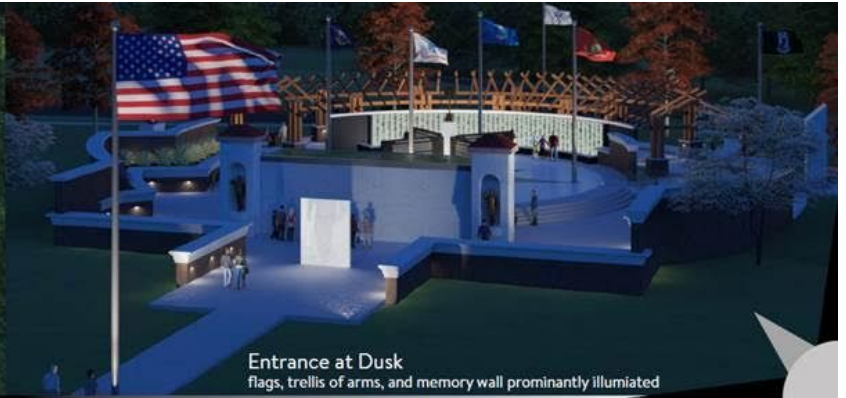




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Don Tyson Memorial Park, Springdale AR USA

Every veteran that has been willing to lay down his or her life is deserving of great honor. Their experience has inspired me to create a monument that remembers all who have paid the ultimate price to keep our nation free. Civilians will visit and reflect on how the memorial invokes feelings of duty, leadership, and courage. This destination ultimately invites veterans, with or without uniform, to reflect on the memorial as a place for Contemplation.



Entrance at Dusk
flags, trellis of arms, and memory wall prominently illuminated

The US Flag greets you as you enter the memorial, flying above all elements as the universal symbol of unity and strength. Each branch of the service is represented by their individual service flags and MIA/POW stands proud as a reminder to those we have lost.

As you move through the memorial you are greeted by a series of walls. Each wall represents a pause then threshold to enter and reflect.

The first wall is a "Thank You" to the families of the brave Americans who have made the ultimate sacrifice, their lives.

The second wall is devoted to each theater of war the United States engaged, chronologically. It will start with Arkansas admission to the Union as the 25th state, June 15, 1836. It will stipulate the war, date of war, location ...

Visitors can choose one of two paths, around the wall, to get to the center of the memorial. At each end, as visitors go around the wall, they are greeted by a copper statue of a soldier saluting to families and returning soldiers in mutual greeting. The copper will transform as it weathers to represent the colors of battle uniforms, green and brown.

On the backside of the wall, the names of the Arkansas Medal of Honor recipients will be etched in granite.

As you move to the center of the memorial, you will see a "compass", representing the talisman all soldiers use during war to help guide and orient them. A representation of "the fallen soldier statue holds a place of honor in the center of the compass.

The individual service flags are located at each compass point with a wall to relay the history and facts of each branch.

There is a wall of glass as you exit to the North, etched with the names of all Arkansas soldiers who have given their life in battle. Water will travel down behind the glass on a granite wall into a reflecting pool, providing the opportunity for the visitors to reflect upon each soldier's life and the freedoms we enjoy as a result of their sacrifice.

Moving behind the glass wall, there will be a super structure of wood trusses symbolizing soldiers in formation. The truss structure crosses and passes each other, as if swords ready for battle and showing mutual respect.

The walkway under the structure will provide the phonetic alphabet to lead you through the structure and the universal symbol of communication.

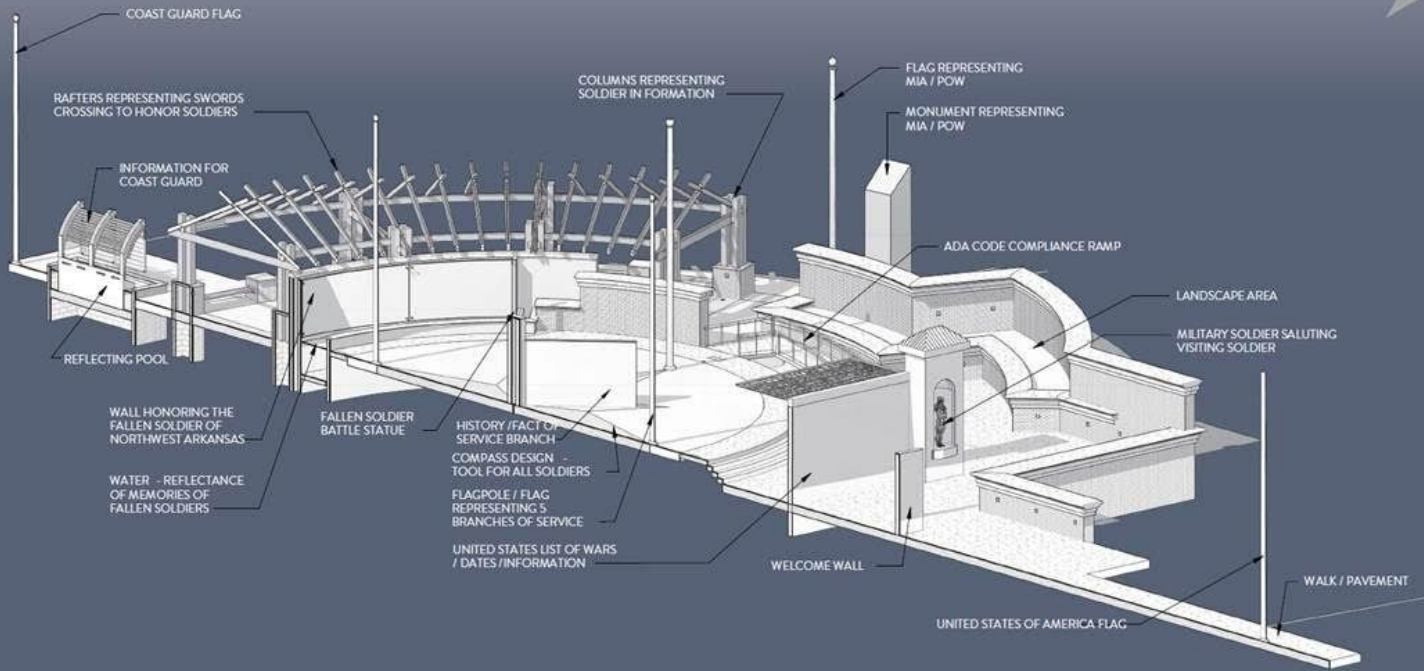
Lastly, beyond the wood structure is a special place reserved for the US Coast Guard. As a branch of the services always readily available to assist the other service branches. The structure represents a section of a ship with extended cables supporting a light steel plate, etched with the history and facts about the US Coast Guard.

A personal note - I selected each material and designed each element to provide the visitor with the opportunity to capture memories and share information.



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War Chronicles Wall
Soldier Statues Saluting Veterans



Monument of Unknown Soldier

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Military Branch Quadrance
of Central Compass



Aerial view of
Central Compass



Subtle Moments of Attention



Our Flag as the prominent entrance



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Inside the Central Compass

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Perspective View of Historical Walls



Memorial Wall
Water runs down behind on Granite Wall



Unknown Soldier Monument



Honor Wall
with Shadow Canopy



Fallen Soldier Statue

Arkansas Legacy Wall



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Aerial View



Crossed Trusses
Readiness of Battle



Columns Symbolizing
Soldiers in Order



Trellis Perspective



Vantage from
Entrance