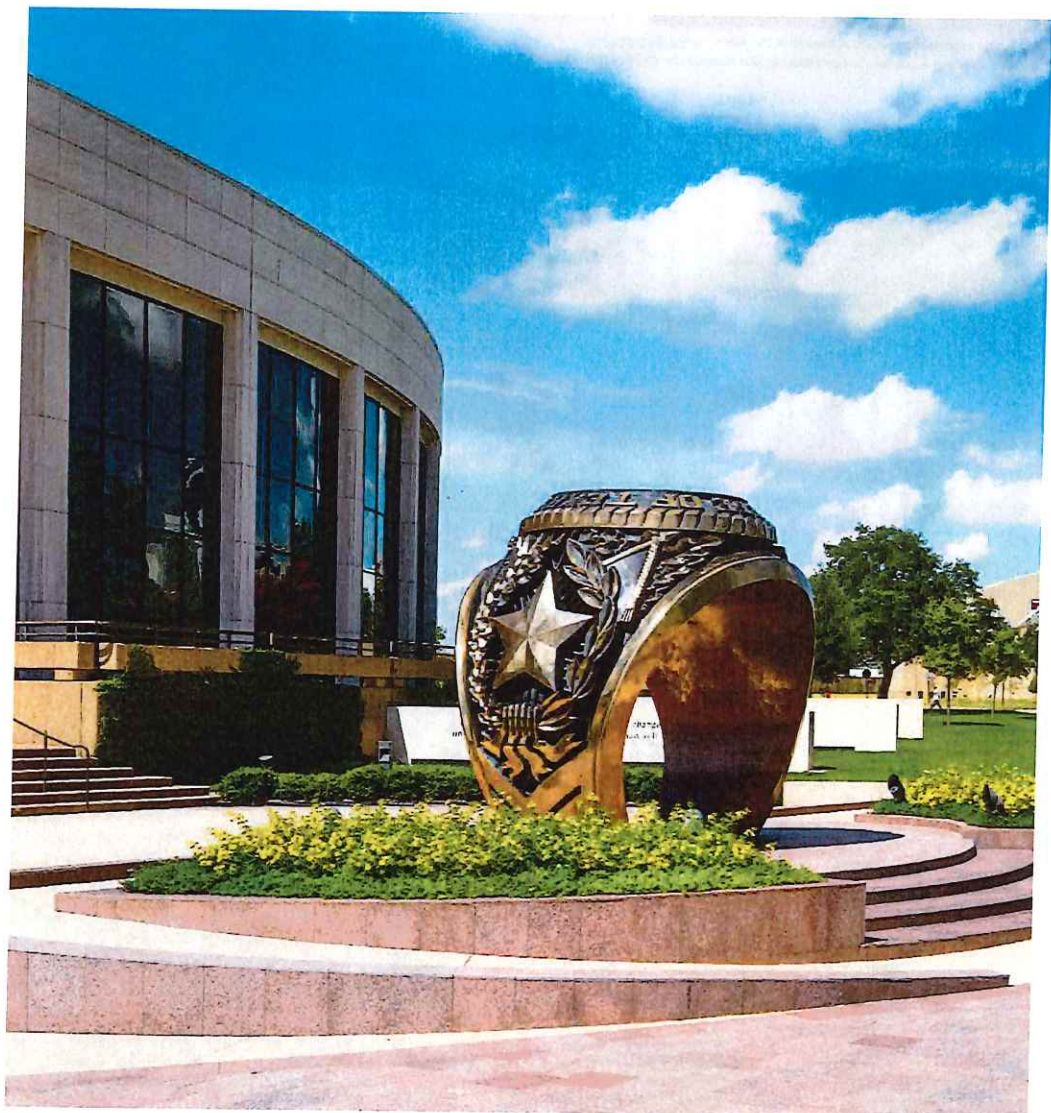
We could not have been any happier with the end result produced by Deep the Heart and wholeheartedly recommend them for any project you might have.

If there any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Ron Spies

Ronald G. Spies, CPA '73  
Vice President and Chief Financial Officer  
The Association of Former Students@ | Texas A&M University  
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Your gift to The Association of Former Students makes a difference to Texas A&M University



**Michelle Limas**

**From:** Clint Howard <clint@pyrology.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 24, 2025 3:59 PM  
**To:** Michelle Limas  
**Cc:** Rachael Bray; Jamie Howard  
**Subject:** Re: Clarification on submissions for the Veterans Memorial Sculpture

**CAUTION:** This email originated outside the City of Bastrop, TX email system. Please maintain caution when opening links or attachments.

Michelle, good talking with you just now.

To clarify - my three proposals were to show the different ways we could approach the memorial and my willingness to work with the city and committee on the designs.

I will answer your questions below in yellow.

Good afternoon Clint Howard,

I hope you're doing well. Thank you again for sharing your proposal with us. After our recent Art Committee meeting, we had a few follow-up questions we'd like to clarify before moving forward:

1. **Could you provide a detailed breakdown of all project costs? All three quotes include all costs associated with the sculpting, casting, and delivery of the sculptures. Option one excluded the base as a TBD item and all options excluded concrete footings, engineering, and lighting - all of which we can add back into the project scope. I was unsure if the city wanted to handle those costs and project management items. I am confident that option 1 and 3 will come in right at or under \$500,000.00 with all possible costs - and option 2 will be under depending on the amount spent on the site.**
2. **Does the quoted price include installation? Yes**
3. **Does the price also include any required lighting or lighting design? No - but we can discuss and include once a site is determined**
4. **What is your estimated timeline for the project, from start to completion? 12-14 months**
5. **Percentage breakdown of material of sculpture: Bronze, metal, stone, wood, ceramics, glass, or synthetic material. Approximately 90% bronze 10% granite**

We appreciate your time and look forward to reviewing the additional information.

Thank you,

Michelle Limas

## Iconic Art Project 2025 Artist &amp; Entry Information

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 Media Account Handle: Payne Lara  
 Website: Payne Lara - Facebook

Title #1: "The Landing Zone"

Materials: Bronze / Concrete

The size and scale of project will be determined by the location, as this piece is easily scaled to any size.

Estimate Price Summary: TBD by scale, but within budget \$125K - \$350K

Height: 16' x 8' Width: 24' x 18" Thick edge

Estimated Date of Completion: TBD depending on scale

Artist Explanation/Details: Vietnam was known as "the helicopter war." The wall will have helicopters landing troops

in a high relief, deep depth bronze wall inserted in a stained concrete wall frame with the outer

Title #2: concrete frame having a rough cut edge, so as

Materials: to appear like granite. The opposite side will contain a deep three dimensional portrait bust of Julius Thomas and a famous quote from

the war of the committee or communities

Height: choosing.

Width: \_\_\_\_\_











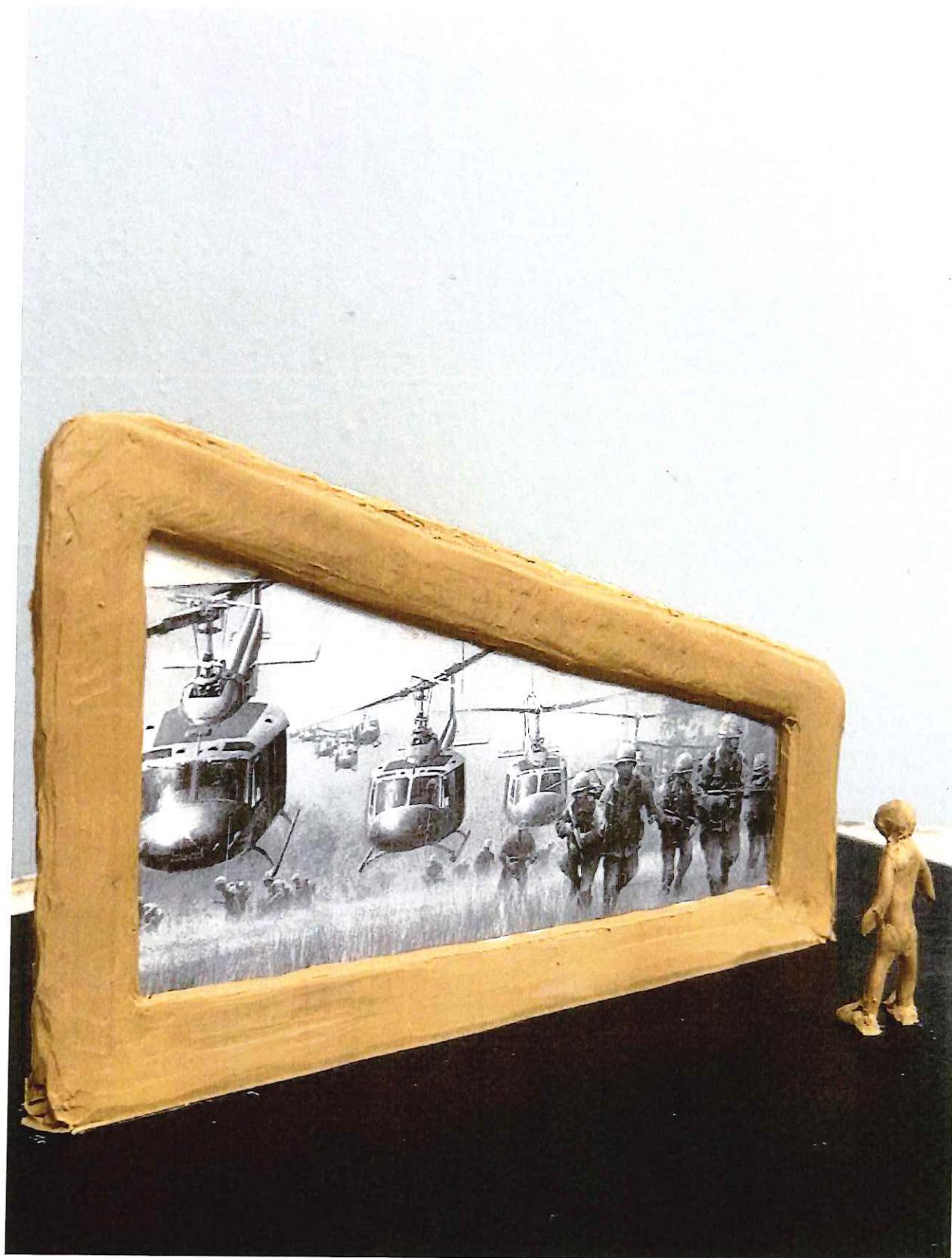
No event in American history is more misunderstood than the Vietnam War. It was misreported then, and it is misremembered now.

RICHARD NIXON



Cpl. Julius Thomas, U.S. Army  
1947- 1968  
Vietnam War

First Bastropian killed in action







# Iconic Art Project 2025 Artist & Entry Information

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 Media Account Handle: INSTAGRAM, ORGANIC METALS  
 Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Title #1: "THEIR SACRIFICE IS NOT FORGOTTEN"

Materials: GRANITE, BRONZE, STAINLESS, STEEL, COPPER, BRASS  
A MELTING POT OF METAL AND COLOR FOR THE  
3 DIMENSIONAL PIECES

Estimate Price Summary: \$395,000

Height: 10' Width: 5'

Estimated Date of Completion: JUNE 30, 2026

Artist Explanation/Details: THERE A 3 TOTAL GRANITE STRUCTURES.  
ALL PLACED IN TRIANGULAR PATTERN (CAN ADJUST) THE SHON PIECE,  
BRONZE SOLDIERS IN FRONT CENTER. THE SECOND ON LEFT IS 3D STYLED  
DESIGNATED FOR VIETNAM TO INCLUDE WWII AND KOREA  
THE THIRD STRUCTURE IS TO DISPLAY IN 3D STYLE ALSO IRAQ,  
AFGHANISTAN AND MENTION DESERT STORM.

Title #2: "THEIR SACRIFICE IS NOT FORGOTTEN" ANGELIC

Materials: THIS PIECE IS SIMILAR IN DESIGN BUT FEATURES  
AN ANGELIC PRESENCE ABOVE, HER WING SLOTTED WHILE  
TRYING TO PROTECT THESE SOLDIERS

Estimate Price Summary: \$405,000

Height: 11' Width: 7' TO INCLUDE WINGS

ROBIN LUCK



# - VETERAN MEMORIAL - #1

## MAIN SCULPTURE - VIETNAM

Item 6A.

STAINLESS STEEL ROD, FLAT SEAMLESS 2" DEPRESSION

BACK 1 of 3 - ETCHED AND ENGRAVED IMAGES



ETCHING ON GRANITE TO HONOR EACH SOLDIER (VIETNAM)  
PARTS OF INTEREST INCLUDING SOLDIER RECOGNITION

FRONT 1 of 3 - BRONZE VIETNAM SOLDIERS

EMERGING FRONT STAINLESS WALL

BASTROP COUNTY, TEXAS  
VIETNAM WAR FALLEN HEROES

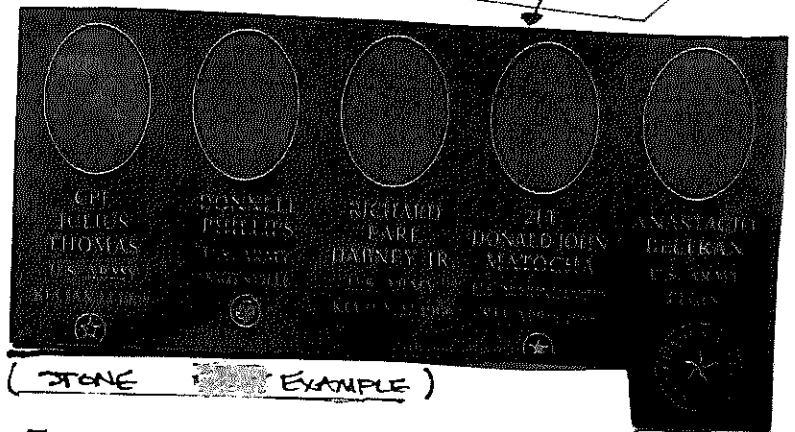
STAINLESS STEEL ROD ART DESIGN / SOLID WATERFALL  
STEEL - 2" VARIETY



BLACK GRANITE  
← 5 FEET →

BASTROP COUNTY, TEXAS  
VIETNAM WAR FALLEN HEROES  
(CARVED INTO BASE)

BLACK GRANITE



(STONE EXAMPLE)

EACH SOLDIER WILL BE HONORED WITH FORMALITIES ON  
CIRCLES ON BACK OF GRANITE / SOLDIER

SOLDIERS ARE JUST AN EXAMPLE, THESE ARE  
NOT THE ACTUAL SOLDIERS

THEIR SACRIFICE IS NOT FORGOTTEN

CARVED INTO BASE

THEIR SACRIFICE IS NOT FORGOTTEN

- ROBIN LUCK - 1 of 3

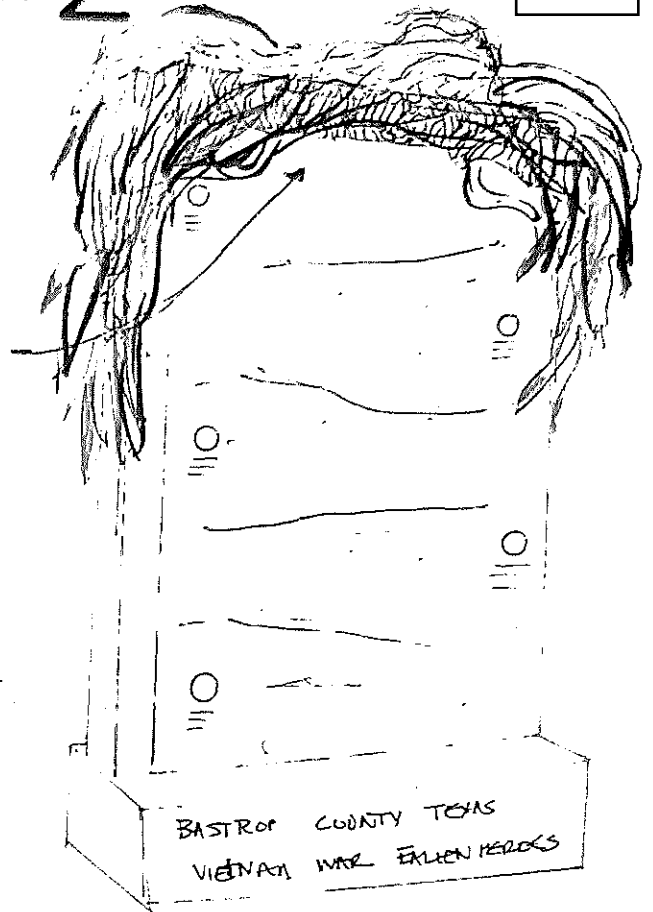
# VETERAN MEMORIAL - #2

## MAIN SCULPTURE VIETNAM

Item 6A.

BACK / #3 ETCHED AND ENGRAVED IMAGES

ANGELIC HAIR IS GOLDEN  
STAINLESS AND COPPER HUES



FRONT / #3 - #2

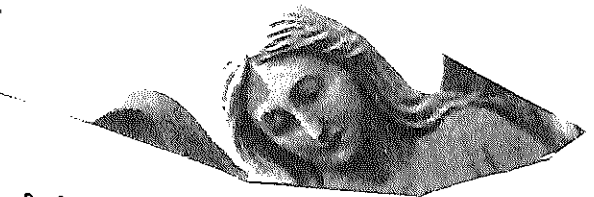
PLACED ON TOP OF THE STAINLESS STEEL  
WATER FALL IS AN ANGELIC FIGURE HERE  
GLOW AND RADIANCE IN STAINLESS SHOWS  
AN OMBRE TO RUSTED TIPS TO SHOW HER  
STRENGTH TO PROTECT THESE MEN



↑  
8'  
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← 5' →

STAINLESS STEEL WATERFALL



A CLASSIC ANGELIC LOVING EMOTION

THEIR SACRIFICE IS NOT FORGOTTEN

ROBIN LUCK - ANGELIC

**Michelle Limas**

**From:** Robin Luck <organicmetalsdesign@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 24, 2025 1:12 PM  
**To:** Michelle Limas  
**Subject:** Veteran Memorial- Project Cost Sheet  
**Attachments:** Veteran Memorial- Project Cost Sheet.pdf

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Good Day!

Thank you again for your further interest in my Veterans Memorial submission.

1. Please find attached a detailed material and labor cost breakdown sheet.
2. Yes, The installation of the granite will be completed by the monumental company. They will include everything to have this installed and erected on site. I also have an Independent structural moving company that will assist on the install for the stainless steel walls to include bronze soldiers and articles.
3. I do not have lighting or landscaping included in my proposal. I would need a better idea of location to include a bid from a liscensed electrician to install permanent electrical lighting. I adjusted my budget to allow unused monies granted for the project for landscaping and lighting. If you would like me to contract a landscaper and electrician to create an entire garden and watering system around the sculpture, I would be glad to assist in design and contracting.  
I can include solar lighting, which I have used at my previous sculpture location.
4. My estimated timeline is six months. This is the time that I know that I can complete the task that I need to do Independently. If I were to be granted the opportunity to build the Veterans Memorial sculpture for Bastrop, I would need to formally sit down with each business, build and implement a plan. I would Need to confirm that timeline with my foundry and stone suppliers. I believe that six months time is sufficient for them to do the required task needed. I plan for a June 30 date of completion.
5. I am a little confused about the percentage breakdown of material of sculpture. I thought maybe this question was being asked for a visual idea. I took initiative this weekend to create a model to give you a complete visual idea of what I am hoping to create for Bastrop for the fallen Vietnam soldiers of Bastrop County. I can calculate the exact masses if needed, but the stone definitely takes up 60% of the project. The metal that I am forming and creating is a sleeve on top of that 60%, approximately 15% metal, to include stainless steel, brass, steel, and aluminum. The Bronze soldiers I would estimate it 25%.  
\*Please find images attached in a seperate message

Again, thank you so much for your time and consideration. I have done extensive research on All the wonderful Veteran memorials that have been erected for our fallen soldiers and tried to create something classic yet unique.



**Michelle Limas**

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**From:** Robin Luck <organicmetalsdesign@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 24, 2025 1:34 PM  
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Please find attached photos to give a better idea and imagery of my design plan.

Photos :

1. Group displayed with soldiers front and center stainless steel backdrop, soldiers are protruding through the stainless. This was done to save cost so that we can honor all five soldiers. Vietnam articles on the stone sculpture to your left. Iran, Afghanistan, And desert storm on the stone sculpture to your right hand side.
2. Backside of Bronze soldiers, stone engraving to include soldiers honors, details of service and dates, honoring them. To include personal imagery of hometown Bastrop.
3. Backside of the Vietnam articles, sculpture on left, to display the names of our fallen soldiers For World War II and Korean
4. Backside of the Iraqi Afghanistan, and desert storm articles, sculpture on right, to continue and include soldier's honors details of service and dates on the Fallen soldiers.
5. A side profile to give a better idea of how the stainless steel art walls created by quarter inch stainless steel rods to create a flat wall. This stainless wall would waterfall over stone approximately 3" seperate to create a beautiful contrast in colors.

Again, thank you for your time and consideration. I hope this information helps you with your selection and I look forward to seeing such a wonderful sculpture erected in Bastrop County.  
Robin Luck

# **Veteran Memorial Project – Detailed Material and Labor Cost Breakdown**

## **Material Costs**

### **Stone Features – \$75,000**

Includes all three stone components of the memorial: cutting, shaping, engraving, finishing, sealing, and installation.

### **Stainless Steel Rod Walls – \$20,000**

Includes stainless steel rods formed and structured together to create the architectural wall panels, including finishing and structural supports.

### **Engraved Newspaper Articles – \$10,000**

Includes metal sheet stock of stainless steel or brass, CNC or laser engraving of historical newspaper content, surface finishing, and protective clear coat.

### **Soldiers Artwork by Pyrology of Bastrop – \$210,000**

Includes clay work, scanning, 3D printing, casting, and sealing of five Vietnam Veteran soldiers.

### **Move and Set Up – \$5,000**

Includes transportation of components, heavy equipment operation, onsite crew placement, and basic logistical support.

### **Labor Cost – \$75,000**

Labor cost includes one employee at 40 hours per week.

**Total Material Cost: \$320,000**

**Total Labor Cost: \$75,000**

**Grand Total (Materials and Labor): \$395,000**