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Mission Honored: A Dream Achieved

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

History, Detail, Getting it Right – Bob & Debbie Jackson Fill Wall with Honored Vets

On May 30, at 1 pm, hundreds from the community will see veterans honored as never before in Alpine on a beautiful Wall of Honor adjacent to the Alpine Community Center. At its dedication, the Wall of Honor will display hundreds of veterans – fathers, mothers, sister and brothers remembered by their loved ones, acknowledged by their neighbors.

Particularly thanks to the hard work of Bob and Debbie Jackson, these names will be preserved for all history. Bob and Debbie have turned their home into the workspace of the Tile Verification Committee for this special tribute to our veterans. “We have almost 1,000 tiles to put up and we wanted each one of them to be accurate, respectful and exactly what the loved ones wanted. It’s been a journey through history, where we’ve met heroes, uncovered great deeds of courage, and shared remarkable memories with people in our community. It’s been a blessing to learn so much about which we can be very proud,” said Bob Jackson.

Bob and his wife, Debbie, have reviewed every application, investigated every claim and discovered information even the families didn’t know. “It has been a search for a needle in a haystack trying to verify the service of a World War I veteran, but we found ways to get it right. This process is filled with emotion for families. Some cried while they dug through old photos in the basement; others were astonished to re-discover the courage and sacrifice of their grandfathers and fathers,” said Debbie, who has worked countless hours on getting the tiles ready for the May 30th dedication.

“It’s amazing how families have come together. Some started with just one application for a tile and, before it was done, they had 5 applications – adding a grandfather, a cousin, a sister or brother, even an aunt from another state,” Debbie added.

For those who did not get orders processed by the time of the dedication on May 30, Bob Jackson wanted everyone to know: “We will be filling the top half of the Wall first. We will have a table set up at the Memorial Day ceremonies where people can get applications, get help with selecting the wording for their tiles, place their tile orders, and get their questions answered. They can continue to send in their tile orders and as soon as we have a sufficient number of tiles completed, we will mount those tiles.”

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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