

# ARPA PROPOSAL FORM

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### Proposal Information

**American Legion Post 97**

**Correct and expand the existing War Memorial to move names on the rear of the monument to the front, and to include Civil War Veteran names to publicly display the rich heritage of the Town of Chester.**

**ARPA funds requested: \$25,000**

**Families associated with service to our nation will benefit, as proper recognition of their sacrifice and dedication will be documented for future generations to honor.**

**The community will be positively impacted, as citizens will have clear evidence of the strength of character of the generations who stepped up during conflicts setting the foundation that has defined Chester. The monument has been a destination for both residents and visitors in Chester, and must be kept current and complete, much like the Town Library and The Meeting House.**

American Legion Post 97  
Arthur Christianson  
226 Middlesex Avenue  
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Office of First Selectman  
Chester, Ct  
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203 Middlesex Ave

April 28, 2022

Re: ARPA funding for a War Memorial Upgrade

Chester ARPA Committee:

It recently became evident that the Monument representing conflicts from WW II to the present has insufficient space to properly list the names of Veterans who have served, or who are presently serving when they eventually are discharged. One name has been entered on the rear of one panel, and this must be corrected. To relegate anyone to anonymity on the rear of a place meant to honor that person is wrong, especially when the person is a Vietnam Veteran. That era saw veterans ridiculed and ignored for far too long. Much has been done to correct those perceptions, and Chester must not regress to allowing for more failures.

To correct the existing problem, and to allow for proper listing of veterans in the future, a committee representing the American Legion post 97 has requested a quote from the supplier who created the existing monument. To keep the memorial symmetrical, we are planning on adding two panels. One panel will address a present failure, and future needs. The second panel will represent Civil War names as they are listed in the Meeting House. Civil war family names have been tucked away for years upstairs in the Meeting house where they are accessible only during times when the building is open for public meetings. We feel that Chester is a Historic town, and we should make all efforts to make public names, that, in some cases, still represent families in Town.

Attached, is a quote from Ed Vromen, a Chester resident, to accomplish the Granite work necessary to improve the monument to properly list those who have served in the military. We, as a committee feel that we can contract the preparation work in the form of footings and alterations necessary to the courtyard as the funds become available. We will attempt to hold costs for the overall project to \$25,000, with the bulk of the cost described in the enclosed attachment. The Quote will be honored for six months, so for you to expedite the process of funding will be appreciated.

Associated alteration and preparation costs are listed to the best of my abilities, but can be confirmed with dated quotes once I have an idea of the timing of your process. Since this project falls short of the \$1 million, I recognize that large scale written justifications are not necessary and authorizations might be expedited. For your better understanding of the scale of this project, I will list requirements necessary to complete the work on a separate attachment. With supply questions, and inflation, I am including a 10% allowance in the above mentioned estimate.

Sincerely;

Arthur Christianson  
American Legion Post 97

Attachments: Quote for Granite work

**Associated preparation  
Project description**

Additional Civil War Names not quoted in the Granite work.....	42 names.....	\$1,500
Three yards of concrete depending on subsoil.....		450
Anchor Re-bar to existing footing six locations for each panel.....		200
Build forms for footings to support new panels.....		500
Cut space in existing courtyard with pavement saw for footings, and lights.....		300
Lights, wiring.....		1,500
Irrigation repositioned on the West end of monument.....		200

## **CIVIL WAR VETERANS**

CHARLES S. SILLIMAN

MARTIN L. GARDNER

WILLIAM H. MOSIER

JOHN S. MOSIER

CHARLES A. STEBBINS

LEWIS C. LAMPHERE

CHARLES E. SHIPMAN

WALTER S. CLARK

LORENZO D. CULVER

STEPHEN B. ROOT

NELSON B. GILBERT

JAMES L. ABBEY

WILLIS AYERS

SIDNEY G. DICKINSON

SAMUEL S. FARGO

RICHARD W. FOX

HENRY W. GARDNER

EDWARD P. GARDNER

JOSEPH W. BAILEY

SAMUEL G. JAGGER

JOSEPH S. LYNDE

J. GATES FARGO

Dr. AMBROSE PRATT

WILLIAM PLATT

T. COOK SILLIMAN

GEORGE W. WARNER

CHARLES E. WRIGHT

DAVID P. CHAPELS

HARRY W. EPRIGHT

ALEXANDER POLSON

## **DIED IN THE SERVICE**

DANIEL W. LEWIS

CHARLES S. OLMSTED

EDWARD S. MOTT

HENRY DE ANGELLERT

BENJAMIN F. CHAPPELL

FREDERICK D. CULVER

JOHN W. BARKER

EDWARD T. FOX

JOSEPH R. BARKER

JAMES LOMBARD

JEREMIAH A. WILCOX

JOHN H. LAMPHAR

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Chester War Memorial  
c/o Jerry LaMark  
Feb. 7, 2022

Hi Jerry

Attached are drawings for your review for proposed additional wings to go on the current War Memorial located in Chester. The cost for (2) proposed wings for the memorial would be \$17,200.00.

The cost includes: installation, engraving and filling of existing lettering on back of current memorial.

The cost does not include an additional footing at the site for the wings. We can quote that as well if you so wish.

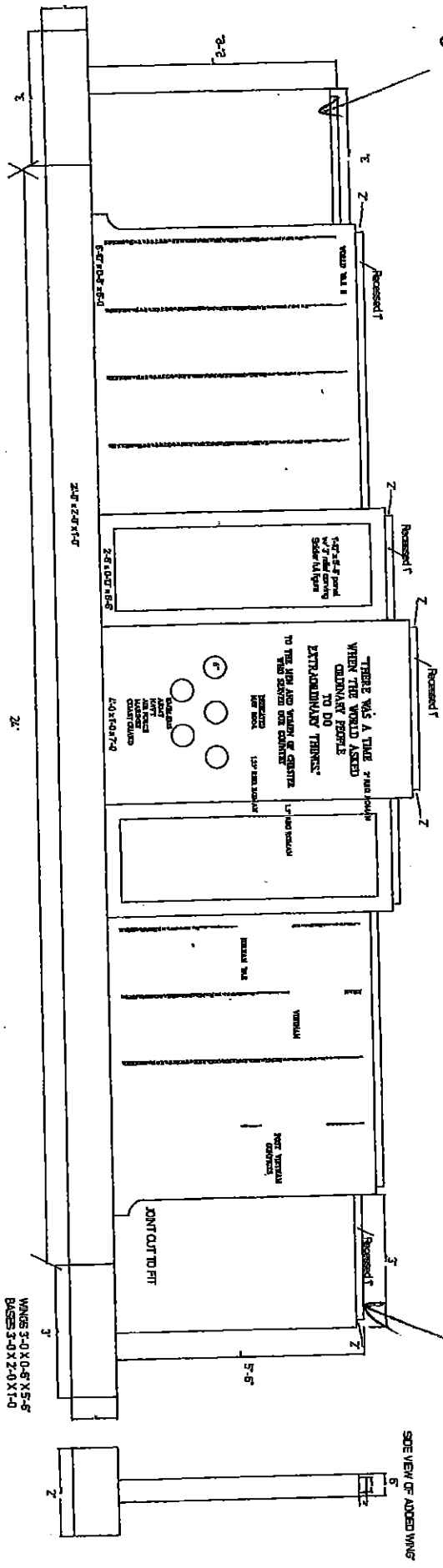
Please contact me with any questions.

Best Regards

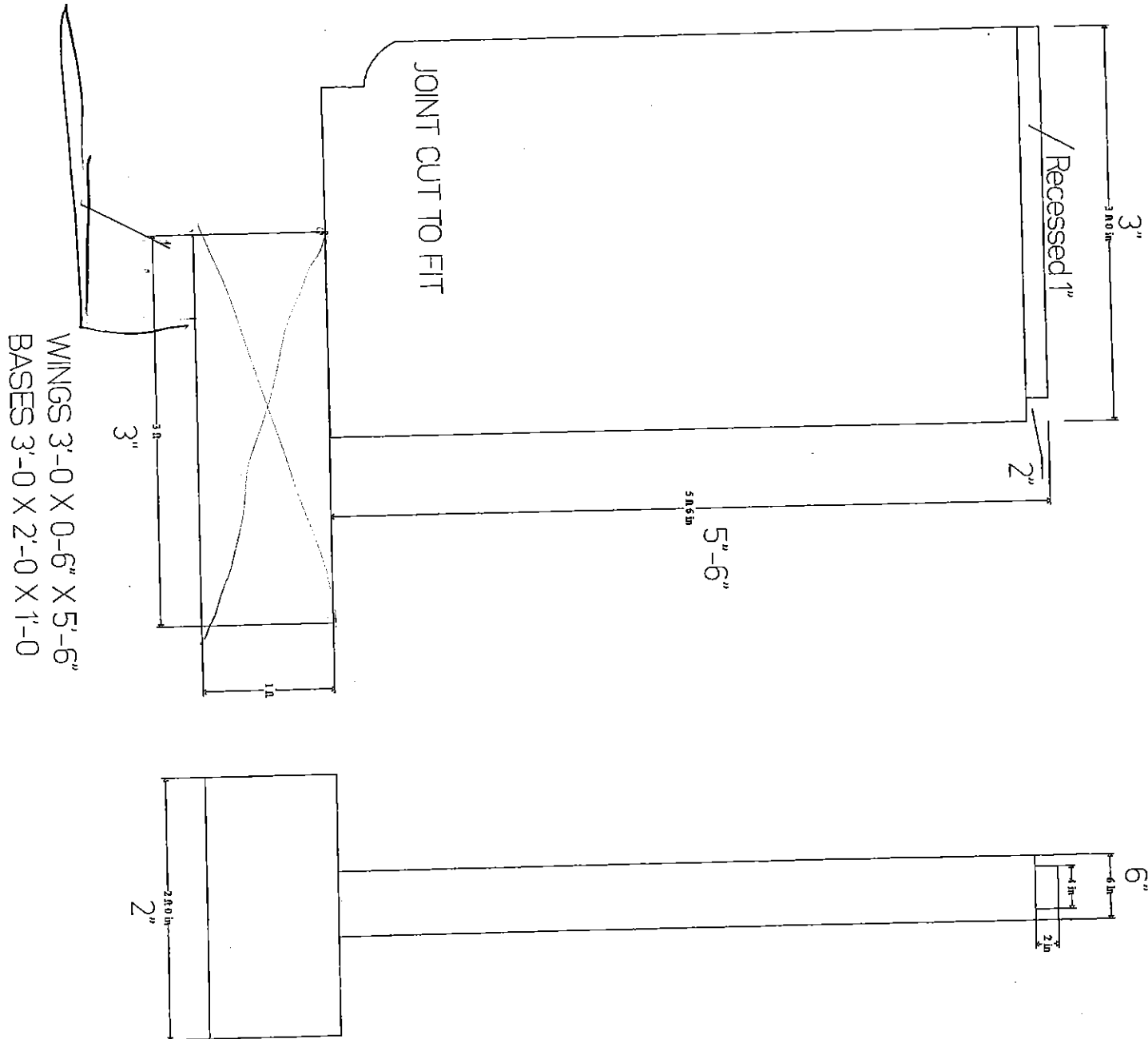
  
Edward Vroman

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SIDE VIEW OF ADDED WING



WINGS 3'-0" X 0'-6" X 5'-6"  
BASES 3'-0" X 2'-0" X 1'-0"

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