



National Capital Planning Commission
Project Booklet

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Introduction



The Society of the 1st Infantry Division, the veteran organization of the U.S. Army's First Division, seeks to modify and update the First Division Monument to relocate the Desert Storm plaque and add the names of those killed in Operation Iraqi Freedom and New Dawn and Operation Enduring Freedom in a tasteful manner which maintains the dignity, appearance, and integrity of the monument. The Society has raised the dollars necessary to execute the project and in January of 2021 gained Congressional approval enabling the update/modification to the Monument with the help of Senators Marshall and Moran.

The Monument is located in President's Park, west of the White House and south of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Executive Office Building, at the corner of 17th Street and State Place, NW. It was originally conceived at the end of the First World War, dedicated in October of 1924, and is inscribed with the names of 5,516 fallen servicemen. While it is referred to as the First Division Monument, its purpose is to recognize the supreme sacrifice of those killed during war. The intent is that they would be remembered forever as future generations visited and read their names.

Following the tradition and leadership of General Summerall who originally conceived of the Monument, the Society has:

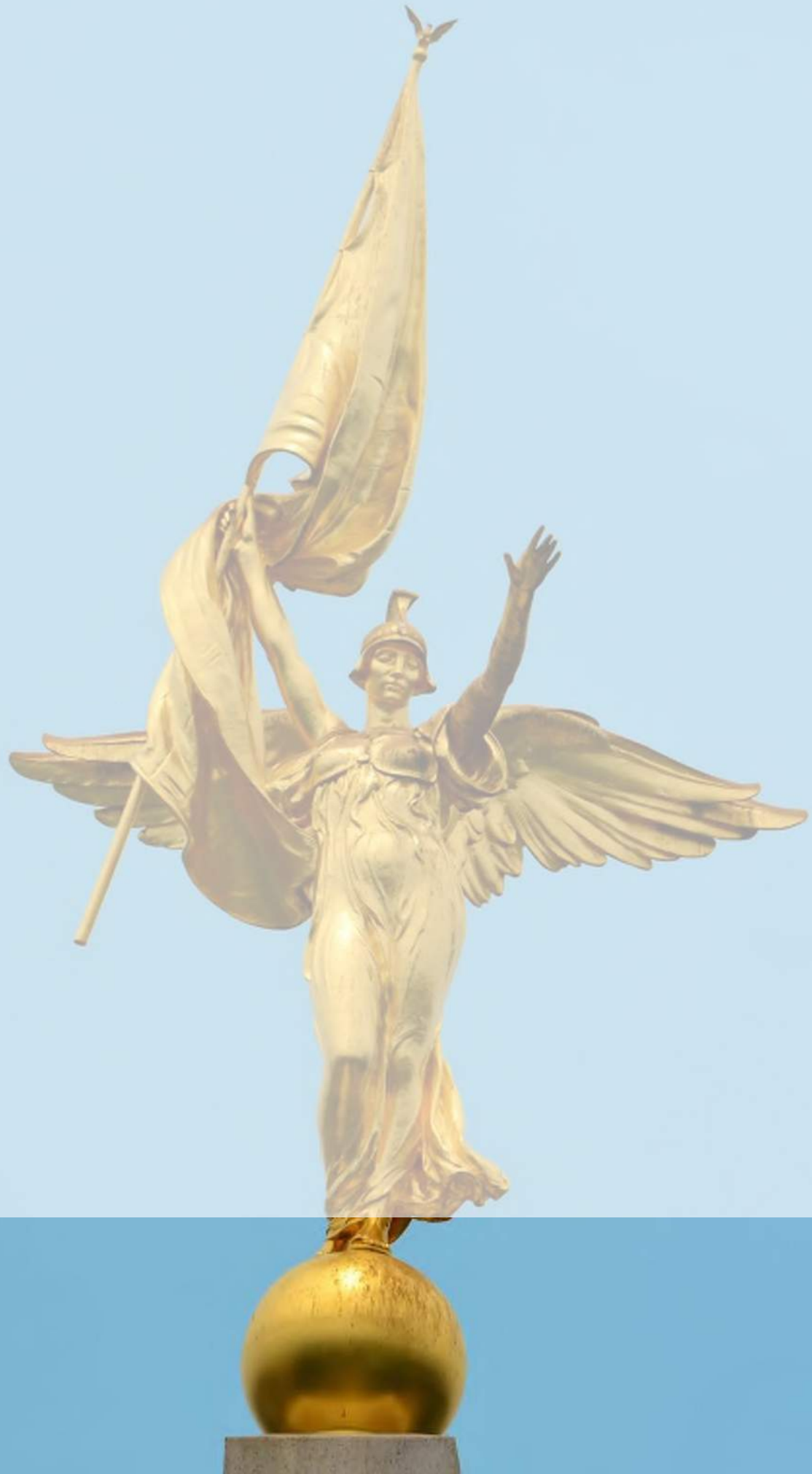
Established the WWII addition in 1957 (4,325 names)

Established the Vietnam addition in 1977 (3,079 names)

Established the Desert Storm Plaque in 1995 (27 names)

The proposed project will include the addition of a new stone plinth upon which the names of our most recently fallen soldiers from the First Infantry Division will be added on the east end of the monument and stones on the west end without plaques to allow for future plaques to be added. The additional plinths will be constructed on the north side, within the existing bounds of the monument. The project will not expand the monument but rather this small but important addition will integrate into the original design of the monument. The Society has studied several design alternatives and presents herein their preferred option for updating the Monument. In addition, a summary of the context, history and existing conditions are provided for reference.





Proposed Monument Expansion

Current monument recognizes the contributions of those who served in:

- World War I
- World War II
- Vietnam
- Desert Storm (minor addition)

Expansion Goal is to fully recognize the contributions of those who served in:

- Operation Desert Storm
- Operation Iraqi Freedom & New Dawn
- Operation Enduring Freedom

Proposed Scope:

- Addition of monuments/plaques
- Addition of future granite monuments for future plaques
- Landscape material update



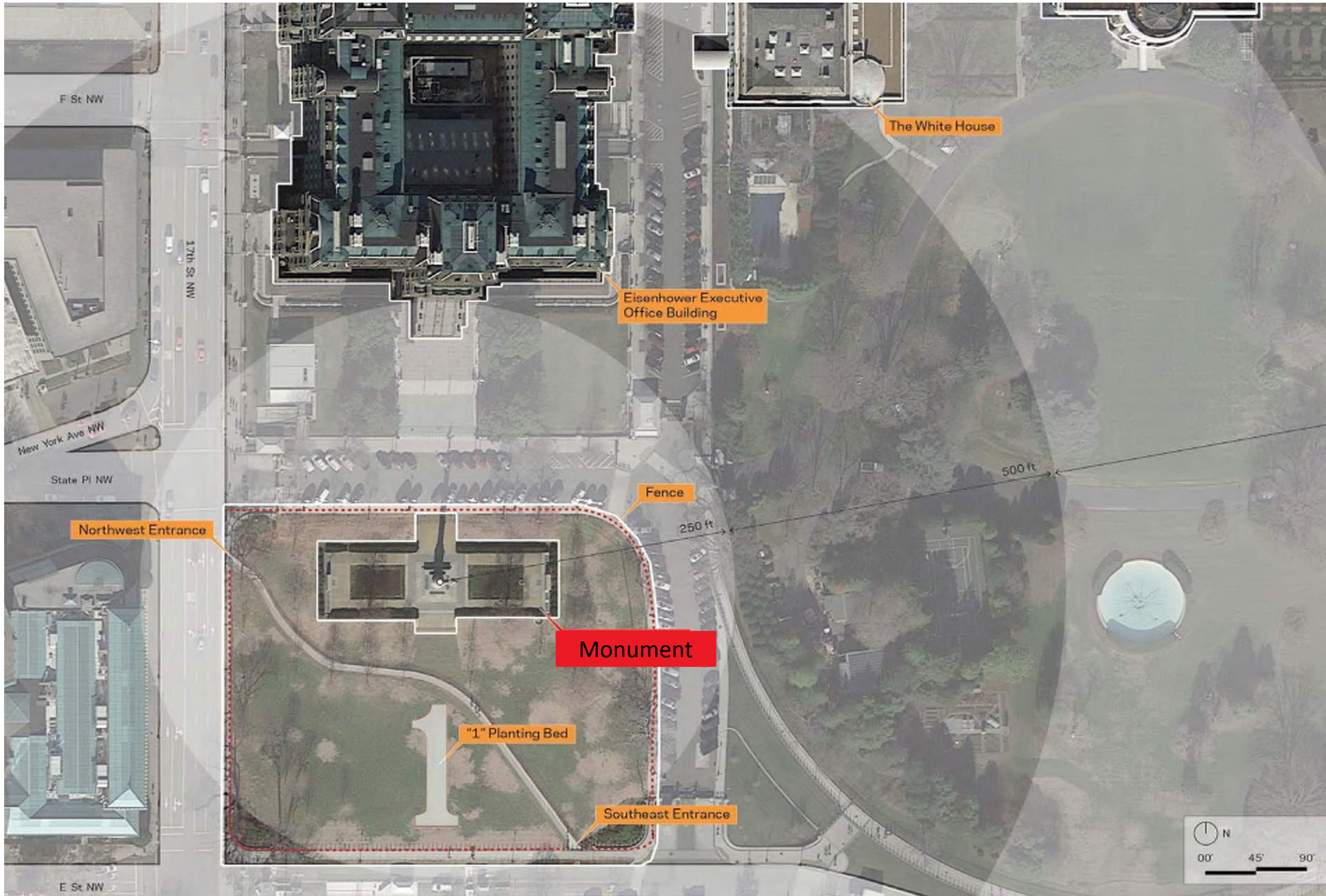
SEC. 1083. MODIFICATION TO FIRST DIVISION MONUMENT.

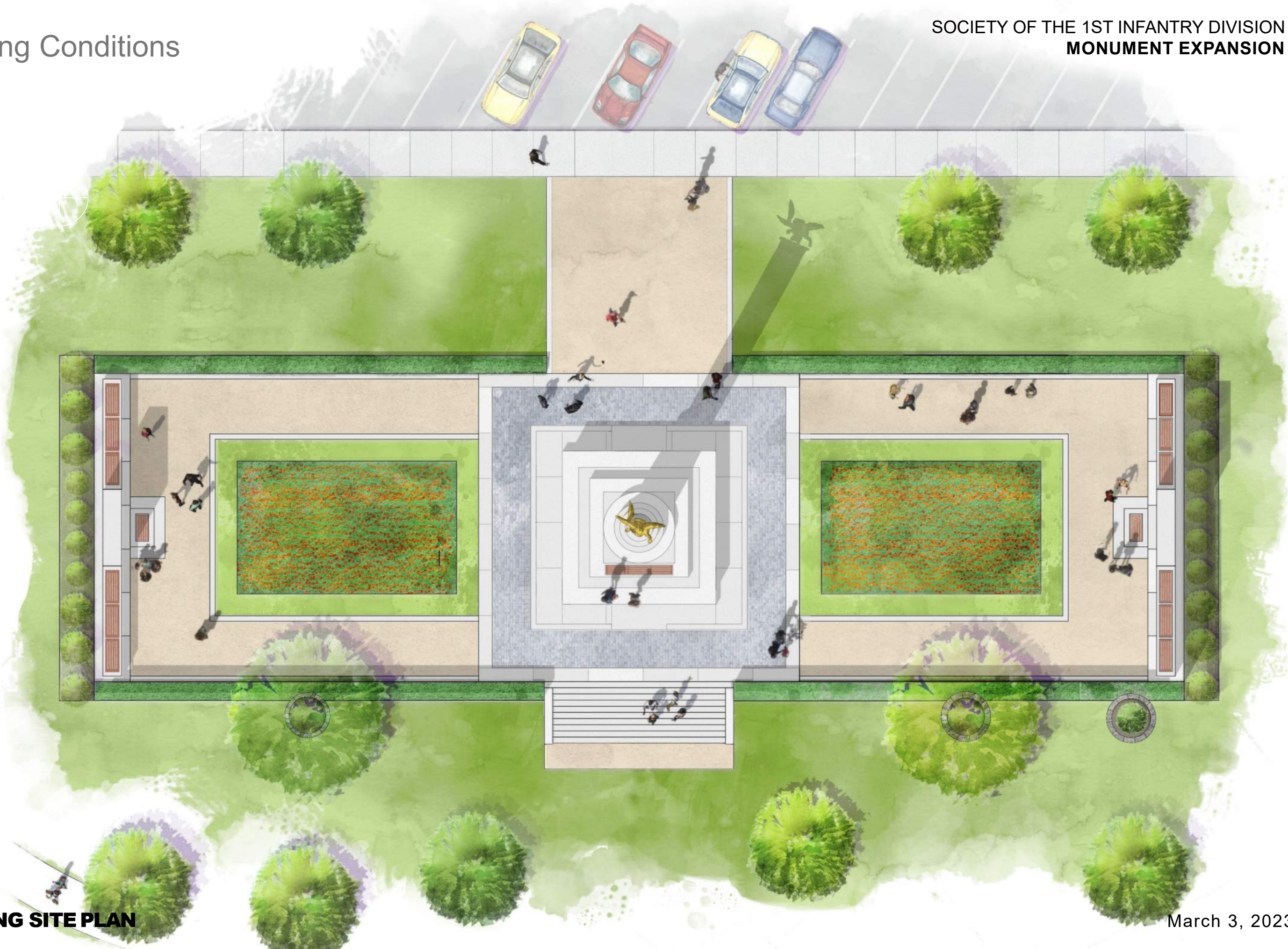
- a) Authorization.--The Society of the First Infantry Division may make modifications to the First Division Monument located on Federal land in President's Park in the District of Columbia to honor the dead of the First Infantry Division, United States Forces, in--
 - 1) Operation Desert Storm;
 - 2) Operation Iraqi Freedom and New Dawn; and
 - 3) Operation Enduring Freedom.
- b) Modifications.--Modifications to the First Division Monument may include construction of additional plaques and stone plinths on which to put plaques.
- c) Applicability of Commemorative Works Act.--Chapter 89 of title 40, United States Code (commonly known as the “Commemorative Works Act”), shall apply to the design and placement of the commemorative elements authorized by this section, except that subsections (b) and (c) of section 8903 of such title shall not apply.
- d) Collaboration.--The First Infantry Division of the Department of the Army shall collaborate with the Secretary of Defense to provide to the Society of the First Infantry Division the list of names to be added to the First Division Monument in accordance with subsection (a).
- e) Funding.--Federal funds may not be used for modifications of the First Division Monument authorized by this section.

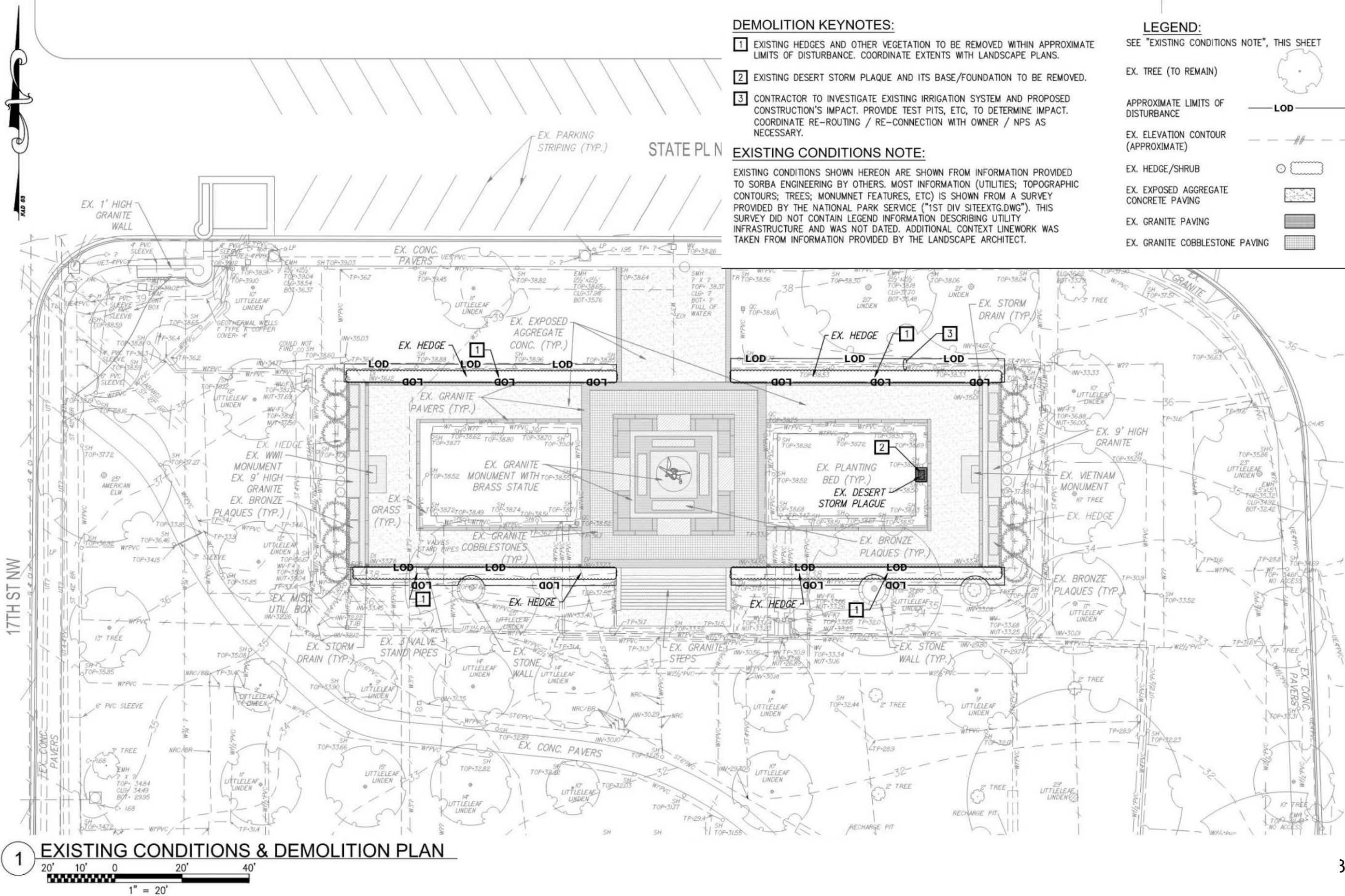
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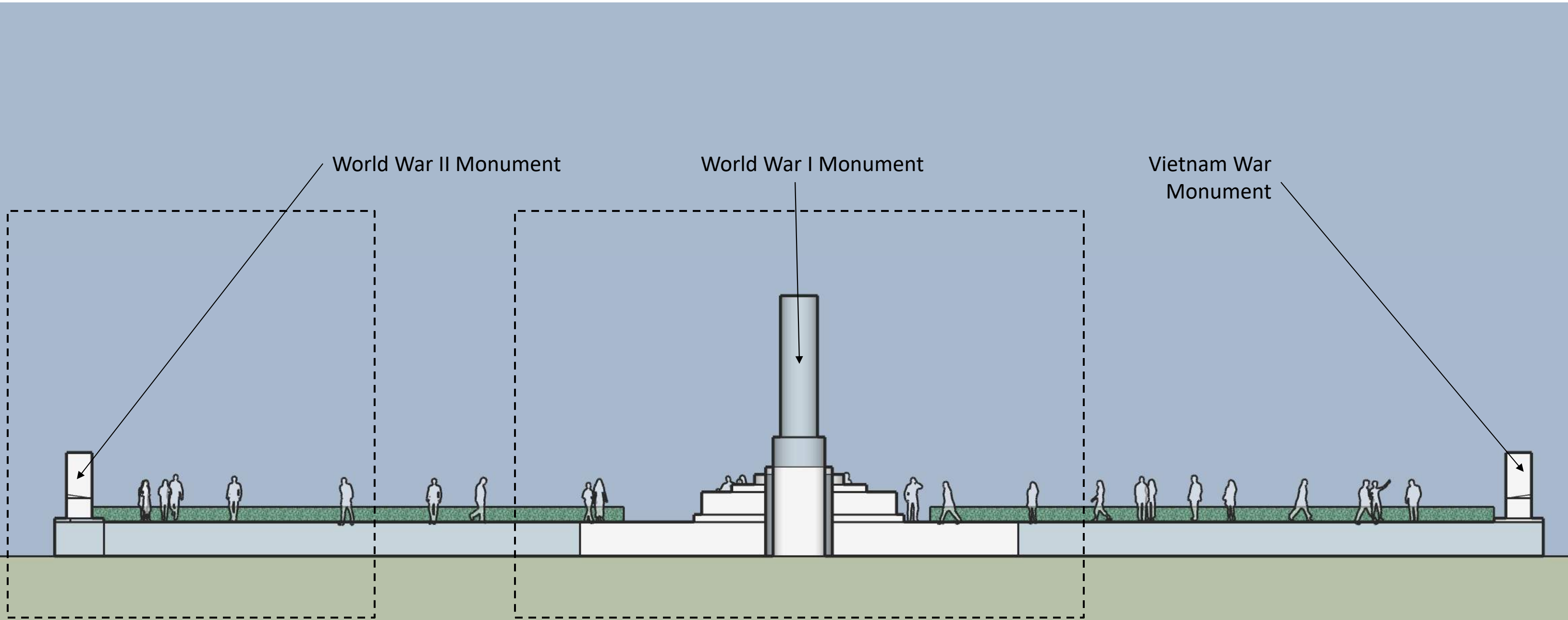


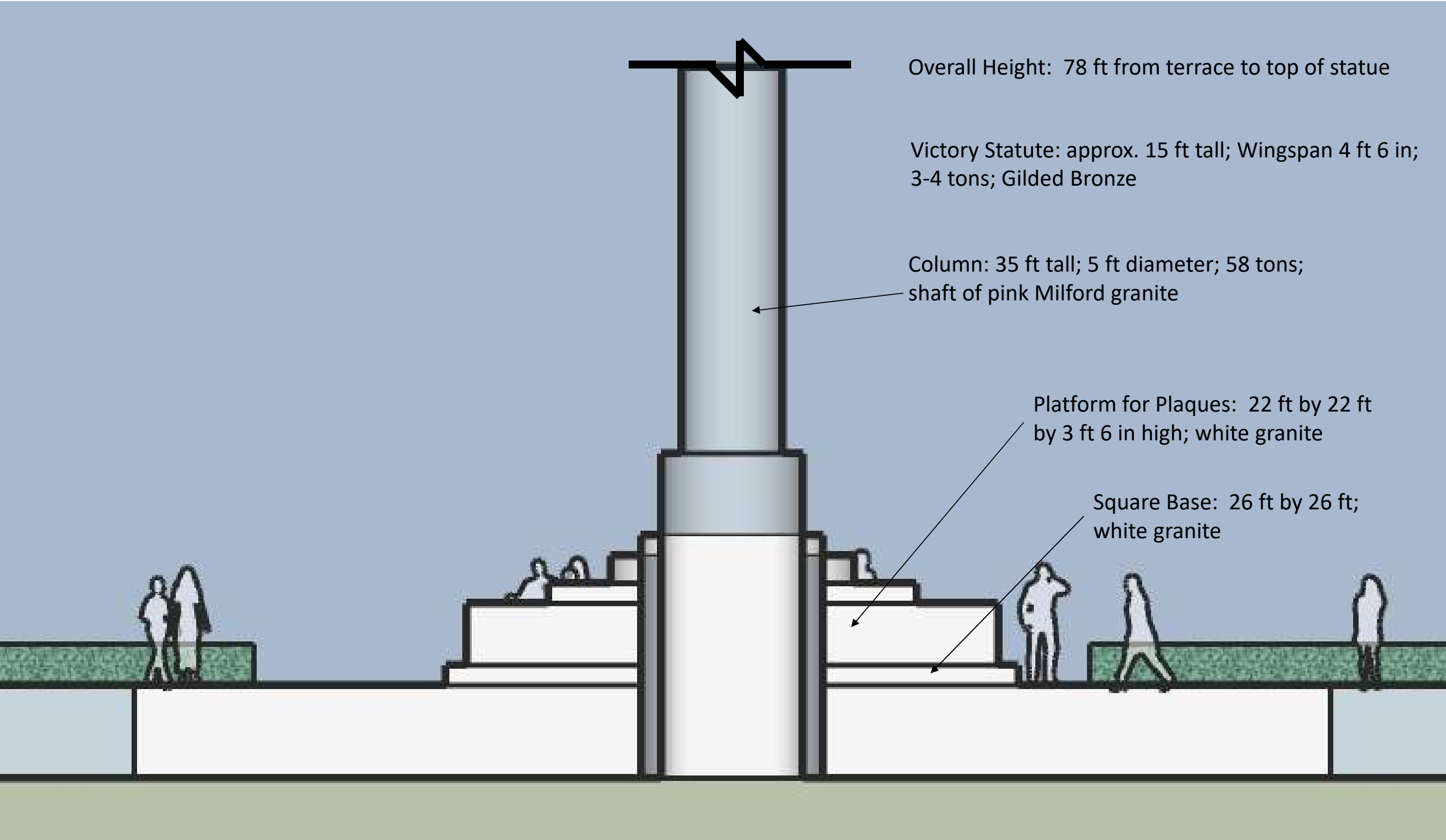
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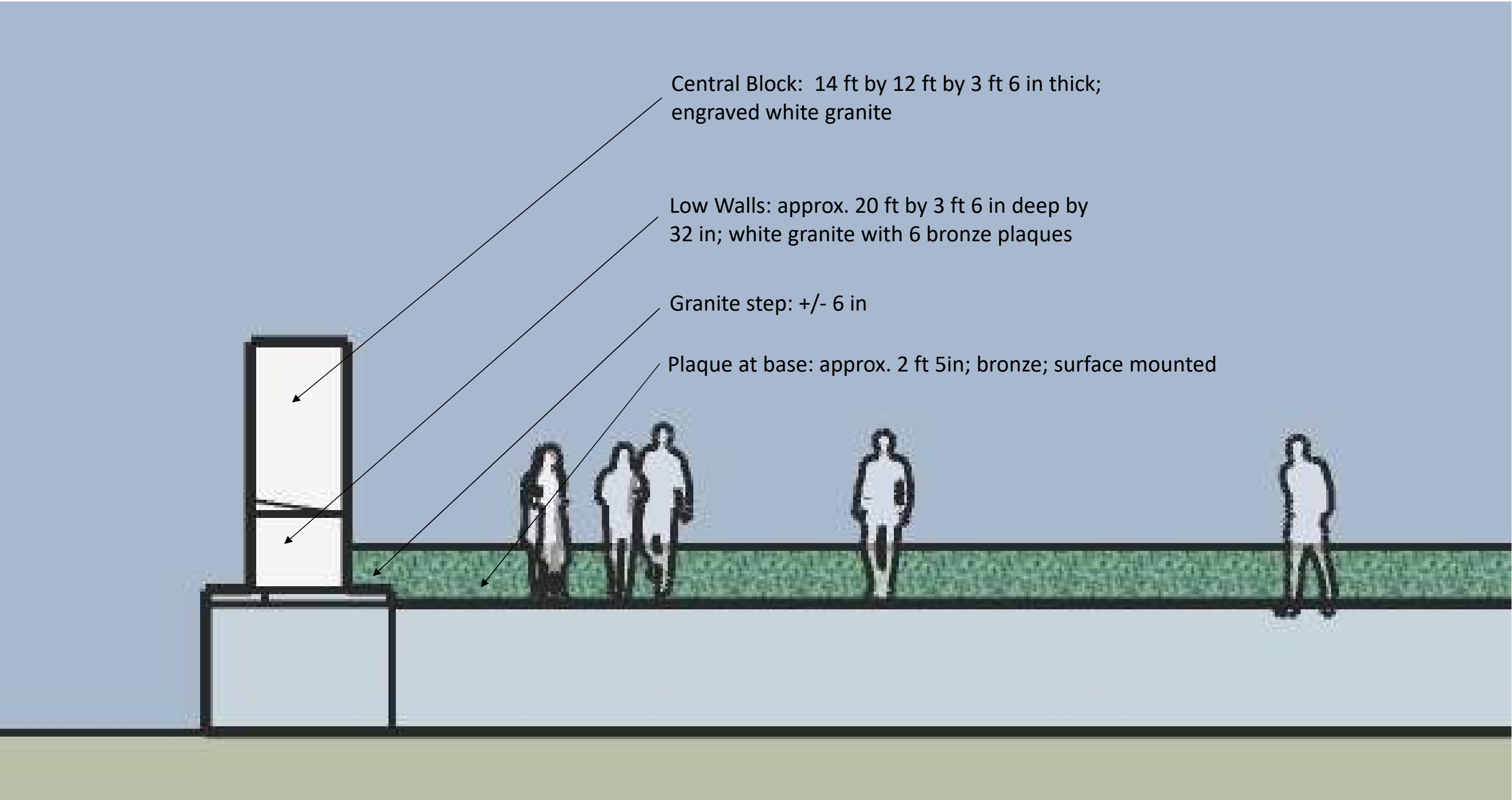




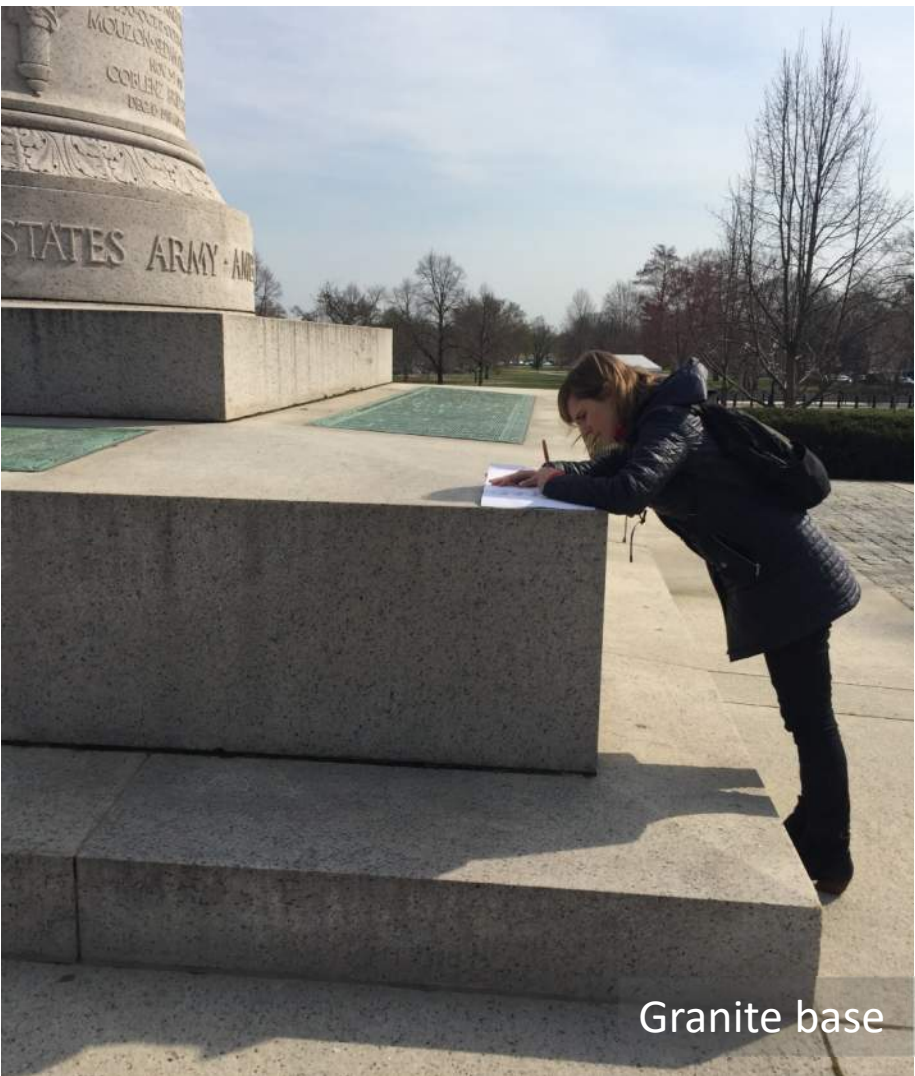




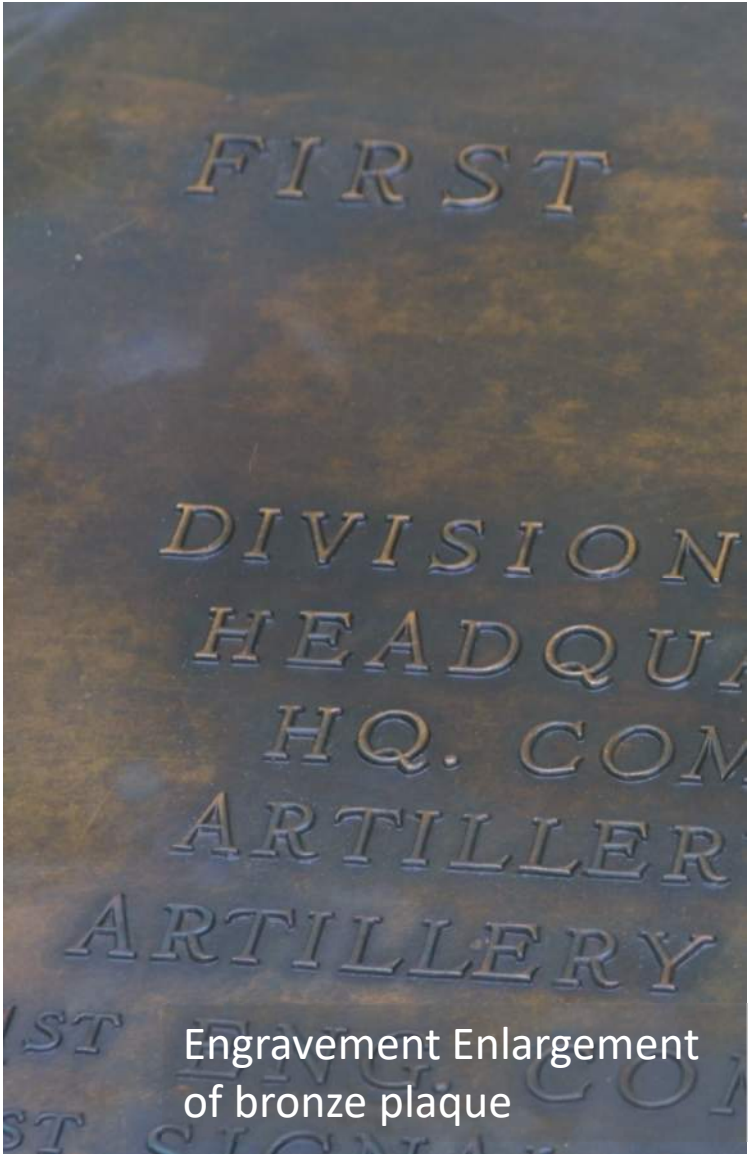




Existing Conditions: Monument – World War I

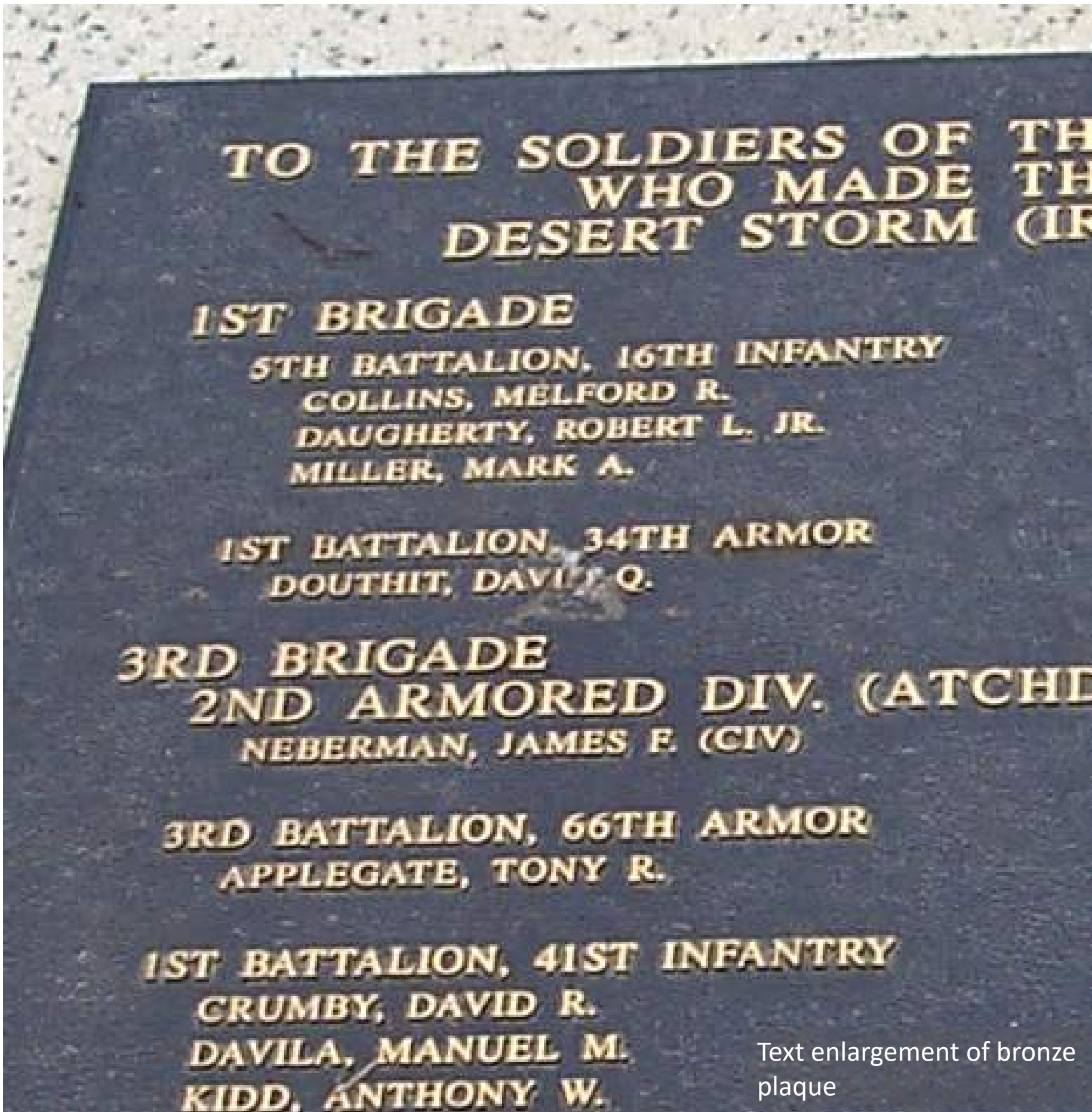


Existing Conditions: Monuments – World War II and Vietnam



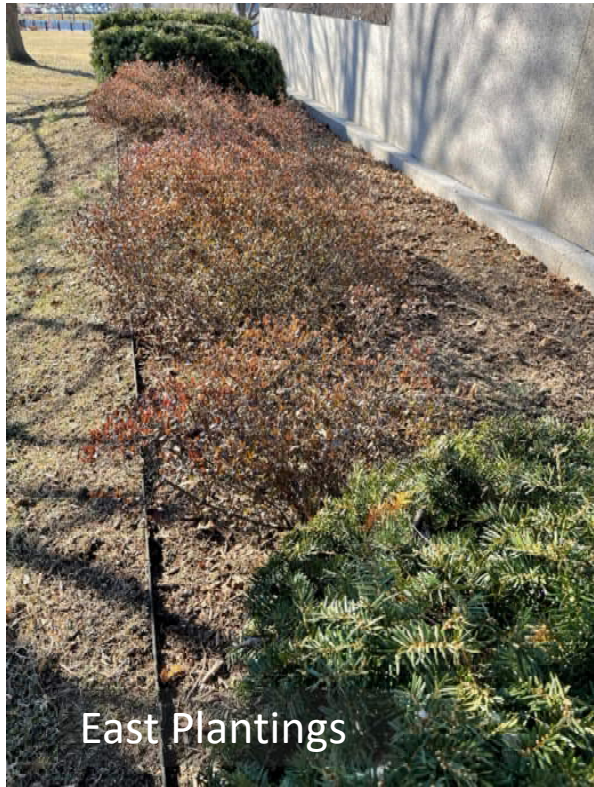


3 ft by 4 ft by 1 ft high granite monument with bronze plaque with dedication, names and units of the fallen; including the first female soldier

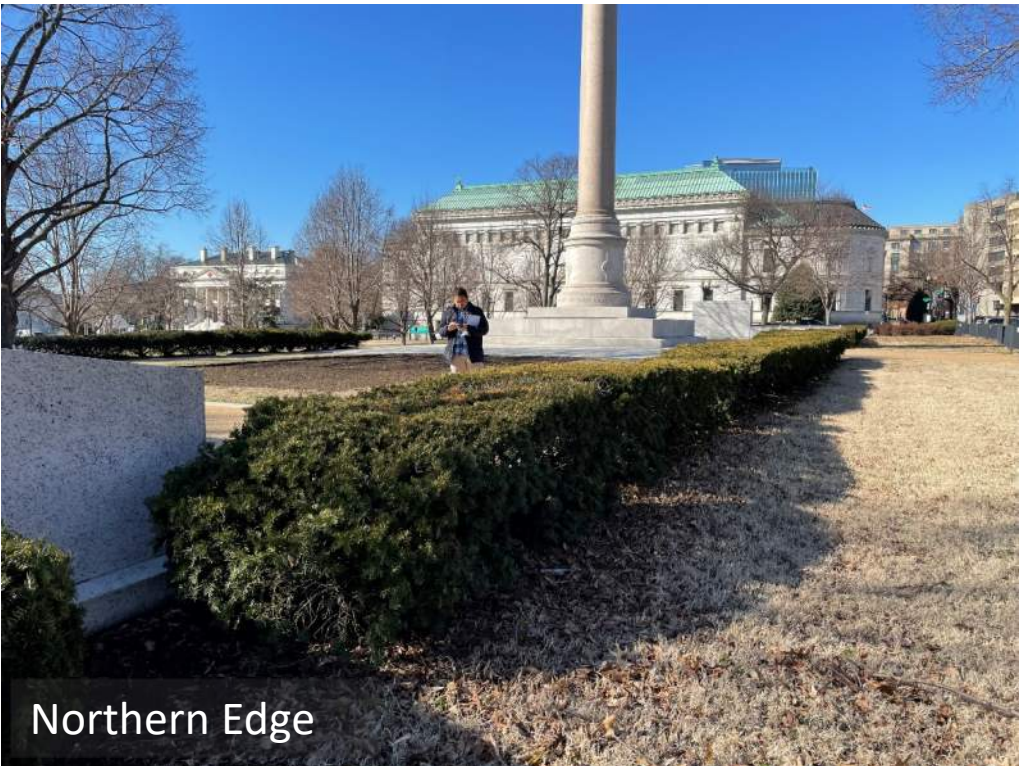


Text enlargement of bronze plaque

Existing Conditions: Monument – East and West Elevations



Existing Conditions: Monument – North and South Elevations



Existing Conditions: Plant Material

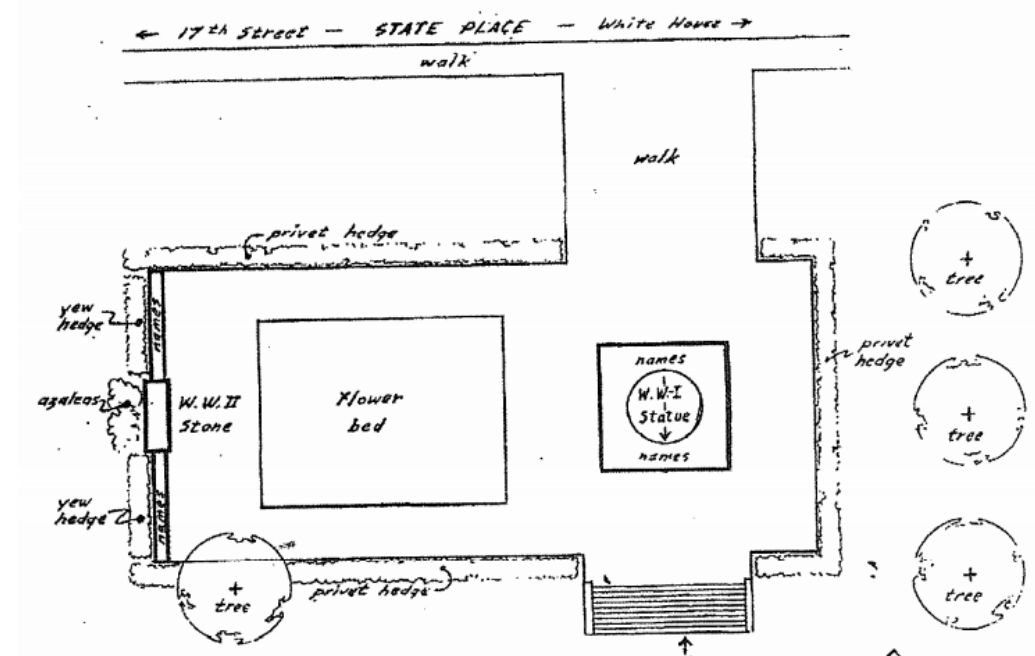
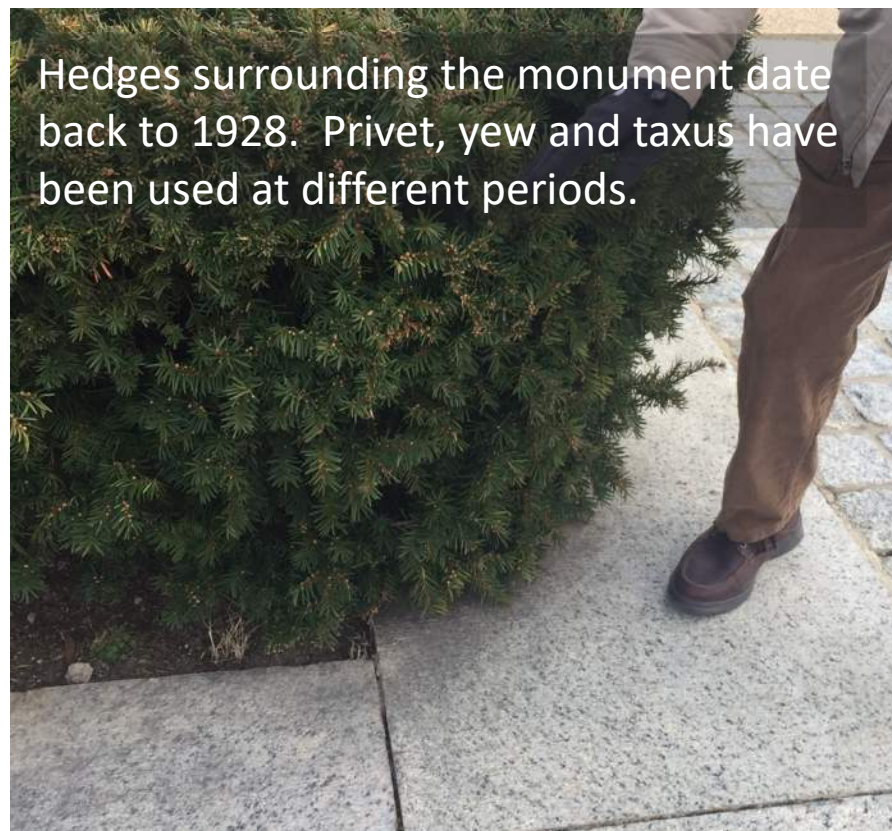


Annual beds are maintained by NPS
at the foot of the monument

The #1 annuals flowerbed was
added as part of Mrs. Lady Bird
Johnson's beautification plans in
1965 – bed length 181 ft



Hedges surrounding the monument date
back to 1928. Privet, yew and taxus have
been used at different periods.



Existing Conditions: Pavement



Cobble and granite paving materials



Granite and cobble pavers at base of WWI



Exposed aggregate pavement at WWII and Vietnam



Stone border on exposed aggregate and cobble pavers



Proposed Monument Expansion

Proposed Design:

Recognition of:

- Operation Desert Storm
- Operation Iraqi Freedom & New Dawn
- Operation Enduring Freedom

Stone Plinths

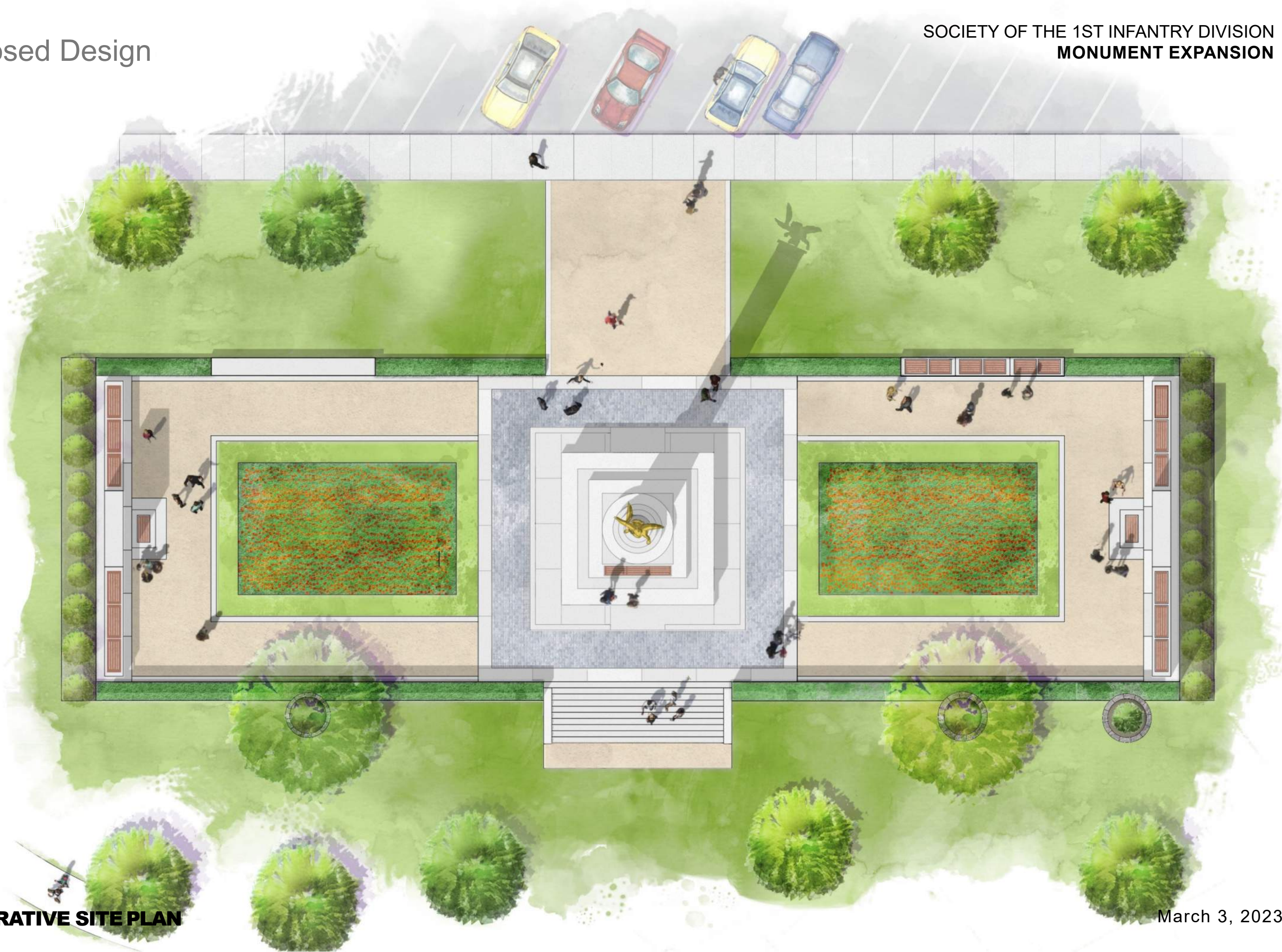
- 3 stone plinths for current dedications on east
- 3 additional stone plinths for future dedications on the west

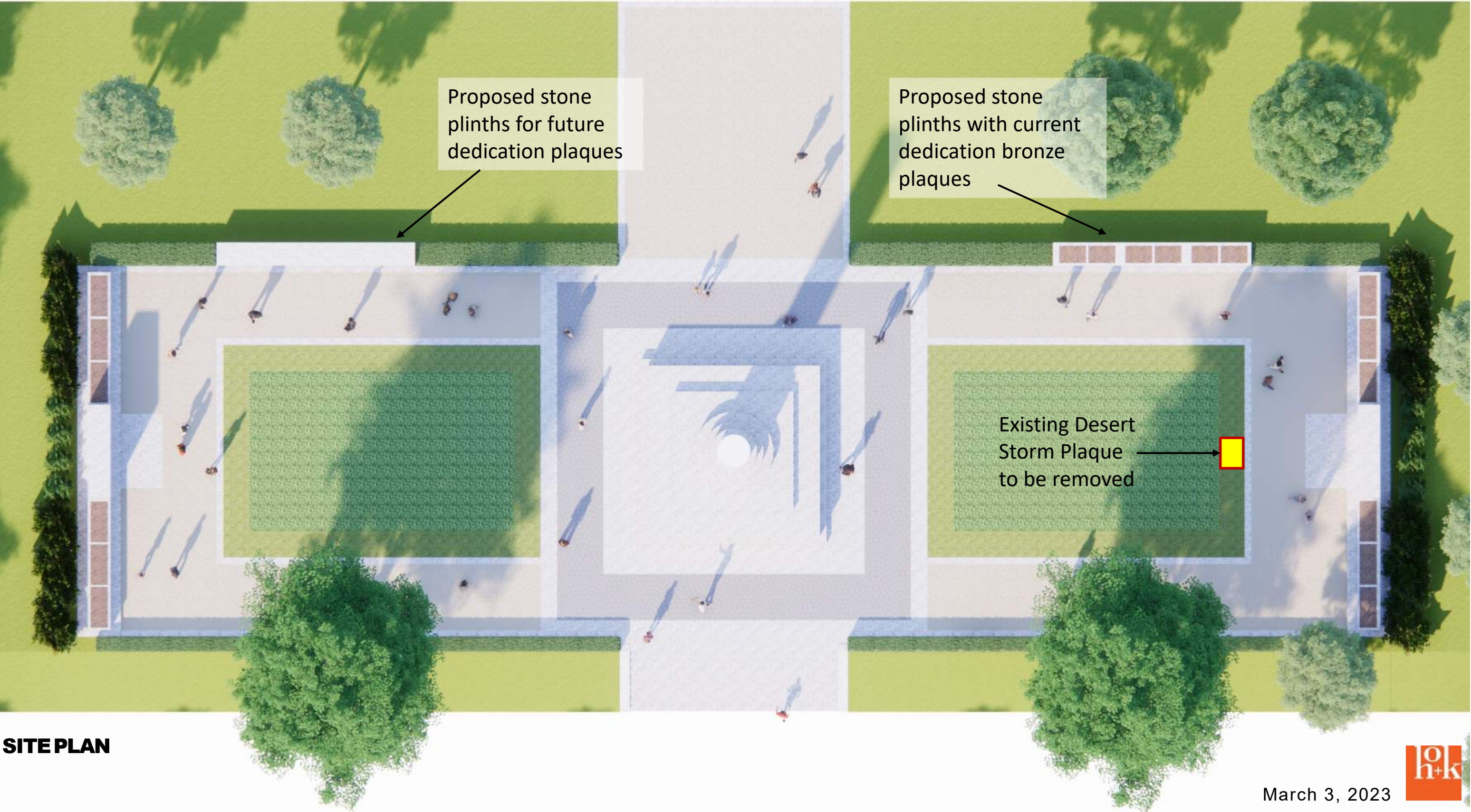
Bronze Plaques shall include:

- Dedication
- Operations
- Units
- Location of Operations
- Name and rank of fallen

Landscape Design:

- Update hedge row
- Existing pavement to remain





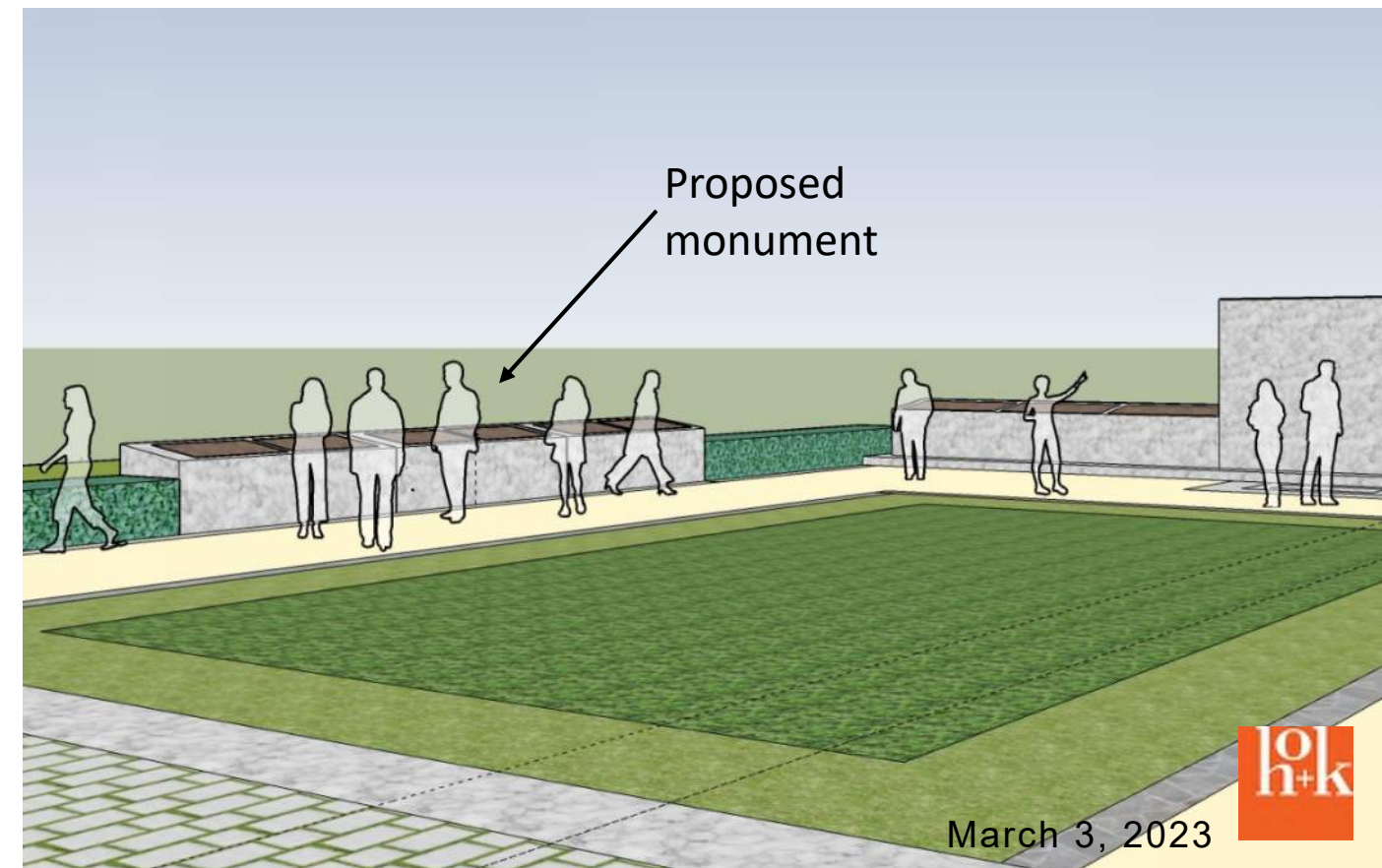
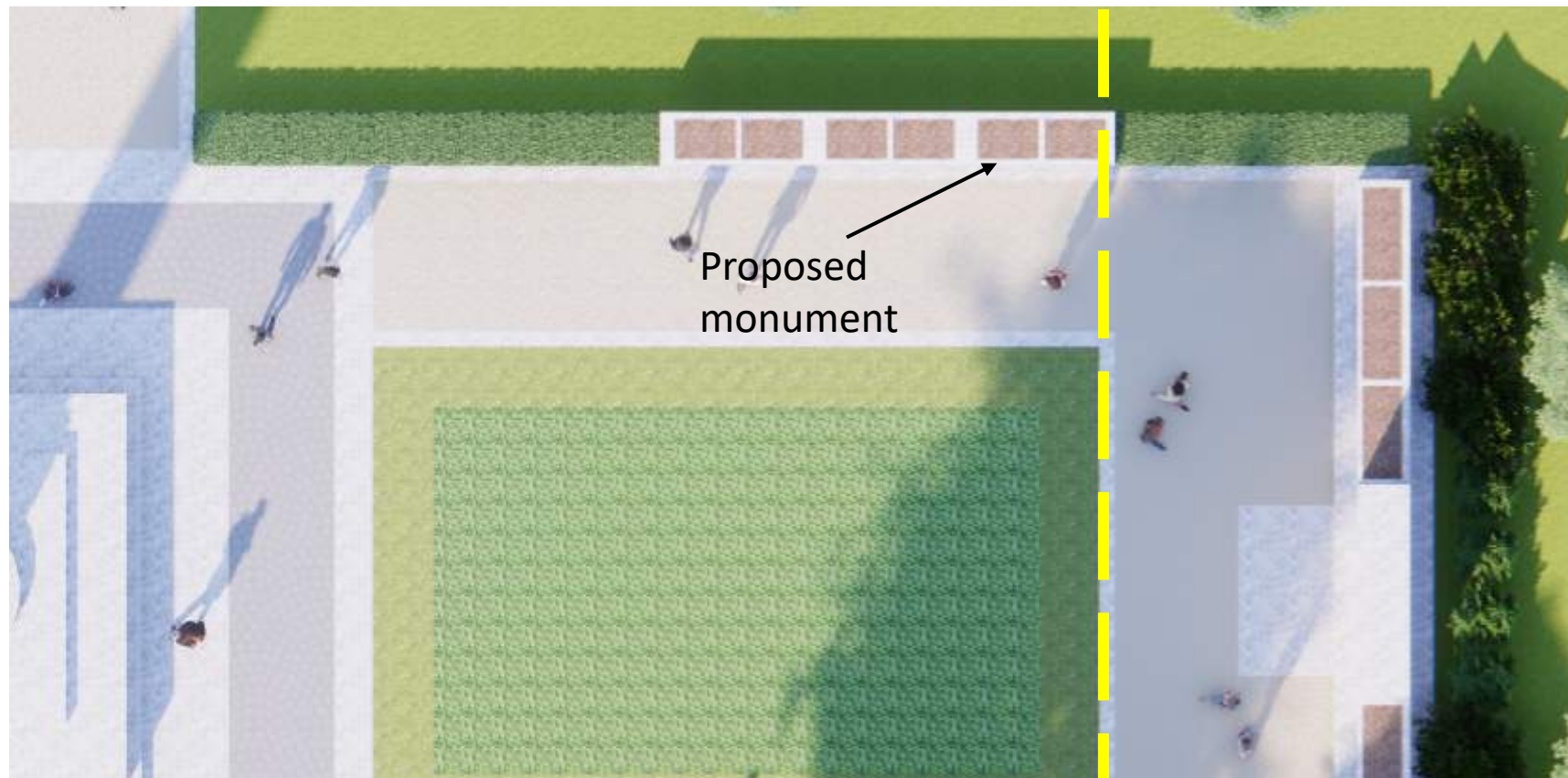
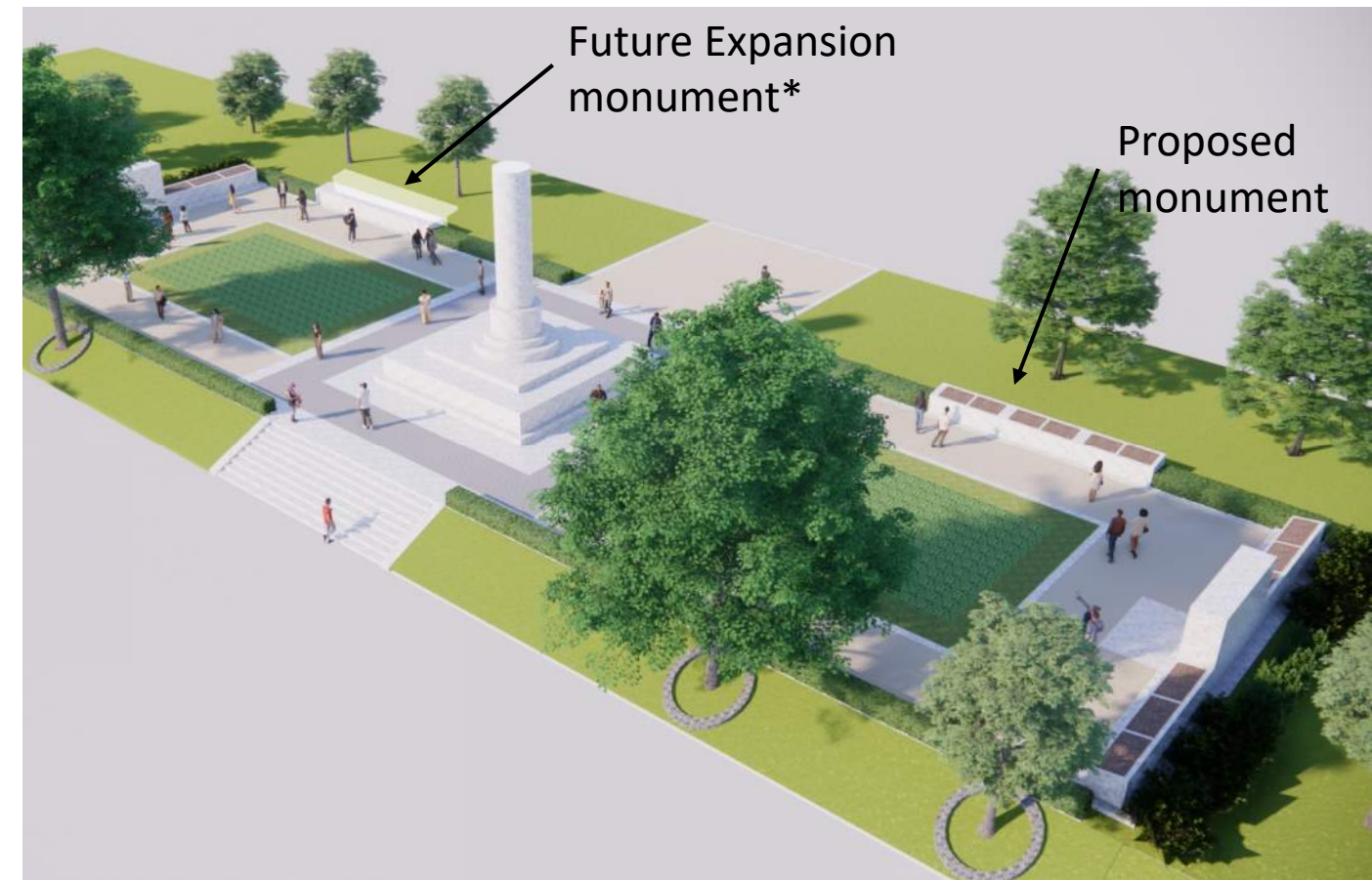
SITE PLAN

Proposed Design

The proposed design meets the following objectives:

- Meets objective of honoring fallen members
- Removes existing Desert Storm plaque which looks temporary
- Co-locates the Desert Storm/Iraqi Freedom & New Dawn/Enduring Freedom Operations to a single common area
- Option retains reciprocal views to and from the Ellipse
- Removes small monument from central planting to restore original condition of the garden
- Provides for future dedication plaque
- Option preferred by Society Board of Directors

*This design was previously presented to Commission and approved including a location for future expansion. The Society and NPS desire to proceed with installation of the future expansion stone plinths during this construction phase with that addition of bronze plaque in the future. This will provide symmetry to the monument and ease construction logistics.



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Proposed Design

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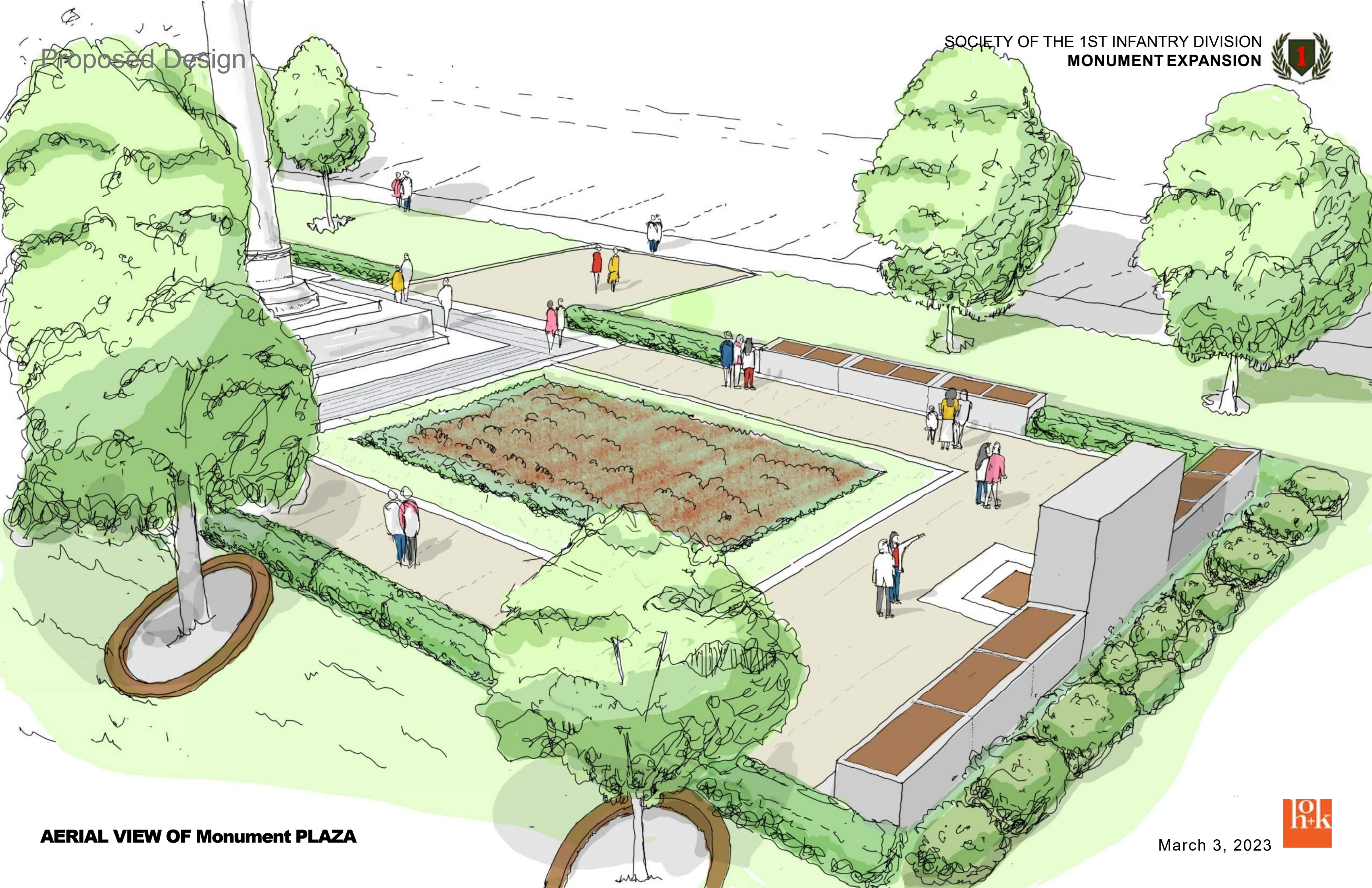
EAST END OF Monument PLAZA

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AERIAL VIEW OF Monument PLAZA

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Proposed Design: North Hedge





Proposed Design: Alternative 1 - North Hedge



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Proposed Design: Alternative 2 - North Hedge



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Proposed Design: BOXWOOD HEDGE REPLACEMENT



PLANT SAMPLE FROM NURSERY



MATURE PLANT HEDGE

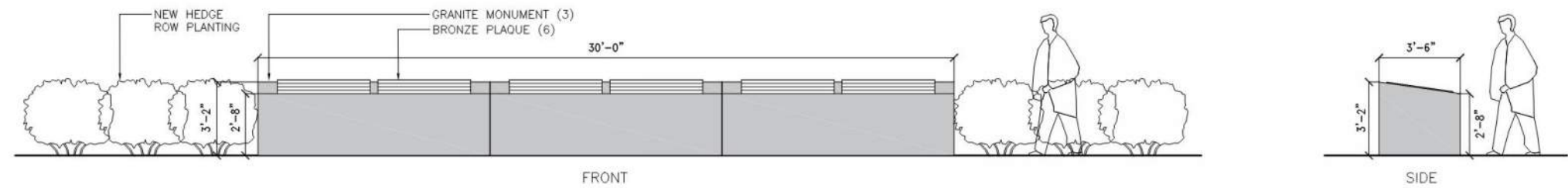
PLANT SCHEDULE							
SHRUBS	CODE	BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	SIZE	CONTAINER	HEIGHT	SPACING
	BW	BUXUS SINICA VAR. INSULARIS 'WINTERGREEN'	WINTERGREEN KOREAN BOXWOOD	7 GAL.	CONTAINER	36"	36" o.c.

WINTERGREEN BOXWOOD FEATURE: great-looking, with oval leaves that feature a finely-textured look as their bright green hues darken slightly with age.

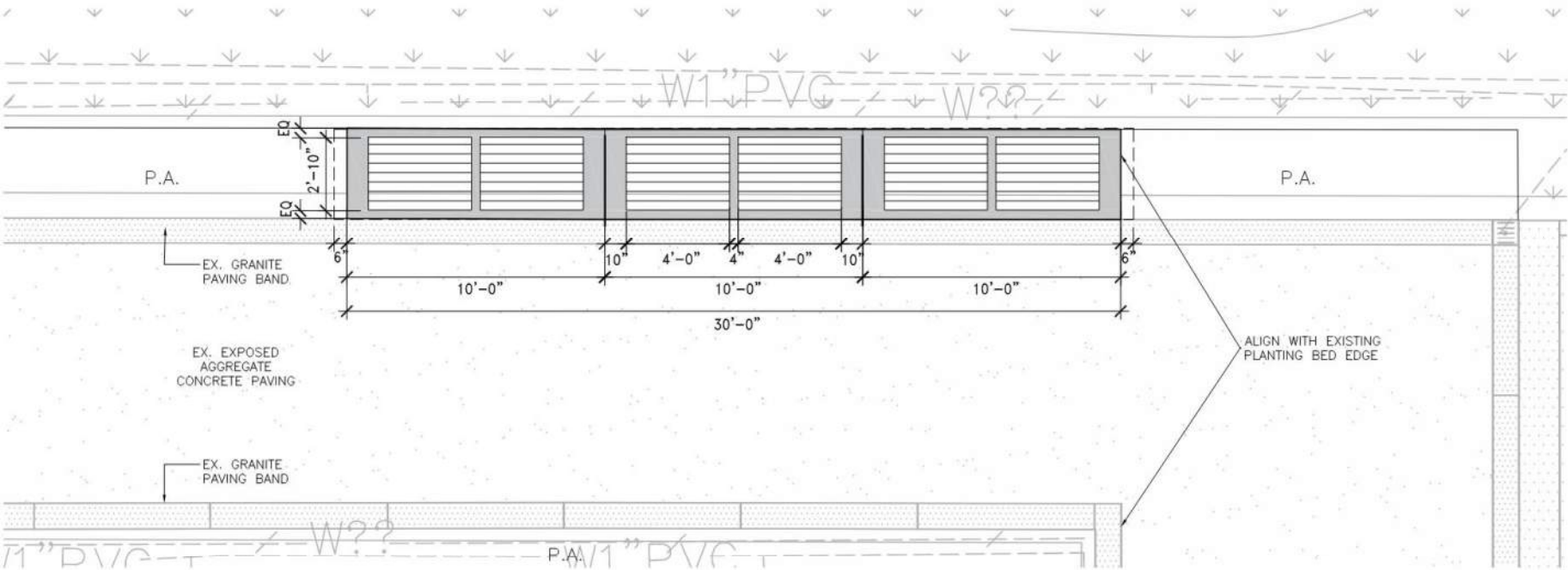
- TYPE: MULTI-STEMMED, DENSE, COMPACT EVERGREEN SHRUB, EASY TO SHAPE, FORMAL LOOKING, GREAT MATERIAL AS HEDGE
- PEST AND DEER RESISTANT
- HEIGHT: 2 - 4 FT, MATCHING HEIGHT TO THE NEW PROPOSED GRANITE MONUMENT
- WIDTH: 2 - 3 FT
- GROWTH: 1.5 - 2 IN PER YEAR, SLOW GROWING PLANT MATERIAL
- WATER: AVERAGE
- MAINTENANCE: AVERAGE
- USDA HARDINESS ZONE: 4 - 9, THRIVES ALL THE WAY DOWN TO -10 DEGREES



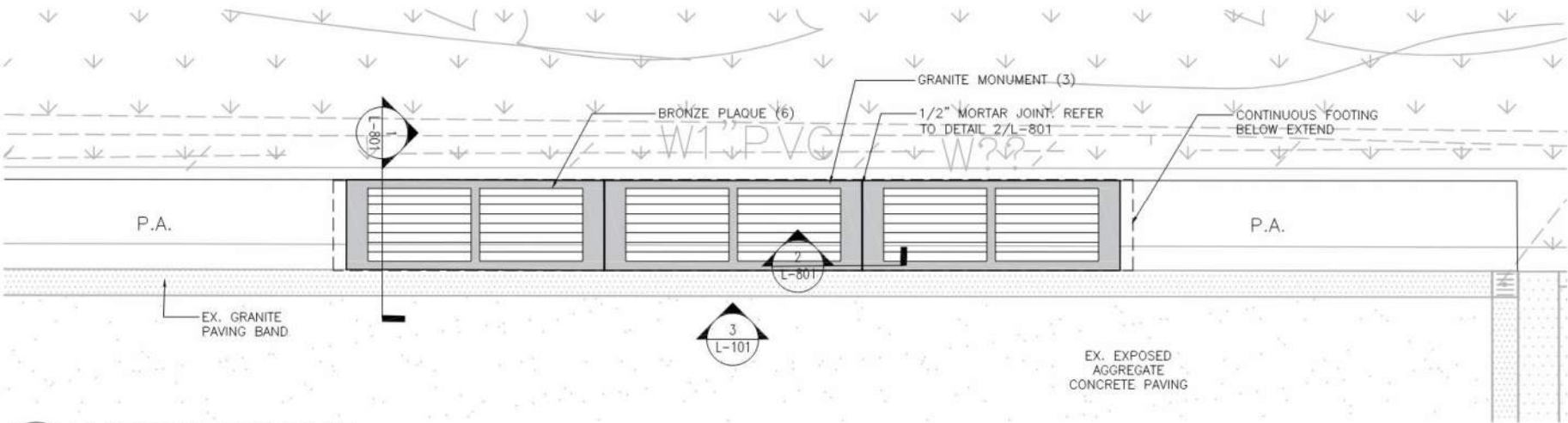
Proposed Design: Plinth Details



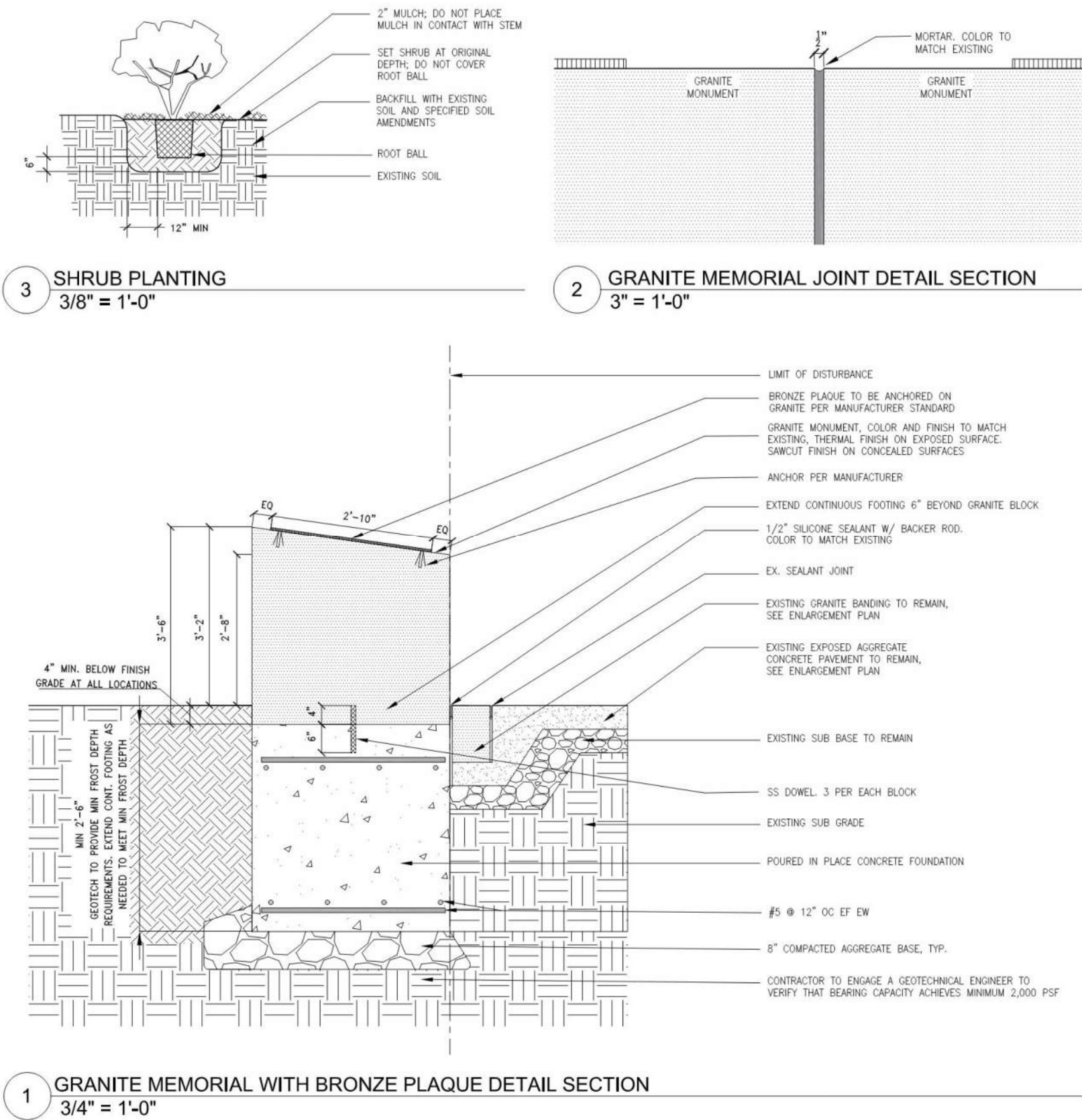
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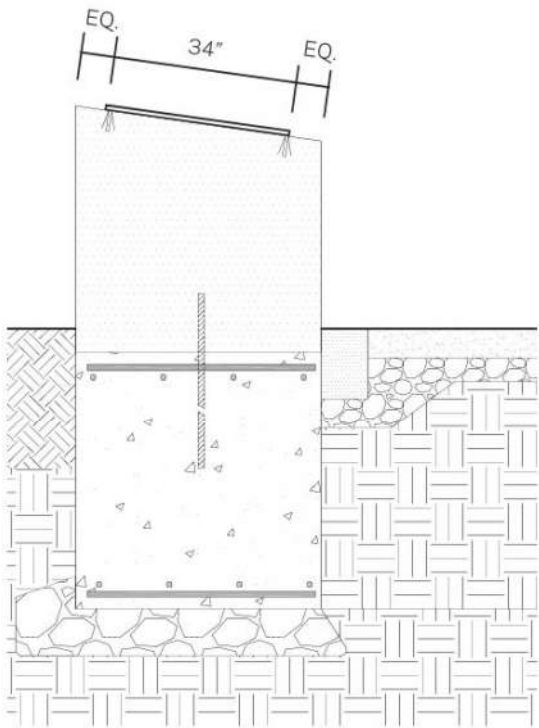


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1/4" = 1'-0"

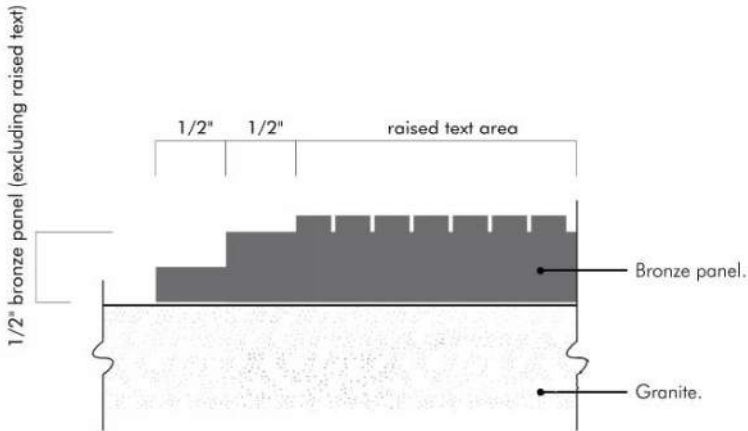


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1/4" = 1'-0"





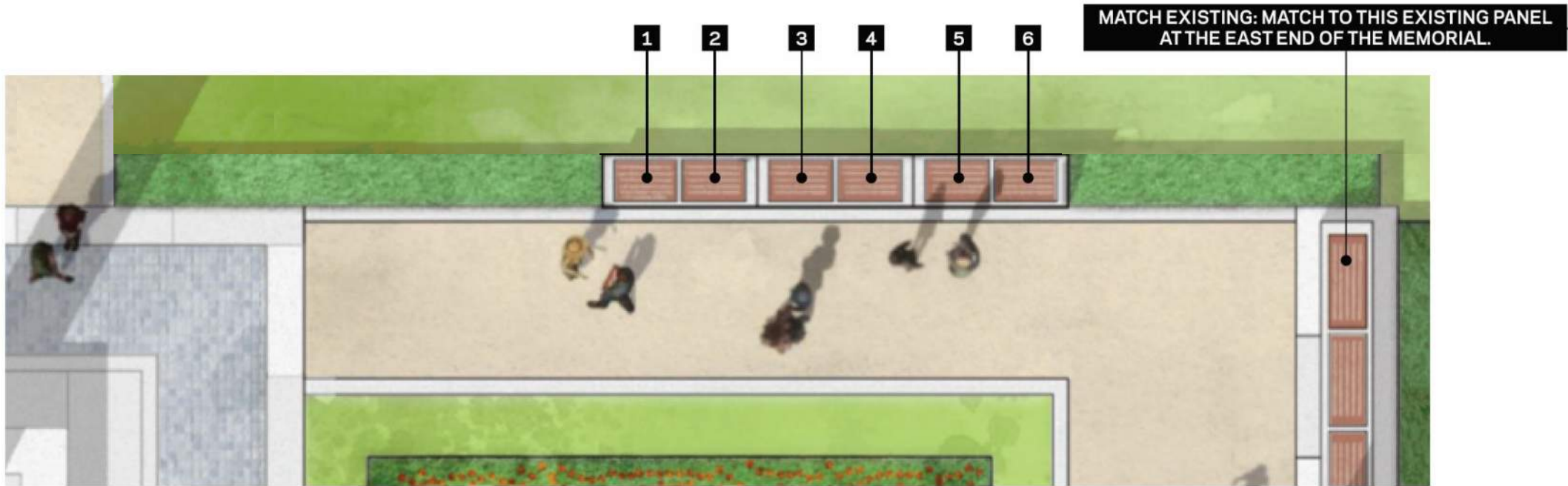
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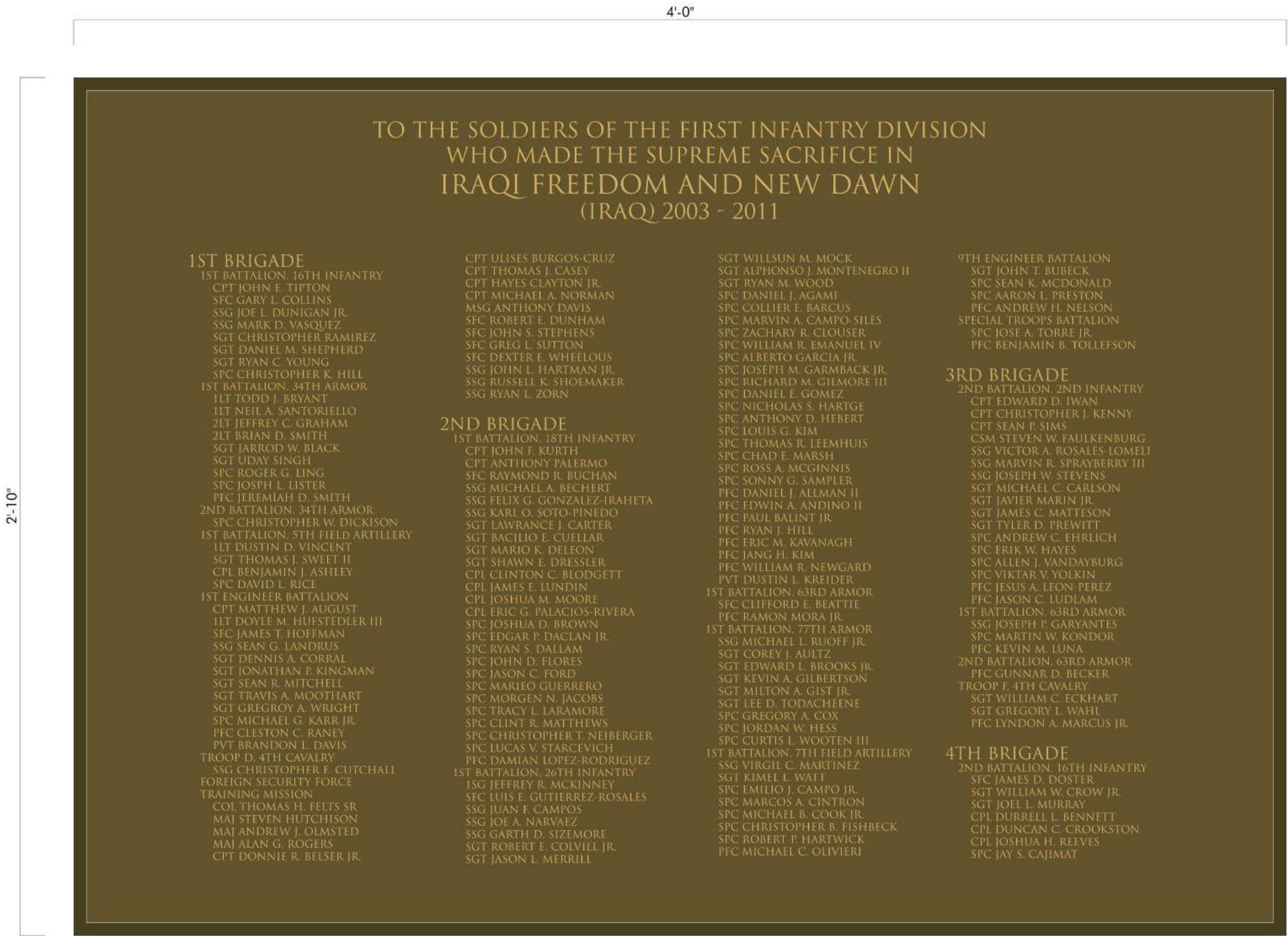
2 EDGE DETAIL
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3 END VIEW DETAIL
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4 SITE PLAN DETAIL
Scale: none



Colors shown are exaggerated for clarity.
New panels are to match existing panels on site for color and finish.

Final text layout artwork provided by designer. Fabricator to provide shop drawing submittals for all panels before production.



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