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Mission Honored: A Dream Achieved

A Community Celebration for the Dedication of the Veterans Wall of Honor

Wall of Honor Contractor Calls Effort "The Most Rewarding Project Ever!"

Fernando Gonzales volunteered to be the general contractor for the Veterans Wall of Honor and couldn't be happier with the results. "This is a beautiful symbol of respect and honor for those who have sacrificed for our country in the armed services. The vision is perfect, the commitment of the community is fantastic and I am so proud to contribute a small part. It's my best project ever!"

The Wall of Honor will be dedicated on May 30, 2011 at 1 pm at the Alpine Community Center.

As the general contractor, Gonzales said, "It's definitely been an honor. I did it for the veterans. I wasn't able to be a veteran. The men and women who have sacrificed for us deserve our best."

And the best they will get. The wall surrounds a centuries old oak tree, representing the strength of our veterans and the power of our love for them. Each name on the wall will be engraved on black granite tiles, creating a place of peace and reflection, a permanent tribute to their courage and sacrifice for freedom.

Gonzales feels the spirit. "I love America. My parents left Cuba in 1961; my mother was carrying me. The United States welcomed us, a free country, not a communist country. These veterans have died for me to own my own business and live in freedom. It's an honor and privilege. It will be a beautiful tribute in a beautiful community."

Dan Foster, Chairman of the Wall of Honor Committee, said, "Fernando has worked hard to make this dream come true. It's a lot more than construction; it's our blood, sweat and tears in every brick and every tile. Fernando represents the spirit of this community – everyone pulling together to honor our veterans."

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Mark your calendar. Remember the date. May 30, at 1 pm at the Alpine Community Center, 1830 Alpine Blvd. Music. Food. Friends. Patriotism. A Special Day to Honor our Veterans!

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