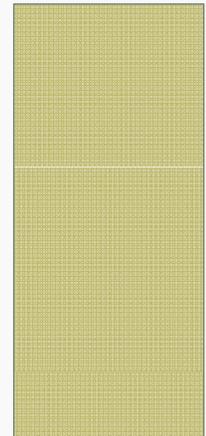


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ENTRY 1: PILLARS OF AUSTIN

A few years back our city leaders organized a committee with the mission to come up with a plan to honor important citizens from our community. Unfortunately flood issues took over the city leaders' energy and time. The city determined a flood wall was needed to be built for the downtown area.

We suggested to the mayor to make the wall function as a memorial site as well as a flood wall. It would serve two purposes- keep the water out of the downtown area and honor citizens that had an important impact on our city. The city leaders loved the idea and thus the 'Pillars of Austin' was born.

The first phase of the Pillars of Austin was completed this past summer. The initial dedication was on July 4, 2016 on the stage where the July 4th Festival was held. The project will continue with additional plaques to be added each year over the next few years. Citizens can nominate those who they feel deserve to be called a 'Pillar of Austin.'

The mayor and other dignitaries delivered speeches about the people honored as Pillars of Austin, at the unveiling event on July 4th, 2016. They shared messages of gratitude to the community about our company, Anderson Memorials, and specifically recognized Jeff Anderson for the excellent idea, design and work done to commemorate the Pillars of Austin. We continue to receive positive publicity through various media outlets.

PILLARS OF AUSTIN DEDICATION



Jeff and committee chair unveiling the Pillars of Austin plaques

PREPARING THE FLOOD WALL FOR THE PILLARS OF AUSTIN PLAQUES



INSTALLING THE PILLARS OF AUSTIN PLAQUES



PHASE 1 COMPLETED



ENTRY 2: REMEMBER WITH DIGNITY

This project started a few years ago to honor mentally ill patients who died in the state hospital. A group of citizens felt they deserved a fitting memorial, thus the Remember with Dignity project was born.

Anderson Memorials suggested various high quality commemorative memorials, while meeting the mission and budget of the committee. Jeff Anderson worked closely with the committee to see the successful completion of this state project.

REMEMBER WITH DIGNITY NEWSPAPER ARTICLE

Click on the below picture to read one of the many newspaper articles on the Remember With Dignity Project.



Elizabeth Nida Obert

ADVANCE FOR WEEKEND EDITIONS - In this Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2016, photo, Anderson Memorials employee Cole Smith, of Rochester, ins gravestones at the Rochester State Hospital Cemetery at Quarry Hill Park in Rochester, Minn. Thanks to a decade-long grave marker project and the work of genealogists, the memory of hundreds of patients buried there is being resurrected. (Elizabeth Nida Obert/The Rochester Post-Bulletin via AP)

ENTRY 3: WYKOFF MINNESOTA VETERAN'S MEMORIAL

This citizens of Wykoff, Minnesota wanted to express their gratitude to the veterans who have served from their small south eastern Minnesota town. Due to the great reputation and work they had seen done previously by Anderson Memorials, they selected our company to design and build their community's veterans memorial.

WYKOFF VETERAN'S MEMORIAL DEDICATION ARTICLE

Wykoff Veterans Memorial Park dedication attended by hundreds

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WYKOFF, Minn. (KTTC) - Hundreds of veterans and their families attended the dedication ceremony of Wykoff Veterans Memorial Park Saturday morning. Michael Holzer, the co-char of the memorial committee, introduced the two speakers at the ceremony -- Army veterans Norman Hecimovich and Col. Galen Lichty. "It's nice to be able to go on your walk of remembrance and see who served our great country," Hecimovich said of the new memorial park, which features dozens of pavers with the names of veterans engraved onto them.

"Many of us wonder how we can truly honor and remember our nation's veterans, and those that have fallen in service to our country," Lichty told the audience. "My chest swells with pride when I see the Wykoff community, the community that raised me -- you have answered that question in an admirable, dignified and worthy memorial."

The ceremony featured a gun salute, the ringing of a bell to signify the sacrifices veterans make, and concluded with the sound of Taps.

