

The flags with history will be folded by the honor guard and presented to the Eisenhower Birthplace Museum for retention and display.

PURPOSE

The City of Denison, Texas as well as the whole of Grayson County has a long tradition of service to others for a greater cause. Whether it be through military service for the protection of the nation, or through new applications of a scientific nature, such as T. V. Munson's saving of the French wine crops, Denison has long been on the map as a "City of Heroes". The most recent example can be seen in news clips of the passengers standing on the wings of U. S. Airways Flight 1549 floating in the middle of the Hudson River in New York following the safe ditching of the flight by Capt. C. B. "Sully" Sullenberger, native son of Denison.

To these honorable citizens, we dedicate this Eisenhower Veterans Monument. From the Alamo to Iraq, wherever our people have served, we are proud of you, and daily give thanks for your gifts to us.

Please join us in paying tribute to all who have served this great nation in their efforts to make it safe for all, and truly the land of the free, and the home of the brave!



For more information regarding donations and brick sales, contact the Main Street Office at 903.464.4452 or Linda Fryar at 903.465.3700.

WEEKEND FESTIVITIES OCTOBER 15-17, 2010 *Proposed Weekend Activities*

It is our intent to honor the life and celebrate the birthday of President Dwight D. Eisenhower on this memorable weekend. Preliminary plans for the dedication include: WWII Movies playing at the Red River Railroad Museum, reenactments, local marching band performances. We hope to offer family-friendly activities throughout the three day celebration. Other plans include unique Eisenhower memorabilia, birthday cake for Ike, special Downtown sales and specials and more. We hope you will join us for the memorable occasion.

Information and brick forms available at:
www.denisontexas.com

EISENHOWER VETERANS MONUMENT

TO BE DEDICATED
OCTOBER 14, 2010



What more fitting tribute to the former President of the United States is there than a 16' tall bust designed and produced by nationally acclaimed sculptor David Adickes? You may not be familiar with other works by the artist, but surely you are aware of his 65' interpretation of former Republic of Texas President Sam Houston. This monumental structure sits along the east side of Interstate 45 just outside of Huntsville, Texas.

We have made preliminary arrangements with the artist to install a matching bust of Dwight Eisenhower here in Denison, his place of birth. It is our intention to have all details, including site selection, funding, scheduling, and ceremonial plans in order prior to a nationwide press release announcing our tribute by June 6, 2010. This is the anniversary date of U.S. troops landing in Europe during WWII, D-Day.

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LOY LAKE



SITE SELECTION

The Grayson County Commissioners Court has approved the site for use by the Main St. Advisory Board and Downtown Denison, Inc. We have committed to the perpetual upkeep of the ground immediately surrounding the monument.

CONSTRUCTION

The 16' bust will be placed on a 5' tall pedestal made of concrete, then faced with natural stone. Much of the material and labor has already been donated for the foundation of the pedestal and flag pole locations.

The electrical installation and hardware, wiring and light fixtures have been donated. Currently being addressed is the acquisition of the flag poles. The layout of the entire area consists of the bust on pedestal facing the east, on the eastern most portion of the lot, north of easement restrictions at the power pole. Behind the bust, running north to south, will be five 35' flag poles. Each pole will fly two flags simultaneously. The top flag on each pole will be the U.S. flag. Below each of the five U.S. flags we will fly the five flags of the five branches of the military services, one per pole. Behind the five flag poles, the ground will be surfaced in brick. Etched bricks will be made available for donations.



Each brick donated can carry the name, highest achieved rank and years of service along with the name of the service branch in

which the veteran served. The brick layout will be set up to run in columns beginning at a service branch's flag pole. The layout will also allow for future additions to the brick paved area.

Additionally, an unmanned kiosk will be placed at the monument. On view within the kiosk will be a map directing visitors to the Eisenhower birthplace, the Historic Main St. area and the Cultural Arts District, as well as other local attractions including Perrin A. F. Base Museum. Brochures will be available directing visitors to the downtown birthplace and local merchants as well as other sites of interest in and around Denison.

DEDICATION CEREMONY

The dedication ceremony for the entire project will be held on Thursday afternoon or early evening, October 14, 2010. This date is the 120th anniversary of the birth of Dwight D. Eisenhower.

We envision quite a turnout for this event. The City of Denison is one of only three cities that legitimately have a tie



to the former president. The other two are Abilene, Kansas, the site of the Presidential Library and Museum and burial site, and Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, site of the summer White House and retirement home.

We have invited Eisenhower family members to participate along with other local members of Congress and the Senate. Other participants will include the County Commissioners, Mayor, City Manager, and City Council Members, a five service military honor guard, a twenty-one gun salute, veteran service organizations, the National Guard, representatives of the Texas Historic Commission and Eisenhower Birthplace, members of Perrin A.F.B. Museum, the local Military Vehicle Restoration Group, as well as other local authorities and the public.

During the ceremony during the flag raising, the five U.S. flags raised will each have a history associated with it. The flags will each have flown over one of the following: the U.S. Capitol, the White House, the former president's alma mater, West Point, the Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum and burial site, and the aircraft carrier, U.S.S. Eisenhower. At the conclusion of the ceremony, these flags will be replaced with normal U.S. flags.