IN THE TENNESSEE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

IN RE: ROBERT H. "BOB" WHITE

HISTORICAL MARKER;

CROCKETT COUNTY VETERANS MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION,

Petitioner.

FINAL ORDER ON PETITION FOR PERMISSION TO RELOCATE HISTORICAL MARKER HONORING ROBERT H. "BOB" WHITE PURSUANT TO TENN. CODE ANN. § 4-1-412(h)

This matter came before the Tennessee Historical Commission (hereinafter "the

Commission") upon the Petition of the Crockett County Veterans Memorial Association

pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-1-412(h). Upon review, the Commission finds that:

1. The Tennessee Historical Commission has jurisdiction of this case pursuant to

the Tennessee Heritage Protection Act of 2016 codified at Tenn. Code Ann. §

4-1-412.

2. This Petition requests permission from the Commission to allow Petitioner to

relocate historical marker 4D 38 honoring Robert H. "Bob" White located on the

Southwestern corner of the Crockett County courthouse lawn in Alamo to the

Northwestern corner of the Crockett County courthouse lawn in order to permit

Petitioner to erect "Gold Star" and "Blue Star" markers, which honor American

soldiers and their families who are from Crockett County, Tennessee.

3. Robert H. "Bob" White was born in Crockett County, Tennessee and served

as Tennessee's first official state Historian for fifteen years. After his death in

1970, historical marker 4D 38 was erected on the Southwestern corner of the

- Crockett County courthouse lawn in his honor. Such marker has remained as originally located since it was first erected.
- 4. Petitioner is an Association that was organized on August 30, 2007 to erect and maintain the Crockett County Veterans Memorial Monument to honor and preserve the legacy of Crockett County Veterans.
- 5. The Crockett County Veterans Memorial Monument groundbreaking was held on July 11, 2008, and the Monument was thereafter erected on the Southwestern corner of the Crockett County courthouse lawn. It was dedicated at a ceremony held on November 11, 2008.
- 6. The historical marker honoring Dr. White is situated between the Veterans Memorial Monument and the nearest roadway, which is State Highway 88 that runs through the city of Alamo directly in front of the courthouse lawn.
- 7. The Association desires to erect a "Gold Star" memorial honoring Crockett County's "Gold Star" families who have lost loved ones in the service of our country and a "Blue Star" memorial honoring all of those from Crockett County who have served in the United States armed forces in the place where Dr. White's historical marker currently stands.
- 8. The Crockett County Commission has adopted a resolution authorizing the Association to relocate Dr. White's historical marker to the Northwest corner of the courthouse lawn, at the Association's cost, in order to allow the Association to erect "Gold Star" and "Blue Star" markers in its place. A copy of such resolution is referenced as Exhibit 5 to Petitioner's petition.

- 9. Petitioner's petition was filed pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-1-412(h), such that no publication notice was given as no such notice is required under that statute.
- 10. Petitioner is not aware of any relatives of Robert H. "Bob" White or any other person or entity who has a specific interest in this matter greater than that of the general public. In addition, Petitioner is only requesting that it be allowed to move Dr. White's historical marker approximately 100 feet North of its current location, at which location such marker will have the same visibility from State Highway 88 as it currently does, and it will likewise have the same access from the courthouse lawn as it currently has.
- 11. A drawing showing the current locations of Dr. White's historical marker and the Veterans Memorial Monument as well as the proposed new location for Dr. White's historical marker is attached as Exhibit 6 to the petition and verifies the assertions made by Petitioner regarding relocation of the marker at issue.
- 12. The cost to relocate the marker will be de minimis, and Petitioner has agreed to pay any and all such costs with the approval of the Crockett County Commission.

WHEREFORE, UPON CONSIDERATION OF THE FOREGOING, the Tennessee Historical Commission, pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-1-412(h), finds that allowing the relocation of Historical Marker 4D 38 honoring Robert H. "Bob" White located on the Southwestern corner of the Crockett County Courthouse lawn in Alamo to the Northwestern corner of the Crockett County Courthouse lawn in Alamo in order to allow the Crockett County Veterans Memorial Association to erect "Gold Star" and "Blue Star"

markers honoring American soldiers and their families who are from Crockett County,
Tennessee, in its place serves the purposes of the Tennessee Historical Protection Act
and is in the best interests of the public. **THEREFORE, IT IS SO ORDERED**.

APPROVED BY A MAJORITY OF THE TENNESSEE HISTORICAL COMMISSION THIS THE 16th DAY OF JUNE 2023.

**TENNESSEE HISTORICAL COMMISSION** 

By:

Derita Coleman Williams

Chairperson

Tennessee Historical Commission



# TENNESSEE HISTORICAL COMMISSION STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE 2941 LEBANON PIKE NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE 37214

OFFICE: (615) 532-1550

# TENNESSEE HERITAGE PROTECTION ACT PETITION FOR WAIVER COVER PAGE

In accordance with T.C.A. § 4-1-412, an initial hearing before the Tennessee Historical Commission on a petition for waiver shall be scheduled at any regular Commission meeting no sooner than 60 calendar days after a petition is filed. Regular meetings of the Tennessee Historical Commission are normally held on the third Friday of February, June, and October. This cover sheet is designed to aid in the review of the petition for waiver. Refer to T.C.A. § 4-1-412 for procedural and term definitions.

| Petition Date: May 9, 2023                                                |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Petitioning Entity: Crockett County Veterans Memorial Association         |
| Contact Name: Richard Terry                                               |
| Address: 18 Rainbow Circle                                                |
| Alamo, TN 38001                                                           |
| Phone Number: 731-501-0453                                                |
| Email Address: richardt82054@gmail.com                                    |
| Memorial Owner/Managing Entity (if different): Crockett County Government |
| Contact Name: Gary Reasons                                                |
| Address: 10 South Bells Street                                            |
| Alamo, TN 38001                                                           |
| Phone Number: 731-696-5460                                                |
| Email Address: crockettcountymayor@gmail.com                              |
| Memorial Name or Description: Robert H. "Bob" White, Ph D.                |
| Memorial Type (check all that apply):                                     |
| Artwork Historic Display Plaque Statue                                    |
| Bridge Memorial Preserve Street                                           |
| bridge Tremond                                                            |

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| Building                                                                             | Monument                   | Real Property                                |  |  |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------------------|--|--|
| Bust                                                                                 | Nameplate                  | Reserve                                      |  |  |
| Flag                                                                                 | · Park                     | School                                       |  |  |
| Memorial Subject (                                                                   | Category (check all that a | pply):                                       |  |  |
| Historic Co                                                                          | nflict                     | ✓ Historic Figure                            |  |  |
| Historic En                                                                          | itity                      | Historic Organization                        |  |  |
| Historic Ev                                                                          |                            |                                              |  |  |
| Memorial Subject 1                                                                   | Description:               | "Bob" White was born in Crockett county and  |  |  |
| served                                                                               | d for 15 years as Te       | ennessee's first official State Historian    |  |  |
| Memorial Location                                                                    | Description: Sout          | hwest corner of Crockett County              |  |  |
| Cou                                                                                  | rthouse lawn               |                                              |  |  |
| Memorial GPS Coo                                                                     | ordinates: 35.785          | 0225, -89.1170729                            |  |  |
| Memorial Location City: Alamo                                                        |                            |                                              |  |  |
| Memorial Location                                                                    | Crocke                     | ett                                          |  |  |
| Waiver Type:                                                                         |                            |                                              |  |  |
| Alteration                                                                           |                            | Removal                                      |  |  |
| Rededication                                                                         | on                         | Renaming                                     |  |  |
| <b>√</b> Relocation                                                                  |                            | Other Disturbance or Alteration              |  |  |
| Waiver Type Descr                                                                    | ription: The Crockett      | County Veterans Memorial Association is      |  |  |
| asking                                                                               | g to move the Bob \        | White marker to the Northwest corner         |  |  |
| of the                                                                               | Crockett County co         | ourthouse lawn in order to place "Blue Star" |  |  |
| and "C                                                                               | Gold Star" markers         | in its place on the Southwest corner of the  |  |  |
| the courthouse lawn in front of the existing Veterans Memorial                       |                            |                                              |  |  |
| Basis Upon Which Waiver is Sought: The Crockett County Veterans Memorial Association |                            |                                              |  |  |
| erected a Veterans Memorial on the Southwest corner of the courthouse lawn           |                            |                                              |  |  |
| after the Bob White marker was erected. The Bob White marker is in front of          |                            |                                              |  |  |
| the Veterans Memorial. The Association would like to erect two                       |                            |                                              |  |  |

## markers honoring Crockett County's veterans in the place of the

## Bob White marker in front of the newer Veterans Memorial

| Required Attachments: | $\checkmark$ | Proof that the memorial is or is located on public property                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|-----------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                       | $\checkmark$ | Proof that the petitioning entity is a public entity exercising control of the memorial                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                       |              | Proof that prior to filing the petition for waiver, the public entity seeking the waiver published notice of the petition for waiver on the web site of the public entity, if any, and in at least one newspaper of general circulation serving the area of the memorial and one in Davidson County. The published notice must have stated: (1) the basis on which the waiver is sought; and, (2) that upon written request the public entity seeking the waiver will provide any interested party a copy of the petition and all supporting reports at no cost |
|                       | $\checkmark$ | Detailed statement of the request and the basis upon which the waiver is sought                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|                       |              | Report(s) showing that there is a material or substantial need for a waiver based on historical or other compelling public interest                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|                       |              | Excel spreadsheet listing the names and addresses of any private entities, groups, or individuals, including, but not limited to, descendants, that may have an interest in receiving notice of the petition Photograph(s) of the memorial                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|                       | $\checkmark$ | Photograph(s) of the memorial                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

Deliver physical and digital copy of completed cover sheet and attachments to:

Tennessee Historical Commission Attn: Tennessee Heritage Protection Act and Outreach Coordinator 2941 Lebanon Pike Nashville, TN 37214 ASK.THC@tn.gov 615-532-1550 IN THE TENNESSEE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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TO: Tennessee Historical Commission
Attn: Tennessee Heritage Protection Act
and Outreach Coordinator
2491 Lebanon Pike
Nashville, TN 37214
ASK.THC@tn.gov

Comes now Petitioner Crockett County Veterans Memorial Association (hereinafter "Association") and hereby petitions the Tennessee Historical Commission to allow it to relocate historical marker 4D 38, erected in Alamo, Crockett County, Tennessee to honor Robert H. "Bob" White, as follows:

1. Robert H. "Bob" White was born in Crockett County, Tennessee and served as Tennessee's first official state Historian for fifteen years. After his death in 1970, historical marker 4D 38 was erected on the Southwestern corner of the Crockett County courthouse lawn in his honor. Such marker has remained as originally located since it was first erected. (Marker description attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** and hereby referred to and incorporated herein by reference).

- 2. The Association was organized on August 30, 2007 to erect and maintain the Crockett County Veterans Memorial Monument to honor and preserve the legacy of Crockett County Veterans. (Copy of Association bylaws attached hereto as **Exhibit 2** and hereby referred to and incorporated herein by reference).
- 2. The Crockett County Veterans Memorial Monument groundbreaking was held on July 11, 2008 and the Monument was thereafter erected on the Southwestern corner of the Crockett County courthouse lawn. It was dedicated at a ceremony held on November 11, 2008. (Copy of dedication article attached hereto as **Exhibit 3** and hereby referred to and incorporated herein by reference).
- The historical marker honoring Dr. White is situated between the Veterans
   Memorial Monument and the nearest roadway, which is State Highway 88.
- 4. The Association desires to erect a "Gold Star" memorial honoring Crockett County's "Gold Star" families who have lost loved ones in the service of our country and a "Blue Star" memorial honoring all of those from Crockett County who have served in the United States armed forces in the place where Dr. White's historical marker currently stands. (Documents describing "Gold Star" and "Blue Star" memorial markers attached hereto as collective **Exhibit 4** and hereby referred to and incorporated herein by reference).
- 5. The Crockett County Commission has adopted a resolution authorizing the Association to relocate Dr. White's historical marker to the Northwest corner of the courthouse lawn, at the Association's cost, in order to allow the Association to erect "Gold Star" and "Blue Star" markers in its place. (Copy of resolution attached hereto as **Exhibit** 5 and hereby referred to and incorporated herein by reference).

- 6. This petition is filed pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-1-412 (h), such that no publication notice has been given as no such notice is required under that statute.
- 7. The Association is not aware of any relatives of Robert H. "Bob" White or any other person or entity who has a specific interest in this matter greater than that of the general public. In addition, the Association is only requesting that it be allowed to move Dr. White's historical marker approximately 100 feet North of its current location, at which location such marker will have the same visibility from State Highway 88 as it currently does, and it will likewise have the same access from the courthouse lawn as it currently has. Given this, no one who has a specific interest in Dr. White's historical marker nor anyone in the general public will suffer any prejudice as a result of such marker being moved from its current location.
- 8. The Association is not aware of a material or substantial need for relocating the historical marker, but the Association requests this waiver in order that its efforts to honor Crockett County's veterans may be located in one area on the courthouse lawn, and the Association believes that moving Dr. White's historical marker will not adversely affect any other person or entity.
- 9. A drawing showing the current locations of Dr. White's historical marker and the Veterans Memorial Monument as well as the proposed new location for Dr. White's historical marker is attached hereto as **Exhibit 6** and is hereby referred to and incorporated herein by reference.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays that the Tennessee Historical Commission allow the Association to relocate historical marker 4D 38 at its cost as set forth herein.

Dated this the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD TERRY, Chairman

Crockett County Veterans Memorial Association

## VERIFICATION

STATE OF TENNESEE

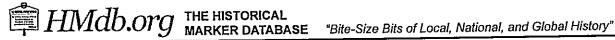
COUNTY OF CROCKETT

Personally appeared before me, Richard Terry, with whom I am personally acquainted and acknowledged that the statements contained in the foregoing Petition were true and that he was duly authorized by the Crockett County Veterans Memorial Association to execute this document on its behalf.

Notary Public

My commission expires: Y - 26 25





Alamo in Crockett County, Tennessee — The American South (East South Central)

## Robert H. White, Ph. D. (1883 - 1970)

Inscription. ◆ Robert H. "Bob" White was born in Crockett County 10 miles west of this site. He served 15 years as Tennessee's first official State Historian. He had previously served as a college teacher and a consultant to many departments of state government as well as to the Tennessee Valley Authority. He was a distinguished author and a recognized humorous lecturer.

Erected by Tennessee Historical Commission. (Marker Number 4D 38.)

Topics and series. This historical marker is listed in these topic lists: Arts, Letters, Music • Charity & Public Work • Education. In addition, it is included in the Tennessee Historical Commission series list.

Location. 35° 47.098' N, 89° 7.029' W. Marker is in Alamo, Tennessee, in Crockett County. Marker is at the

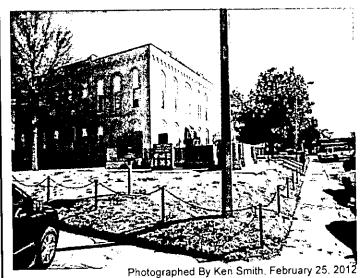
White was born in "Bob" Crockett County 10 miles west of this site. He served 15 years as Tennessee's first official State Historian. He had previously served as a college teacher and a consultant to many departments of state gov-ernment as well as to the Tennessee Valley Authority. He was a distinguished author and a recognized humorous lecturer.

Photographed By Ken Smith, February 25, 2012

1. Robert H. White. Ph. D. Marker

intersection of Bells Street (Tennessee Route 88) and South Court Street, on the right when traveling north on Bells Street. On the south west corner of the courthouse lawn. Touch for map. Marker is in this post office area: Alamo TN 38001, United States of America. Touch for directions.

Other nearby markers. At least 8 other markers are within 12 miles of this marker, measured as the



2. Robert H. White, Ph. D. Marker

crow flies. Cageville in the Civil War (within shouting distance of this marker); Crockett County's First Court (about 700 feet away, measured in a direct line); Maury City Lodge #368 of Free & Accepted Masons (approx. 6.1 miles away); Coxville Church and Cemetery



Winfield Scott (Scotty) Moore (approx. 6.3 miles away); First Strawberries (approx. 6.6 miles away); Thomas Conyers, Sr. (approx. 10.6 miles away); Depot (approx. 11.3 miles away); 1116 Main Street (approx. 11.4 miles away). Touch for a list and map of all markers in Alamo.

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# BYLAWS OF THE CROCKETT COUNTY VETERANS MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

## As Adopted March 27, 2023

#### **ARTICLE I**

## <u>Name</u>

The name of this organization shall be the CROCKETT COUNTY VETERANS MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION (hereinafter "the Association").

We were initially organized on August 30, 2007.

#### **ARTICLE II**

## Objects

The objects of this Association shall be:

- 1. To erect and maintain the Crockett County Veterans Memorial Monument to honor and preserve the legacy of Crockett County Veterans.
- 2. To verify eligibility requirements are met before the Association arranges for the name of the veteran to be inscribed on the Monument.
  - a. Eligibility Requirements will be verified utilizing DD form 214 as follows:
    - The DD Form 214 "Home address at time of entry" or "home of record" must state Crockett County, Tennessee or the city, town, or unincorporated community therein.
      - 1. If the DD Form 214 "Home address at time of entry" or "Home of record" does not state Crockett County, Tennessee, but the address at time of entry can be verified by property tax records as within the Crockett County zoning designation, then eligibility requirement i. has been met.
    - ii. A "veteran" is defined as (38 U.S.C. § 101 Definitions (2)) a person who served in the active military, naval, air or space service, and who was discharged or released therefrom under the conditions other than dishonorable.
    - iii. "Active military" is defined as (38 U.S.C. § 101 Definitions (2)):
      - 1. Full-time duty in the Armed Forces, other than active duty for training;
      - Full-time duty (other than for training purposes) as a commissioned officer of the Regular or Reserve Corps of the Public Health Service
         (i) on or after July 29, 1945, or (ii) before that date under

- circumstances affording entitlement to "full military benefits" or (iii) at any time, for the purposes of chapter 13 of this title;
- 3. Full-time duty as a commissioned officer of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration or its predecessor organization the Coast and Geodetic Survey (i) on or after July 29, 1945, or (ii) before that date (I) while on transfer to one of the Armed Forces, or (II) while, in time of war or national emergency declared by the President, assigned to duty on a project for one of the Armed Forces in an area determined by the Secretary of Defense to be of immediate military hazard, or (III) in the Philippine Islands on December 7, 1941, and continuously in such islands thereafter, or (iii) at any time, for the purpose of chapter 13 of this title;
- 4. Service as a cadet at the United States Military, Air Force, or Coast Guard Academy, or as a midshipman at the United States Naval Academy; and
- 5. Authorized travel to or from such duty or service.
- iv. In the event a veteran's eligibility is uncertain, 38 U.S.C. § 101 should be referenced for a more detailed description of all eligibility requirements and definitions.
- 3. To vote on whether the veteran's name should be added to the Monument once the Association has determined that the veteran meets the eligibility requirements set out in Paragraph two (2) above. A majority vote of the approved members of the Association who are present at a duly called meeting of the Association shall be required to approve adding the veteran's name to the Monument.
- 4. To have the veteran's name inscribed upon the Monument upon final approval by the Association as set forth above.
- To raise and manage funds to provide for the erection, maintenance, and publicizing of the Crockett County Veteran's Memorial Monument.
- To cooperate with all public, private, and/or religious agencies and/or professional groups in the furtherance of our goal; to serve as a clearing house for gatherings and giving out information regarding our projects and activities; and to solicit and receive funds and materials for the accomplishment of the above purposes.

## ARTICLE III

## Members

Membership on this Association will be open to persons of good character and community standing who express an interest in the furtherance of the objects of the Association stated herein.

The only voting members of the Association shall be the Elected Officers of the Association and any other persons who have been accepted for membership by an affirmative vote of a majority of the Association members present at a regular or specially called meeting of the Association. The Association Secretary shall compile and maintain a list of all members qualified to vote on Association business.

There will be no membership fees or annual dues.

#### **ARTICLE IV**

## **Officers**

The officers of this association shall consist of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, and Secretary. These officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these Bylaws without compensation.

The duties of the officers shall be:

- a. The Chairman shall be the executive officer of the Association and will preside at meetings of the Association. The Chairman shall present the views and aspirations of the Association and promote the growth of the Association in every way possible.
  - The Chairman shall perform such other duties as usually pertains to such an office. The Chairman shall be authorized to sign checks.
- b. The Vice-Chairman shall assist the Chairman in the work of the Association. In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman shall perform all duties of that office and shall serve as Chairman until such time that a new Chairman can be elected should a vacancy occur.
- c. The Treasurer shall receive all funds paid to this Association and shall deposit same in the official depositories, and shall disburse same in accordance with the vote of the membership. The Treasurer's accounts and books shall be open for inspection at all times to the members and authorized auditors, and the Treasurer shall report to the membership at each meeting.
- d. The Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings and retain a file for future reference.

Officers shall be elected each year at the October meeting or as soon thereafter as practicable, and each officer shall be elected by a majority vote of the members present

at such meeting after a call for nominations. Elections shall be by voice vote unless an Officer or member requests that the vote be taken by secret, written ballot. The Secretary shall count any written ballots, except for the office of Secretary, which shall be counted by the outgoing or incoming Chairman.

Officers shall serve for a term of one year or until their successors are elected. There shall be no limitation on the number of consecutive terms that a person may serve in a particular office, but no member may hold more than one office at a time. The membership shall fill any vacancies at the next regular or specially called meeting following such vacancy occurring.

## **ARTICLE V**

## <u>Meetings</u>

Regular meetings of this Association shall be held at such times and places decided by the Officers and/or membership. Special Meetings may be called by the Chairman or at the request of four members of the Association. The purpose of any specially called meeting must be stated in the call. Except in cases of emergency, at least five days' notice of any meeting shall be given to the Officers and the membership.

Five members of this Association, including one Officer, shall constitute a quorum for any meeting.

#### **ARTICLE VI**

## Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the most recent edition of ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER shall govern the Association in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws.

## **ARTICLE VII**

## **Amendments**

Any amendment to these Bylaws must be adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the membership present at any meeting of this Association, provided that written notice of the proposed amendment shall have been given to the members at least two (2) weeks prior to the meeting. There shall be no voting by proxy.

ADOPTED this the 27th day of March, 2023.

(Signatures on following page)

| RICHARD TERRY, Chairman          |  |
|----------------------------------|--|
| MICHAEL MANSFIELD, Vice-Chairman |  |
| BRENDA KIRBY, Secretary          |  |
| DANA BRANCH, Treasurer           |  |
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# 7rockett County Veterans Memorial



Mrs. Jeanne Tritt Mathis had a vision - she wanted Crockett County to recognize the military service of its men and women, past and pre believed that the veterans from Crockett County deserved recognition for their patriotic service to this great country.

After successfully recruiting Bobby Cates to spearhead the Memorial effort, sadly Jeanne died in August 2007 before the newly formed c could meet. However, the committee felt it should continue with the project and dedicate it in memory of Jeanne. Private donations and servicemen & women for the Memorial began to come in from county residents. Expectations were quickly surpassed as word spread ab visionary memorial. What was initially thought to be a multi-year project was planned, designed, funds raised, and erected in just over a in itself, is a great tribute to all the citizens of Crockett County.

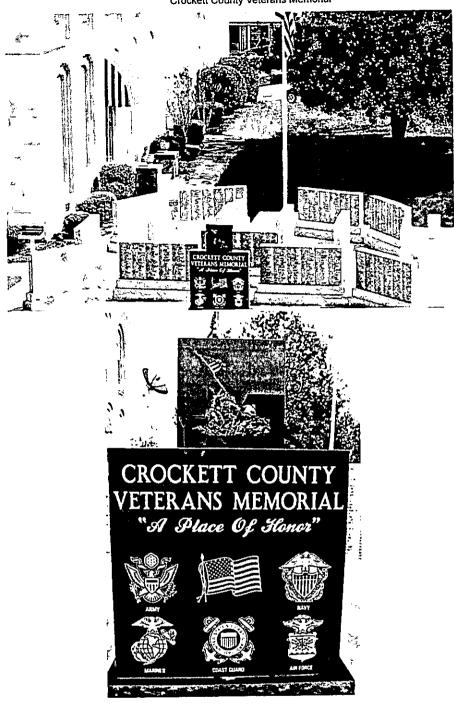
The committee reviewed four proposals and unanimously selected Greenfield Monuments to design, engrave, and install the granite tabl Memorial consists of one black center stone tablet, one bench dedicated to the memory of Jeanne Mathis, and 15 additional tablets that names of all county service men and women who have served from World War I to present day. The black tablet displays the 82 local na sacrificed all for their country during service in World War I, World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. The fifteen tablets reflect 4,962 names o servicemen and women who have served our country on active duty. Each monument sits on a double granite base. The entire monume wheelchair accessible.

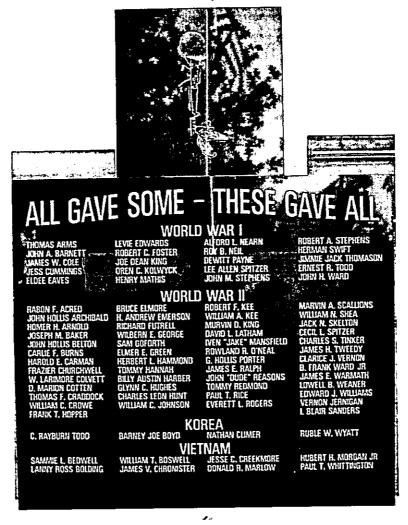
The Memorial was dedicated on Veterans Day, November 11th, 2008, a mere 15 months after the initial committee meeting. Out of cour donations were received from states such as NC, VA, AL, CA, AZ, MS, GA, & FL. By the end of 2008, almost \$70,000 had been collected. for the Memorial cost \$46,000. Another \$9,000 was spent on such things as site preparation, concrete, sod/landscaping, advertising, & 1 The cost to add 381 additional names in 2009 and 2010 was \$19,000. Names are added each October. The Memorial committee continuto discuss such items as security, maintenance & upkeep of the memorial, fundraising for its perpetual care, adding of names, and photo internet site. If you know of a name omission, please contact Ira Burrow, at 731-696-5464, or email at:ibcso@crockettnet.com.

Donations in honor of, or in memory of, a loved one are always welcomed and can be mailed to Ira Burrow at 228 E. Church St, Alamo, Your donations, in any amount, help offset the cost of adding new names and the recurring Memorial's maintenance & upkeep costs. (Ct be made out to the Crockett County Veterans Association and are tax deductible.)

To further emphasize its maintenance and upkeep funding, Crockett County Veterans Association established a "Friends of the Memorial" 2011. Qualified members receive a Veterans Memorial commemorative coin which reflects its dedication date of November 11, 2008; an who join before November 2014 will be recognized on a plaque which will be dedicated on Veterans Day 2014.

Jeanne Mathis' dream is now reality.

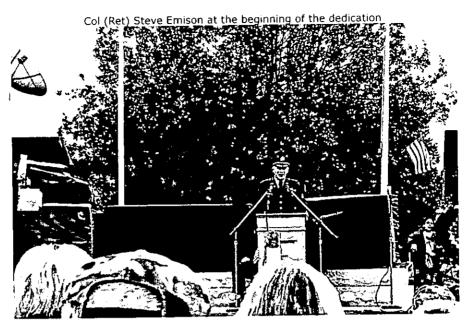






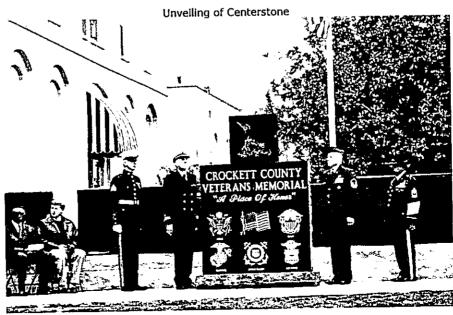
This picture, of the wonderful people who worked on this project, is from the groundbreaking, taken on July 11, 2008. One key pers Gregory, is not in the photo. From left to right are: John Gibbons, Bobby Cates (Cmte Chairman), Ed Wilson, Davie Lee Riddick, Annette Burrow, Maude Ferguson, Steve Emison, Fred Ferguson, & Wanda Richardson.

The tree behind them in the photo is where the memorial now resides. The physical work took place from the end of July until they had in place on November 3. They were then covered up until they were unveiled at the November 11 ceremony.

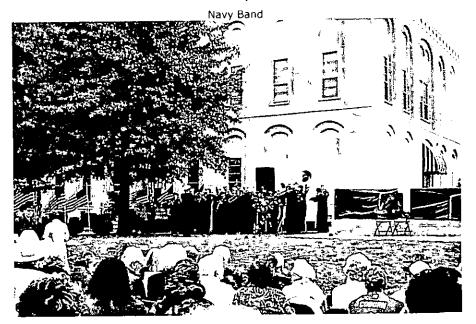


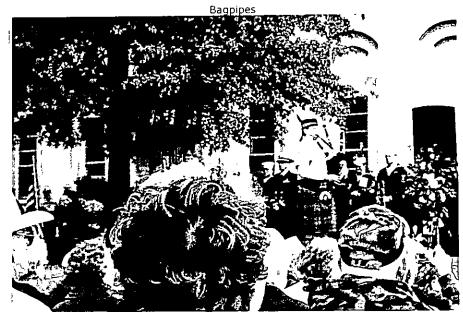
Keynote speaker, Lt Gen Glad Castellaw, USMC Retired



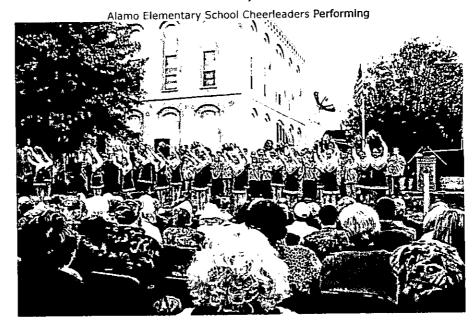


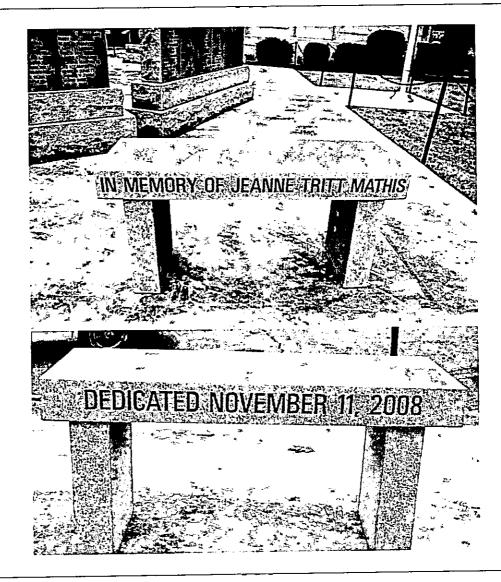
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# The Blue Star Memorial Marker Program of the National Garden Clubs, Inc. began in 1945 to honor the men and women serving in the Armed Forces during World War II.

The name was chosen for the star on flags displayed in homes and businesses denoting a family member serving.

Garden clubs pictured a ribbon of living memorial plantings traversing every state.

The designation of Blue Star Highways was achieved through petitions to the state legislatures and cooperation with the Departments of Transportation.

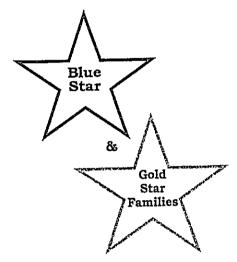
A uniform Marker was designed to identify the Highways.

Blue Star Memorial Markers extend thousands of miles across the United States, and honor all our Armed Forces of the United States. Blue Star Memorial Markers continue to be dedicated each year on highways, at Veterans' facilities, National Cemeteries, parks, and civic and historic sites, showing our appreciation for those who defended our country

#### Gold Star Families mission is to offer honor, hope and healing through remembering fallen heroes by coming together.

While their hero paid the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom, survivors live daily with the pain of the sacrifice. Gold Star Families endeavor to provide an atmosphere of emotional and psychological conduit for healing.

Living service men and women were represented by the Blue Star, and those who had lost their lives are represented by the Gold Star.



**Memorial Markers** 



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## THE BLUE STAR AND GOLD STAR FAMILIES MEMORIAL MARKER PROGRAM

Since 1945 the Blue Star Memorial Marker Honors all Armed Forces of The United States of America



All to see, lest we forget, those who help to keep us free.

-Polly Henderson Former Blue Star Memorial Chairman



Gold Star Families -Honor • Hope • Healing



No Blue Star or Gold Star Families
Marker may bear an individual's or
Family's name. The Blue Star Markers
are designed to pay tribute to the Armed
Forces as a whole. The Gold Star Families
Marker honors the families whose loved
one paid the ultimate price defending the
United States of America.

#### Procedure for obtaining Blue and/or Gold Star Families Markers

- Garden clubs decide to purchase and/ or sponsor a Marker (Gold Star Families).
   An appropriate location is selected for the type of Marker chosen.
- Contact the State Blue Star Memorial Chairman for forms and instructions.
- Contact local or state authority responsible for location.
- Mail order form and check to NGC Chairman for processing.
- Clubs may solicit other civic organizations to help with funding, construction, planting, and maintenance.
- Allow at least twelve to sixteen weeks for delivery of Marker after an order is received by Sewah Studios.



#### THE BLUE STAR OR GOLD STAR FAMI-LIES MEMORIAL MARKERS

Made of cast aluminum

# HIGHWAY MARKER - \$1830.00 (BLUE STAR ONLY)

Overall height when erected is 7'6". The plate is 41" high by 45" wide. To be placed on dedicated highways.

# MEMORIAL MARKER - \$1830.00 (BLUE & GOLD STAR FAMILIES)

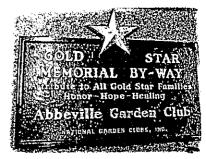
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The plate is 41" high by 45" wide.

To be placed in National Cemeteries,
Veterans Medical Centers, and other
civic locations.

## BY-WAY MARKER - \$610.00 (BLUE & GOLD STAR FAMILIES)

Plaque is 12" by 20"
(for mounting on masonry or wood).
To be placed in civic gardens,
parks and historical sites.



# THE BLUE STAR AND GOLD STAR FAMILIES GUIDELINES

Is a 21 page booklet that may be downloaded for free on the NGC website at: www.qardenclub.org

It contains the history, shipping information, dedication ceremony example, awards information, the order forms and much more.

For further information on Markers and current pricing contact:

Candace Fleming Wells

NGC Blue Star/Gold Star Families

Memorial Marker Chair

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## **RESOLUTION**

Whereas, an historical marker honoring Robert H. "Bob" White, Ph. D., was erected at the Southwest corner of the courthouse lawn in Alamo more than twenty years ago and continues to stand there as of today, and

Whereas, the Crockett County Veterans Memorial was erected on the same corner of the courthouse lawn on November 11, 2008 and continues to stand there as of today, and

Whereas, the Crockett County Veterans Memorial Association, which is the non-profit entity responsible for the erection, maintenance, and preservation of the Veterans Memorial, has requested that the historical marker honoring Dr. White be moved to the Northwest corner of the courthouse lawn in order that the Association may erect, in front of the Veterans Memorial on the Southwest corner of the courthouse lawn, a memorial honoring Crockett County's "Gold Star" families who have lost loved ones in the service of our country and a "Blue Star" memorial honoring all of those from Crockett County who have served in the United States armed forces, and

Whereas, the Crockett County Commission believes that erecting a "Gold Star" memorial on the Southwest corner of the courthouse lawn in front of the Veterans Memorial is a fitting tribute to those Crockett county families who have given the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our nation and those who have honorably served in our nation's armed forces,

Be it Resolved that the Crockett County Commission hereby grants permission to the Crockett County Veterans Memorial Association to move the historical marker honoring Dr. White from the Southwest corner of the courthouse lawn in Alamo to the

Northwest corner of the courthouse lawn and to erect "Gold Star" and "Blue Star" markers in its place on the Southwest corner of the courthouse lawn at the Association's cost and at such time as the Association deems appropriate.

Approved this the 30 day of March, 2023.

GARY REASONS, Mayor

DANA BRANCH, County Clerk

