Akwesasne Veterans Memorial Monument

Presenter:
Tribal Sub-Chief Cheryl Jacobs

Designer:
Noella Cotnam, Sign-it Signs
Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe
A monument to honor ALL Akwesasne Veteran’s

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Background:

  - Shares vision for veteran’s memorial monument.
  - Concept to recognize all military veterans.
- **January 28, 2014**—Tribal Council passes TCR #2014-14 establishing Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe Veterans Memorial Monument Fund.
- **Former Chief Paul Thompson takes the initiative to take on the vision of building a monument.**
  - Establishes Board of Trustees and Officers.
  - Approves Monument Fund Charter.
Background:

- Former Chief Paul Thompson secured $19,000 from the Akwesasne Chamber of Commerce for the project.
- **July 13, 2015**—Akwesasne Veterans Memorial Project Committee was reactivated. Committee meetings have been occurring monthly.
- **Request for Proposals** was completed.
- Noella Cotnam was hired, she has done work on the Territory to include her latest work of art the Welcome Sign on the Reservation.
- **February 2016**—Preliminary design submitted.
  
  **March 5, 2016**—Tribal Meeting presentation.
  
  **March 5-19, 2016**—Two-week public comment period.
  
  **March 31, 2016**—Final design to be completed.
Professional’s Preliminary Design:

- Front view
- Right edge view

Panel 1

- 36”W x 72”H
- 8” thick

Panel 2

- 30”W x 65”H
- Honor

Panel 3

- 28”W x 68”H
- Respect
- Gratitude

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The Akwesasne Veterans Memorial
Proudly dedicated to all Akwesasnronon
Who have served valiantly and courageously
In the Untied States Armed Forces

• “We will always remember our Veterans”
• (will be written in English & Mohawk)
Preliminary Design:
Side Panels are for future expansion
• Now the real work begins – fundraising efforts to secure the needed funds estimated to cost $75,000 U.S.
• Seeking Fundraising Committee Members – contact myself or Lornie Swamp here at the Tribe if your interested in joining us in our fundraising efforts
• Next Steps – we have a Donation letter ready to go out to Corporations
• We’ll be meeting again to discuss & set up some local fundraising dates & timelines & strategies.
• We are going to work very hard in the hopes of completing the project by May of 2017 or 2018.
Comments or Questions

- Lead Contact: Sub-Chief Cheryl Jacobs or Lornie Swamp at 358-2272 or talk to:
- Mike ‘Goon’ Cook
- Andy Cook
- Phil Tarbell
- Colleen Thomas
- Brendan White
- For any comments you’d like to submit on today’s presentation.