

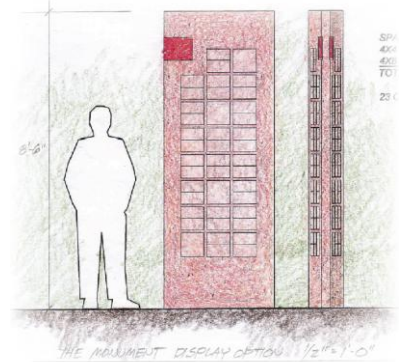


Civic Green Park & Highlands Ranch Library Will Be Home to Highlands Ranch Veterans Monument

Building a Monument to Those Who Have Served

A dedicated group of community volunteers, led by Jeff Alvis, and supported by the Highlands Ranch Park & Recreation Foundation, the Metro District of Highlands Ranch and Douglas County Libraries, have launched a fundraising campaign for the Highlands Ranch Veterans Monument, to be built near the library entrance in Civic Green Park.

The Highlands Ranch Veterans Monument will be a solemn place to pay tribute to veterans who have served and who have given their lives for our nation, and to honor those who are serving our nation today. Please join us in recognizing the veterans and active military men and women who make sacrifices for the good of our nation every day.



The Monument Design

The Highlands Ranch Veterans Monument will be built in the heart of Highlands Ranch – Civic Green Park. The monument is planned in a unique setting for reflection and contemplation while being accessible to people visiting the park and library. Conceptual designs of the monument are featured in this information. The monument design is the result of the hard work and considerable skills of Brian Muller, Metro District park planning manager.

The monument will be enclosed by Colorado native rock walls and landscaping. Visitors will be welcomed by an arch entry similar to the arches found in the Highlands Ranch Library and Civic Green Park architecture. The arch is symbolic of triumph in life and in death. Other major focal points of the monument will be five large native rocks that will feature emblems of the five branches of the armed services, a small cascading water feature and pond to enhance contemplation, a dedication wall to recognize those who have served and who have given their lives for our country. These elements will be complemented by special lighting, landscaping, a plaza, benches and three American flags. Our armed forces' military operations on land, at sea, and in the air, will be represented by the rocks protruding from the ground, the water feature and the flags pointing to the sky.

The monument will feature special areas where Dedication Tiles may be purchased to recognize veterans who have served our nation, or military men and women who serve today. Dedication Tiles are available in two sizes:

- 4 inch x 8 inch personalized Dedication Tiles are \$200*
- 8 inch x 8 inch personalized Dedication Tiles are \$500*, and are available in limited quantity.

Dedication Tiles may be purchased at www.hrvets.org, or by completing an application form available on the Web site. Gift tiles may also be purchased as a memento for the veteran being honored.

Learn More

Please visit www.hrvets.org for more information about the Highlands Ranch Veterans Monument, and to learn about the Dedication Tile program, which is key to the fundraising efforts.

For more information about personal, corporate or foundation contributions, please call the Metro District of Highlands Ranch at 303-791-0430.

Sign up for e-newsletters about the monument fundraising and construction progress, by sending an e-mail message to info@highlandsranch.org. Include Veterans Monument e-Newsletters in the subject line.

To Make a Contribution

You may make a tax deductible* contribution by cash or check to the Highlands Ranch Veterans Monument fundraising program through the Highlands Ranch Park & Recreation Foundation.

Contributions may be sent to:

Highlands Ranch Park & Recreation Foundation or HRPRF
Attn: Marsha Sliter
62 Plaza Drive
Highlands Ranch, CO 80129

More information about the Dedication Tiles is available at www.hrvets.org, or by calling Marsha Sliter at 720-240-4931.

****Please consult your tax advisor for tax deduction eligibility.***

Project Partners Make This Happen

Thank you for your interest in this special effort. Members of the Highlands Ranch Veterans Monument Committee appreciate the support of the Douglas County Libraries Board of Trustees and the Highlands Ranch Library staff for their support of the Veterans Monument. The following members of the committee have donated their time, ideas and energy to this important project.

- Jeff Alvis, Chairman
- Terry Nolan, Vice Chairman
- Marsha Sliter, Secretary
- Bob Steinle, Liaison to the Highlands Ranch Park & Recreation Foundation
- Lisa Casper
- Michelle Colaizzi
- Tom and Diane DiRito
- Sherry Eppers
- Jenn Garber
- Dorothy Hargrove
- Marje Marvez
- Brian Muller
- Steve Wyatt

Special recognition goes to Jeff and Dianne Falkel of Highlands Ranch. Their son, Army Staff Sgt. and Special Forces Green Beret Christopher Falkel, a 2001 ThunderRidge graduate, was killed in Afghanistan on August 8, 2005. He is the first Highlands Ranch resident to be killed in action. A special memorial at the Highlands Ranch Veterans Monument will pay tribute to Christopher's sacrifice.