

THE EFFORT

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Late in the summer of 1995, Harvey Hudson (E Co. '38) and his guest, Jim Loughridge (Band '40) were discussing the OLD John Marshall Cadet Corps on Harvey's radio show, "The Passing Parade".

A former cadet phoned in to inquire as to what happened to the "Ball" that used to be located at the OLD SCHOOL. Another former cadet called to state that the "Ball" and the twin Memorial Flag Poles had been moved from the OLD SCHOOL to the new John Marshall High School during the summer of 1960.

The "Ball" had been placed just outside a door at the rear of the school in the vicinity of the new Drill Field. The Memorial Flag Poles had been placed at the end of the Drill Field, near the road (now Forest Lawn Drive).

Edgar Payne (F Co. '47), a listener on the way home from Forest Lawn Cemetery, decided to see for himself if the "Ball" was indeed at the new school. Edgar did not find the "Ball". He did, however, discover that a considerable amount of graffiti had been painted on the Commemorative Plaques that made up the bases of the Memorial Flag Poles.

Edgar went by the School again the next day on the way home from work. This time he had his camera with him and took some pictures of the Commemorative Plaques. Edgar later made some inquiries and learned that the flagpoles were no longer used and in fact, had not been used for a number of years.

In October of that same year, when F Co. held their reunion, the pictures were mounted on a piece of poster board for all to see.

THE EFFORT BEGINS...

In 1997, due to the many requests received from former cadets who had been in the other rifle companies and the Band, the plans that were being made for another F Co. Reunion were expanded to include all who had been cadets or sponsors at the OLD SCHOOL. Prior to the reunion, Randy Cosby (F Co. '46) visited the new John Marshall High School and took some more photos of the Commemorative Plaques.

These photos were also placed on a piece of poster board and viewed by all who attended the May 30, 1997 Cadet Reunion. A number of those in attendance also signed a petition deploring the condition of the Memorial Flag Poles and requesting that steps be taken to have the graffiti removed from the Commemorative Plaques.

THE EFFORT GROWS...

An organization consisting of two representatives from the Band and each of the six rifle companies was formed in August, 1997 to plan for future reunions. The representatives voted not to reactivate the Cadet Alumni Association. They did, however, elect to form and incorporate The John Marshall Corps of Cadets Memorial Foundation for the purpose of restoring or, if need be, replacing the Memorial Flag Poles. Randy Cosby (F Co. '46) was appointed to head a committee to determine the course to be pursued.

THE EFFORT UNITES...

After meetings with Jim Timberlake owner of The Flag Center, the Committee learned that steel flagpoles, if properly maintained, have an expected life of approximately fifty years.

Knowing that the Memorial Flag Poles were presented to the Corps of Cadets in 1950 by the Cadet Alumni Association and from observing

the conditions of the flagpoles; the Committee concluded that it was obvious that little, if any, maintenance had been performed in a good number of years. Therefore, the life of the flagpoles was just about over. The Committee decided to concentrate its effort towards the Commemorative Plaques.

The Committee held discussions with Blair Nelsen (a member of the Richmond School Board), Bill Brock (C Co. '29 & a former commandant), Bob Patterson (D Co. '44), "Gus" Constantino (B Co. '47), and others regarding a course of action to followed.

THE EFFORT CHARTS ITS COURSE...

The Committee contacted the J. Henry Brown & Son Monument Co. regarding the graffiti that had been painted on the granite Commemorative Plaques. Raymond "Perk" Perkinson, a stone mason with Brown & Son, indicated that for a nominal fee tests could be conducted to determine if the graffiti could be removed. The results of the tests were negative.

Additional monument companies were consulted. The conclusion was that the stains could only be removed by transporting the plaques to the company's facilities where further tests could be conducted and attempts made to remove the stains using sandblasting equipment.

Both the members of the Committee and The Memorial Foundation's Board of Directors concluded that permission would have to be obtained from the City School Board before proceeding further.

THE EFFORT IS CONFRONTED WITH ITS FIRST HURDLE...

The Committee enlisted the aid of Andy Winston (D Co./F Co. '38) and met first with the principal of John Marshall High School, then with officials of the City School Board. The principal and the commandant of John Marshall High School were invited to attend a meeting of The Memorial Foundation's Board of Directors.

At The Memorial Foundation's January, 1998 Board meeting, the principal - Mr. Atkinson and the commandant - Col. Nabors voiced their appreciation of the two Cadet Alumni Scholarships that are presented annually in memory of those cadets who had died in the service of their country during World War I and World War II.

Mr. Atkinson stated that after the graffiti has been removed from the Commemorative Plaques, he envisioned having a garden planted around the Memorial Flag Poles and enclosing the area with a decorative fence.

However, in conclusion, Mr. Atkinson stated that if the majority of the former cadets decided to relocate the Commemorative Plaques to another location, where it was felt they would be treated with more respect and dignity; we could expect his cooperation.

THE EFFORT IS ENCOURAGED...

In November, 1997 in order for all donations to be tax deductible; an effort was begun by Jim Hippe, an attorney with McQuire, Woods, Battle & Boothe, to have the Internal Revenue Service declare The Memorial Foundation a tax exempt organization. The effort was rejected in August, 1998.

In September, 1998 on the advice of Robert Bluford (Band '36) additional legal counsel was sought from Richard Gorman and the effort to gain a 501 C 3 number for The Memorial Foundation renewed.

THE EFFORT IS CONFRONTED WITH ANOTHER HURDLE...

The Committee expanded with the addition of Gordon Sandbridge (C

Co. '48). The results of additional meetings held with the City School Board were most favorable and on April 9, 1998, permission was finally received allowing The Memorial Foundation to obtain possession of the Commemorative Plaques.

THE EFFORT CLEARS ITS FIRST HURDLE...

Although IRS had not yet granted The Memorial Foundation tax exempt status, sufficient funds had been raised from donations and from the sale of hats and mugs to allow The Memorial Foundation to contract with the Empire Monument & Granite Co to remove the Commemorative Plaques from the bases of the Memorial Flag Poles and to transport them to its shop to be cleaned.

On April 29, 1998, the Commemorative Plaques were removed from the bases of the Memorial Flag Poles by Wayne Floyd, Jerry Nixon, Randy Pulley and Jimmie Shaw, all employees of the Empire Monument & Granite Co. A sealed copper box, a time capsule, was discovered in the base of one of the flagpoles. Its contents were unknown.

The Commemorative Plaques were transported to Empire Monument's Cherry Street facilities where they were cleaned and then transported to the Dunmar Moving System, Inc. where they were placed in storage, courtesy of Vaughan Dunnivant (Band '52).

THE EFFORT MAKES SOME MORE PROGRESS...

The duties of the Committee were expanded to include locating a site where the Commemorative Plaques could be relocated to and where they would be treated with respect and dignity. A list of factors determined to be important for any site considered were developed. The factors were:

1. Is the setting of the site appropriate and in good taste?
2. Does the site have historical significant?
3. Is the site relevant to the John Marshall Corps of Cadets?
4. Does traffic pass the site in route to another designation or is this area, the designation?
5. Is nearby parking available to allow interested parties to visit the site?
6. Is the site permanent? Extending past our lifetimes.
7. Is the site financially secure? Now and in the future.
8. Is the site well maintained?
9. Is the site cost effective? Now and in the future.
10. Do the owners of the site merely accept the responsibility as custodians of our Memorial or are they enthusiastic about their stewardship?
11. Are the owners of the site accessible and reasonable?

Several sites were suggested for consideration. Among the most preferable were the John Marshall Courts Building and Hollywood Cemetery.

THE EFFORT BECOMES MORE CHALLENGING...

After observing the Commemorative Plaques with the graffiti removed, the Committee accompanied by several members of The Memorial Foundation's Board of Directors elected to seek some advice from Hollywood Cemetery as to the next step to take.

The Committee met with David Gilliam, the General Manager of Hollywood Cemetery. The Committee was encouraged by the warm reception received from Mr. Gilliam regarding the possible relocating of the Commemorative Plaques to the Cemetery. Among the advice offered was "when designing a memorial, the site is always selected first." The Committee became even more encouraged when the Committee was

invited to appear before the Cemetery's Executive Committee.

Encouraged became elated, when the Committee was informed that the Cemetery's Executive Committee would donate a hillside in the Confederate Soldiers' section of the Cemetery. The hillside is near the Pyramid and at the base of hill where the gazebo is located.

THE EFFORT TAKES A GIANT STEP FORWARD...

As a result of the success that the Committee had achieved, The Memorial Foundation's Board of Directors show their appreciation by now assigning the Committee the task of designing a suitable Cadet War Memorial.

The Committee met with Jerry Nixon, a co-owner and vice president of the Empire Monument Co., to develop a design that would not only utilize the Commemorative Plaques and be a suitable memorial to the former cadets who had made the supreme sacrifice while in the service of their country; but also would be within the funds The Memorial Foundation was capable of raising.

THE EFFORT BECOMES MORE DIFFICULT...

A design for a Cadet War Memorial that met the approval of the Committee, the cost of which was felt to be reachable, was presented to The Memorial Foundation's Board of Directors for approval.

The design was approved by the majority of the members of the Board of Directors of The Memorial Foundation. Unanimous approval was not achieved due to the lack of a three dimensional sketch. Thus, the Board of Directors determine that a three dimensional sketch must accompany any fund raising petition.

Dick Collier (F Co. '53), Jack deTreville (F Co. '55) and Ken Poore (E Co./A Co. '57) were contacted by the Committee to develop suitable sketches of the proposed Cadet War Memorial.

THE EFFORT TAKES ANOTHER STEP FORWARD - ONLY TO BE DELAYED...

Bill Cole (C Co. '46) was appointed to the Committee by The Memorial Foundation's Board of Directors to, using the 1950 Dedication Ceremony as a guide, plan the Re-Dedication Ceremony.

The Commandant, the First Captain and the Captain Adjutant, who accepted the Memorial Flag Poles from the Cadet Alumni Association on May 30, 1950 were contacted and requested to participate in the Re-Dedication Ceremony. All agreed.

An effort was also begun to locate the Rev. George L. Cooper, who had given the invocation at the 1950 Dedication of the Memorial Flag Poles. The effort was terminated when it was discovered that Rev. Cooper had passed away in the mid 50's.

Billy Knight (F Co./A Co. '43), an ordained minister, agreed to give the invocation at the Re-Dedication Ceremony. While Robert Bluford (Band '36), also an ordained minister, consented to pay tribute to the seventy-six former cadets who died while serving their country in World War I, World War II, Korea and Vietnam.

The Committee also began contacting the various branches of the military to secure a color guard, an honor guard to fire the rifle salute and a bugler to play "Taps".

The spelling of the names of those cadets killed in Korea and Vietnam were verified by the Committee so that the Commemorative Plaques could be updated.

Richmond Newspapers was contacted by the Committee and requested to develop a news story in order, hopefully, to locate some additional former cadets, to gain some support from the former students of both the OLD SCHOOL and the new John Marshall School who were not in the

Corps of Cadets, and from the general public.

The Committee also used the delay to draft the letter that was to be mailed to the former cadets and sponsors on the mailing list soliciting donations.

THE EFFORT PROCEEDS SLOWLY...

The contract with the Empire Monument Co. for the new Cadet War Memorial was approved by the Committee and presented to The Memorial Foundation's Board of Directors for approval. With the knowledge that if the needed funds were not received from donations, the shortage would have to be made up by The Memorial Foundation's Board members; the contract was unanimously approved. The contract was signed by Jack Wolfe (D Co. '56), the President of The Memorial Foundation, on October 20, 1998.

THE EFFORT IS NOW LEGALLY OBLIGATED...

The solicitation of funds began in earnest on October 21, 1998 when the Committee mailed a letter informing the former cadets and sponsors on the mailing list of the proposed Cadet War Memorial. A sketch of the Memorial (drawn by Ann Pelfrey) and a map of Hollywood Cemetery, marking the location of the site, was included in the mailing.

A four column news story, written by Richmond Newspaper reporter Steve Clark, was printed in the Richmond Times Dispatch on October 27. The two page article was accompanied by pictures of the Commemorative Plaques being removed from the bases of the Memorial Flag Poles and after they had been placed in storage. The article also indicated the address to mail donations.

THE EFFORT HOLDS ITS BREATH...

Although considerable progress had been made towards having the Internal Revenue Service approve The Memorial Foundation as a tax exempt organization, a 501 C 3 number still had not been received.

However, the dollar amount of contributions received by Thanksgiving Day as a result of both the mailing and the newspaper article, enabled all members of The Memorial Foundation's Board of Directors to breathe a sigh of relief. Although the goal of \$30,000. had not been reached, enough had been received to assure that a version of the Cadet War Memorial would become a reality.

THE EFFORT IS NOW FUNDED...

In late November, yellow tape was used to mark off the hillside to indicate the site of the Cadet War Memorial.

Just prior to Christmas 1998, a crescent shape area was excavated in the base of the hill and in early January 1999, 3,000 cobblestones were brought to the site. Due to a drainage problem that Hollywood Cemetery had to correct, Empire Monument's stone masons were temporary delayed.

Shortly after mid January, 1999, the gravel for the base was dumped at the site. The following week, the concrete foundation for the wall of the Cadet War Memorial was poured.

By the end of January, the stone mason, Wayne Floyd and his son Wayne Jr., an apprentice, had completed the construction of the cinder block wall and had begun attaching the cobblestones to the wall.

THE EFFORT IS BEGINNING TO BE VISIBLE...

On February 6, 1999, under the watchful eye of Mary Studt, a paper conservator with the Virginia Historical Society, the copper box

that had been found in the base of the Memorial Flag Poles was opened. Ms. Studt was quite pleased with the condition of the contents. Most of contents were paper items and had held up quite well over the years. Especially considering the fact that no effort, other than placing them in the air tight copper box, had been made to preserve them.

The biggest surprise was discovering that not only did the box contain items that had been placed there in 1950 when the Memorial Flag Poles were erected, the box also contained items that were added in 1960 when the Memorial Flag Poles were moved from the OLD SCHOOL to the new John Marshall High School.

An inventory of the items was made and photos taken. Both will be displayed at the Re-Dedication Ceremony and at future reunions.
THE EFFORT IS SURPRISED...

During the month of February, as the pile of cobblestones began getting smaller, the wall began looking better. Also during February, the Board of Directors of The Memorial Foundation approved a change in the design of the Cadet War Memorial.

A column was added to each end of the wall. The columns would be topped with the collars from the Memorial Flag Poles and a 12-inch granite ball. The columns would also present a location for two time capsules. One containing the 1950 and 1960 memorabilia that had been in the old Cadet War Memorial (the Memorial Flag Poles). The other containing the items pertaining to the new Cadet War Memorial.

By the middle of March, the stone masons had completely finished the wall and the columns and had begun laying the cobblestone floor.
THE EFFORT IS IMPROVED...

In early April, The Memorial Foundation's Board of Directors approved another change in the design of the Cadet War Memorial. Joe Schaefer (C Co. '44) and Bob Cole (F Co. '49) suggested that instead of a ninth granite plaque being placed on the hillside; a granite pedestal, with a bronze plaque attached, be placed on the floor.

Parke Goodall (Band '54), a salesman for the Art in Bronze Division of The Williamsburg Companies (York Bronze Company), stated that by using his discount The Memorial Foundation would be able to purchase the bronze plaque at cost. It was also noted that any additional cost for the granite pedestal would be offset with the savings received by not incurring the expense of etching the letters in the granite plaque.

The wording for the bronze plaque connecting the 1950 Dedication of the old Cadet War Memorial (the Memorial Flag Poles) with the 1999 Re-Dedication of the new Cadet War Memorial, was submitted by Tommy Inge (D Co. '55) and approved by The Memorial Foundation's Board of Directors.

THE EFFORT IS IMPROVED AGAIN...

By mid April, the stone masons had completed the cobblestone floor. The next step, to prepare the site for the installation of the cobblestone walkway. A culvert was placed under the walkway and connected by way of a drain box to the drainage system removing the excess water from the back of the wall. By the end of April, the walkway was completed.

THE EFFORT SHAPES UP...

During the latter part of April, the dollar amount of the contributions received exceeded the goal of \$30,000 that had been set back

in October, 1998.

Also late in April, on the 28th, (a year after the removal of the Commemorative Plaques) Jerry Nixon and Wayne Floyd, Sr. removed the flagpoles from the grounds of the new John Marshall High School.

Using an acetylene torch, the poles were cut four feet above the ground level and lowered slowly to the ground by a crane. The eagles that graced the tops of the flagpoles were removed and determined to be made of copper, not brass as was thought. Dan Rowe (F Co. '44) volunteered to clean and restore the eagles.

The two five foot square granite bases were also removed, loaded aboard the truck and transported to Empire Monument's Cherry Street facilities until a decision can be made regarding their use.

THE EFFORT IS AGAIN SURPRISED...

After using plywood templates to determine the exact location for each; the Commemorative Plaques, with the names of those cadets lost during both Korea and Vietnam added, were placed on the hillside on May 11 by the stone masons. Each Commemorative Plaque was elevated to the proper height to insure that all of the names of the deceased cadets were readable. Two of the granite collars from the flagpoles were also placed on top of each of the columns by the stone masons.

Donnie Toney, grounds foreman for Hollywood Cemetery had the area between and at the top and bottom of each of the Commemorative Plaques filled in with dirt and topped with sod.

On May 18, all of the 1950 and 1960 memorabilia was placed in a new copper box that had been made and donated by Affordable Roofing, Inc., courtesy of Junie Montgomery (D Co. '49). The copper box was sealed and placed in the left column. Wayne Floyd and Jerry Nixon then sealed the column, joined the two collars together with mortar and affixed a granite square and a 12-inch granite ball on top of the collars.

The two collars on the right column were leveled and temporary topped with another granite square and granite ball until all of the memorabilia pertaining to the new Cadet War Memorial is ready to be placed in the column.

THE EFFORT SEES THE LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL...

On the 25th of May, the granite pedestal and two granite benches were placed on the floor of the Cadet War Memorial. The bronze plaque was also attached to the granite pedestal.

Thirteen months following the removal of the Commemorative Plaques from the flagpoles, the new Cadet War Memorial was in place.

THE EFFORT STEPS BACK AND TAKES A LONG LOOK...

On May 28th a rehearsal for the Re-Dedication Ceremony was held and indicated several areas that needed fine tuning prior to the Re-Dedication Ceremony.

May 30, 1999, a warm summer day much like those of past years when the Corps of Cadets marched in the Memorial Day Parades to Hollywood Cemetery, the Re-Dedication Ceremony for the new Cadet War Memorial was held.

The Commemorative Plaque for each rifle company and the Band was marked with a replica guideon. The staffs for the guideons had been crafted by Kent Wade (E Co. '41), while the banners had been tailored by Maryann Landi, wife of Ed Landi (F Co. '46).

The art layout for the program was a compliment of Kurt Whiting of K. W. Poore & Associates. While the printing of the invitations and the programs had been handled by Al Starkey, sales manager for

Copy Cat Graphics. Everything proceeded as planned.
THE EFFORT IS PLEASSED - ALL OF THE WORK HAS BEEN WORTHWHILE...

Early in June, during a phone conversation with the Internal Revenue Service, Jack Wolfe was informed that all of the "I's" had been dotted and the "T's" crossed on the application requesting that The Memorial Foundation be granted tax exempt status. Approval had been granted. The official letter of notification, indicating the 501 C 3 number assigned, was received by Jack on June 18.
THE EFFORT CLEARS ONE LAST HURDLE...

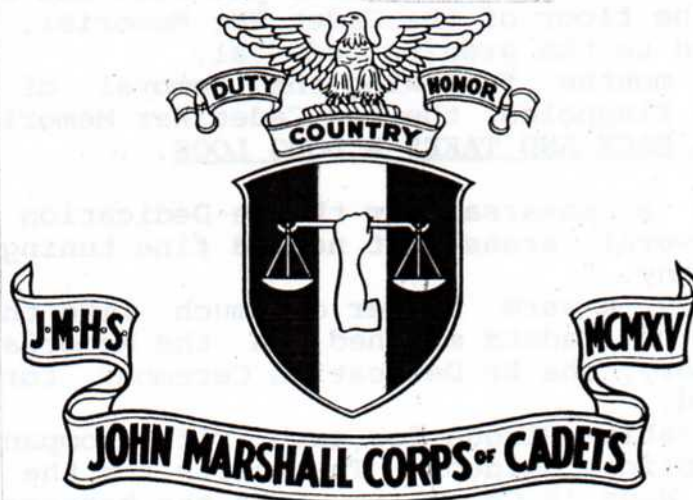
During July, all of the memorabilia pertaining to the new Cadet War Memorial was inventoried, photographed and placed in another copper box, made and donated by Affordable Roofing, Inc., courtesy of Junie Montgomery (D Co. '49).

A mug, embellished with the Corps crest, and baseball hats, in the original colors of each of the rifle companies and the Band, were placed in the copper box that had been found in the Memorial Flag Poles.

Both copper boxes were sealed and placed in the column on the right. The stone masons sealed the column and joined the two collars together with mortar. The granite square and the 12-inch granite ball were then affixed to the collars.

An agreement was also made with the Virginia Historical Society to open both of the time capsules in June, 2065 and to take possession of the audio and visual tapes that had been placed in Hollywood Cemetery's vault. All items would then become the property of the Virginia Historical Society to be processed as they deemed appropriate.

THE EFFORT IS FINISH...



To all of the following listed individuals who assisted in gaining possession of the Commemorative Plaques and/or who participated in the developing of the Cadet War Memorial, A HUGE THANK YOU.

William W. Brock - C Co. '29 & the 13th commandant
Robert Bluford, Jr. - Band '36
Gus G. Constantino - B Co. '48
Richard E. Collier - F Co. '53
W. Vaughan Dunnavant, Jr. - Band '51
John L. deTreville - F Co. '55
H. Lewis Garrett - Band '50
Harvey L. Hudson - E Co. '38
Milton T. Inge - D Co. '55
J. Robert Johnson, Jr. - A Co '50
Coleman H. Krane - A Co. '51
William E. Knight - F Co./A Co. '43
Edward G. Landi - F Co. '46
James H. Loughridge, Jr. - Band '40
Elmo H. Montgomery - D Co. '49
Richard A. Neely - C Co. '50
Preston L. Parrish, Jr. - E Co. '50
Robert H. Patterson, Jr. - D Co. '44
Norman F. Pohlig - B Co. '50
Kenneth W. Poore - E Co./A Co. '57
Edward K. Rose, Jr. - F Co. '43
Dan W. Rowe F Co. '44
C. Joseph Schaefer - C Co. '44 & the 15th & 17th commandant
Addison E. Slayton, Jr. - E Co. '50
Andrew J. Winston - D Co./F Co. '38

Rex M. Atkinson, Principal of John Marshall High School
Edwin H. Bruce, Musician
Bobbie Childress, Richmond Commander - UDC
Steve C. Clark, Reporter - Richmond Newspaper, Inc.
T. Wayne Floyd, Sr., Stone Mason
Thomas Wayne Floyd, Jr., Apprentice Stone Mason
David L. Gilliam, General Manager of Hollywood Cemetery
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Blair H. Nelsen, Richmond School Board Member
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Patrica Wood

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Copy Cat Graphics
Dunmar Moving System, Inc.
Empire Monument & Granite Co.
Hollywood Cemetery's Executive Committee
Richmond Newspapers, Inc.
The Flag Center
The Williamsburg Companies, Art in Bronze Division
Virginia Historical Society
80th Division - U. S. Army Reserves

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A VERY SPECIAL THANKS GOES TO ALL OF THE MANY FORMER CADETS, SPONSORS AND INDIVIDUALS WHOSE FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR THE CADET WAR MEMORIAL TO BECOME A REALITY.

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AND A SINCERE APOLOGY IS EXTENDED TO ANY INDIVIDUAL OR COMMERCIAL FIRM NOT NOTED.

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'BAND' Mike Mashall
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Joseph Martin, Jr.
746-9047

Dear Alumni,

In March of 1950 two flag poles and their respective bases were presented to the old John Marshall High School Corps of Cadets. These are "memorials" to former John Marshall High school cadets who gallantly gave their lives in World War 1, World War 2 and the Korean conflict. Funds for these "memorials" were raised by a cadet alumni association (now-defunct). As you may recall these poles were placed on the North end of the athletic/drill field where they remained until the old John Marshall High School was demolished. They were then moved to the new John Marshall High school on Brook Road where they stand to-day. Recent information has revealed that these "memorials" have become neglected, sprayed with graffiti and are never used for their intended purpose.

'A' co. Otho Mitterer
746-8431
Carlos Stewart
746-4804

Well, history repeats itself again! A committee has been selected, and an organization has been founded to remove these "memorials" to a different location, replace and restore the bases that have been defaced. As of this writing a site has not been chosen. But several sites are being considered. We are not yet sure of the total costs involved, but are aware that they will be extensive.

'B' co. Stuart Holmes
262-0801
Cary Hairfield, Jr.
275-2206

This letter is a request for a contribution to this very worthwhile cause. And rest assured that all moneys received will be spent to remove, restore and replace what is needed on these "memorials" to those cadets who gave their lives in time of war.

'C' co. Bill Cole
266-4785
Mike Talman
262-7665

Checks should be made payable to:

JMCCMF
P.O. Box 9646
Richmond, Va. 23228

'D' co. Phil Leveque
266-3317
Jack Wolfe
798-4384
752-6950 (Fax)

Thank you,
John Marshall Corps of Cadets Memorial Foundation Committee.

'E' co. Howard Everett
266-0161
Eddie Johnson
965-6251

Your contribution should be TAX DEDUCTIBLE as soon as we are approved by the IRS. Hopefully this year. We will let everyone know as soon as it happens. (Don't forget to bring your check book. We will have items to sell - 100% of the profit on sales goes to the Memorial fund)

'F' co. Robert Cole
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746-7610



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Cadet Alumni, Sponsors, and Friends

After a year or so of phone calls, letters and meetings. The Richmond Public School Board and Administration agreed to release the WW I & W.W.II memorial plaques to our care and disposition. Because of the nearly expended lives of the two flag poles they will remain at the school.

"Plaque removal" and initial restoration is scheduled for the end of April 1998. Upon completion they will be moved to a secure commercial storage area while plans are formulated for a new and permanent sight. Hopefully the new design will incorporate these original Georgia Granite pieces.

Some of you have already responded to the initial request for funds, making this first step possible. Others have provided free services such as computer work, legal, and warehousing. Our blessings at this point have been countless, and we thank each of you.

Any talent and guidance toward site selection, design, and fund raising that you can provide will be appreciated. Call any of the people listed on the letter head to get involved.

We are approaching the culmination of our legal staff's effort to achieve tax deductible status. When it happens, you will be notified.



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October 21, 1998

NEW SITE FOR THE CADET WAR MEMORIALS

Dear Former Cadet, Sponsor or Friend,

"Boy-oh-Boy" or "Girl-oh-Girl" have we anguished and pondered over the content of this letter!! A perfect "one-shot" money raiser it was to be, worthy of at least a B+ in Business Composition 101. Is such consternation merited when our purpose is so worthy? You already know the answer.

In the past, when we received a call, the response has always been prompt and sufficient. In the late 1940's many contributors freshly out of school with little income responded, resulting in our two memorial flag poles whose name plaques we are now relocating for the final time.

Funds approximating \$30,000, giving us a little for future maintenance, are needed. Should this goal be comfortably exceeded now or with future commitments, this renewed memorial may be embellished. This could be another phase, so to speak ... we're listening to you speakers. Some 1100 or so will receive this letter, respond and pass-the-word. You are a **powerful** number. Your board of fourteen members, two each from the band and six marching units, has chosen the simplistic or basic approach, as reflected in the attached artist's rendering.

The map shows that our restored memorial plaques will rest in Hollywood's Cemetery's most sacred and traveled area - "The War-Between-The-States" memorial section. Each member of the Corps marched there, starting in May 1916. It has the utmost historical significance for each of us.

Although lacking connection with our school, the Executive Committee of Hollywood Cemetery **donated** this site to us. They will cut and groom the area without cost to us now or in the future. The memorial's initial cost and its maintenance, is ours. (What a small price to pay for such value received!!!) Hollywood is only one of several "total" outsiders who has responded beyond our dreams. Now it's our turn.

The hope is that all necessary funds (\$30,000) will come from those receiving this letter, "family", so to speak. Some of us contributed when you became aware that the memorial stones needed to be removed and cleaned. That has been done successfully, leaving us enough for this mailing, which will cost between \$500 and \$600. Because "your/our" funds are limited, an acknowledgment was not mailed ... as each mailing reduces our cost effectiveness. We're sure you understand. When all contractual obligations are met, we hope that "receipt" mailings will be fiscally possible. In the meantime, your cleared check should serve the purpose.

You have our thanks.

Please send your check made payable to:

JMCCMF
P.O. Box 9646
Richmond, VA 23228

Please don't delay. "The" job contract is being negotiated with Hollywood's approval. Payment will be due in March 1999.

On or about Memorial Day 1999 a rededication ceremony will take place. That's a promise!! Key figures who were there in 1950 will return - some from out of state. Make your plans now to be there. More details will follow.

In the interim please send us your check, the amount to be set only by your best judgment. "Sooner" will relieve some of us "worriers" from our favorite pastime.

The Foundation Committee

P.S. Our attorney advises us that our organization qualifies for 501 (C)(3) tax exempt status, making contributions deductible as allowed by the IRS code.

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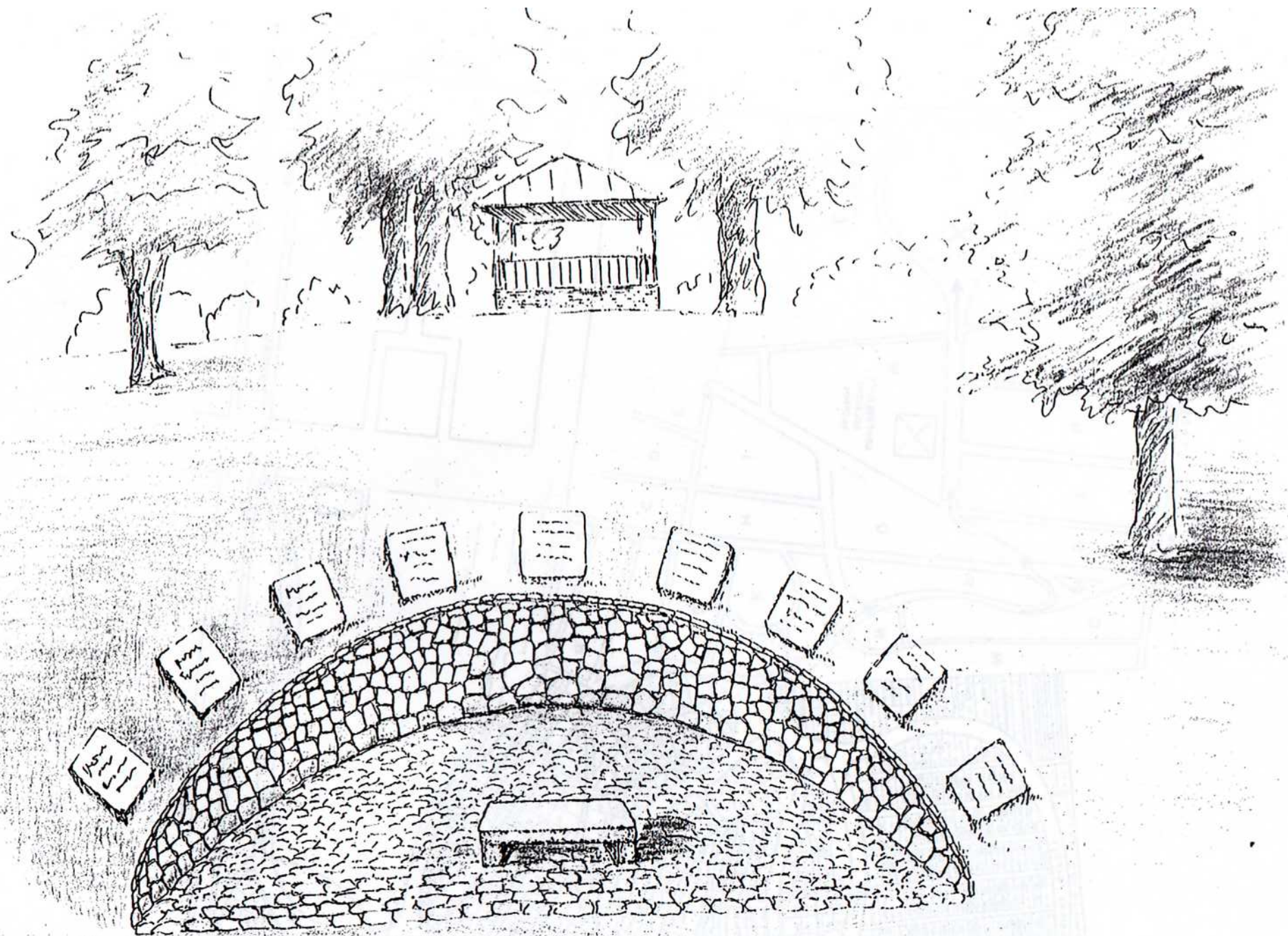
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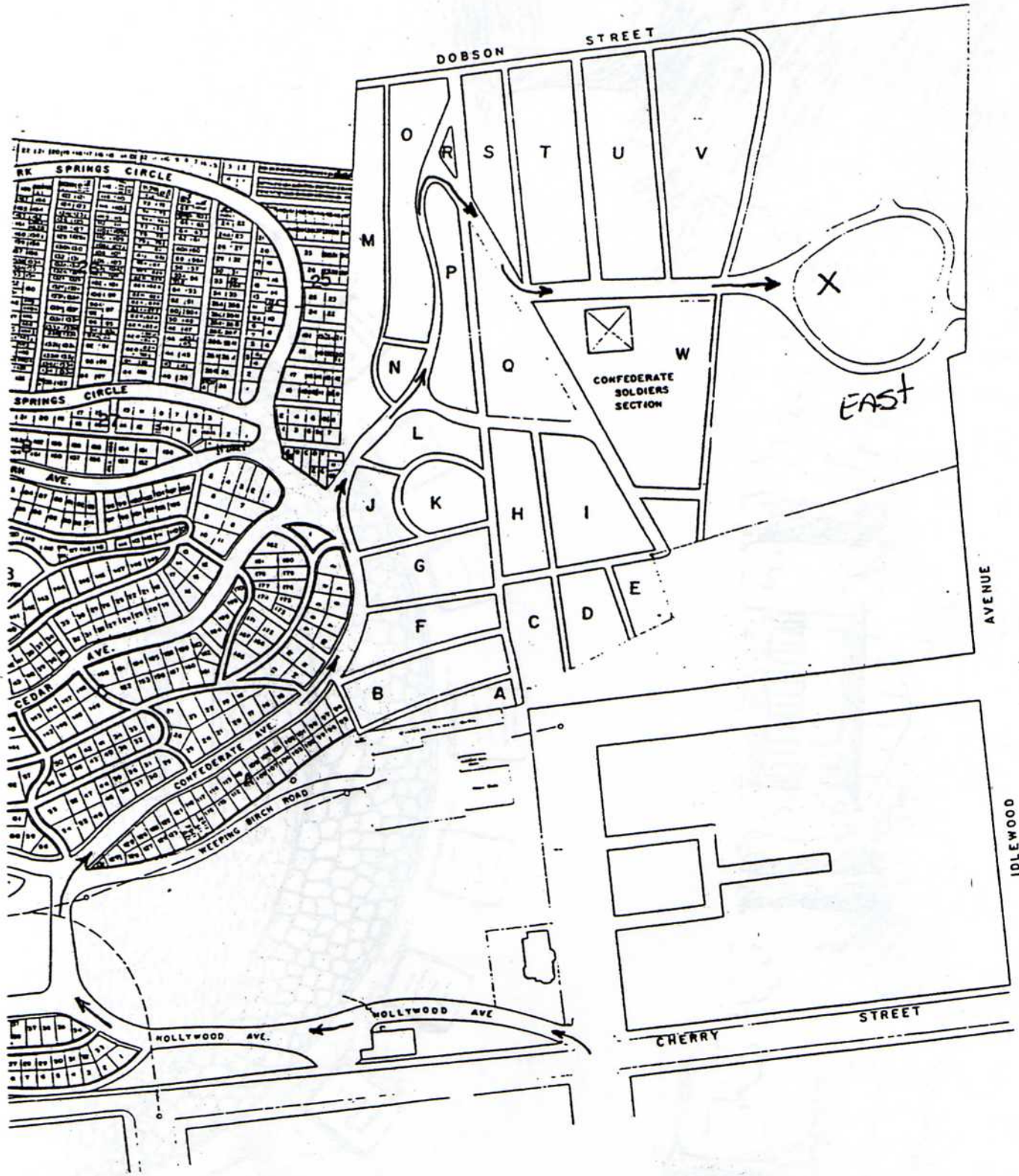
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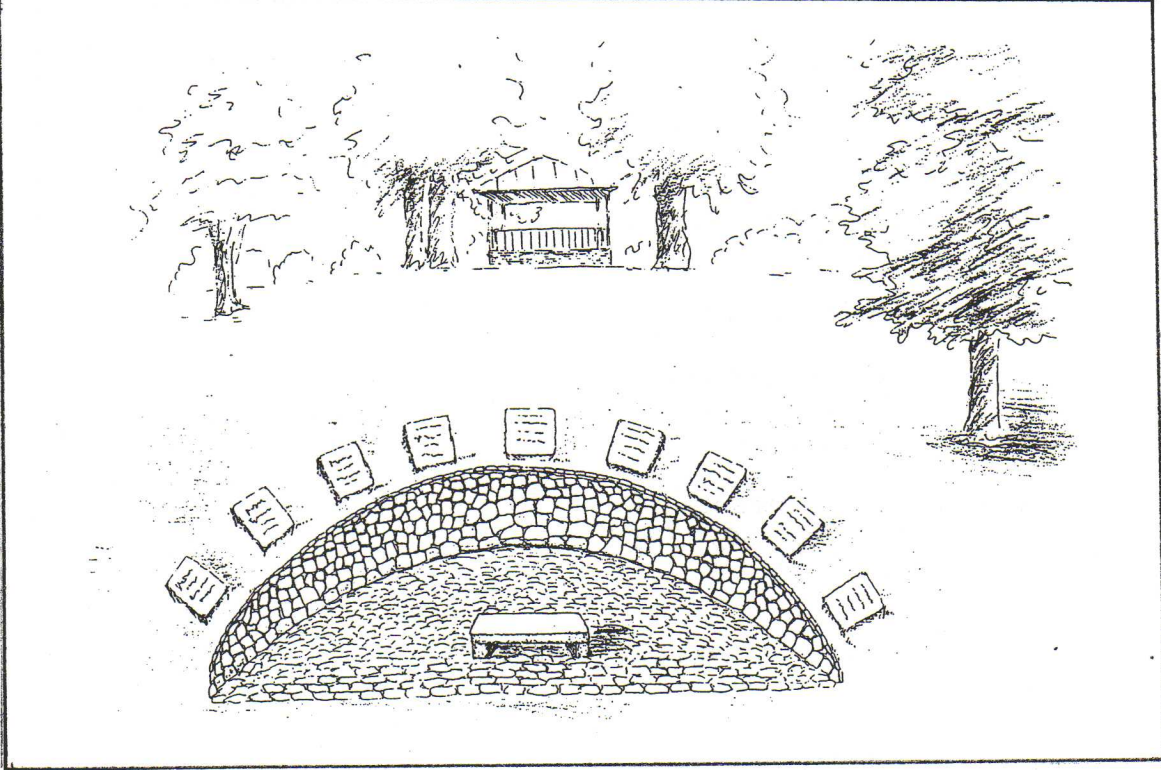
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to be a participant.

Send your contribution to:

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Re-Dedication Ceremony is
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CONGRATULATIONS - YOU DID IT.

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Dear Former Cadet, Sponsor and Friend,

Last April, the Richmond City School Board granted The Memorial Foundation (J.M.C.C.M.F) permission to obtain possession of the Commemorative Plaques located at the new John Marshall High School on Brook Road. In the months following the possession, much has been accomplished.

The Plaques were removed from the Memorial Flag Poles, cleaned, repaired and temporarily placed in storage pending the selection of both a site and a design for the new memorial.

Through the generosity of Hollywood Cemetery's Executive Committee, a site was donated and with the assistance of Empire Granite Corp. a memorial was designed and constructed; and with the gracious contributions of many former cadets, sponsors, friends, former students of the School and from the general public, the memorial has been funded. The only aspect remaining to be done is to dedicate the memorial.

A Re-Dedication Ceremony for the Cadet war Memorial is scheduled for:

Sunday, May 30, 1999

Time: 2:00 PM

Where: Hollywood Cemetery, (the Confederate Soldiers section, in the vicinity of The Pyramid).

Please mark your calendars and plan on attending.

YOU HAVE OUR THANKS.

The Foundation Committee

