

We encourage individuals, clubs, veterans organizations, civic groups, schools, businesses, corporations, foundations, and local and regional governments to participate in this worthwhile project!

Donations of cash or in-kind will help to make this project a reality in time for the final dedication of the Northern Utah Veterans Nursing Home, scheduled for Veterans Day, November 11, 2009!

Donations should be made payable to "Veterans Tribute Tower Fund." All donations are tax-deductible.

For information about how you or your organization can help, please contact the Northern Utah Veterans Nursing Home Advisory Committee at the Utah Department of Veterans Affairs in Salt Lake City.



"All gave something; some gave all!"



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***"Take Time
To
Remember"***

Veterans Tribute Tower
Northern Utah Veterans Nursing Home
1102 North 1200 West
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VETERANS TRIBUTE TOWER

HONORING THE PAST, SALUTING THE PRESENT, & INSPIRING THE FUTURE FOR ALL AMERICAN VETERANS



In 2009 the people of Utah will have a golden opportunity to honor the memory and sacrifices of our veterans as the new Northern Utah Veterans Nursing Home is completed in Ogden. Here, on the grounds, a Veterans Tribute Tower will be erected and dedicated, complete with a 250-pound bronze bell which is poured, polished, and rung for the first time on-site.

The Tower will be fabricated by The Verdin Company, Cincinnati, Ohio, as part of their efforts to erect 100 of these towers across America. The Tower will be transported to Utah, along with the company's mobile foundry unit. During a two-day series of events, the Tower will be unveiled, and erected near the entrance of the Northern Utah Veterans Nursing Home. The community will be invited to participate in a hands-on preparation and pouring of the bronze bell, using the mobile foundry. Experts will then break the mold, polish the bell, and prepare it to be hung in the Tower. A special dedication ceremony will include the first ringing of the bell.

The Veterans Tribute Tower will include a plaza to honor Utah's veterans for many years to come.

The cost of this project is estimated to be \$320,000. This project is not included in the allocation of funds for construction of the new Northern Utah Veterans Nursing Home.

About The Tower

- 30 feet high
- Four 3-foot diameter clocks
- Chamber carillon
- Custom-cast bronze bell, 24-inches in diameter, weighing 250 pounds.

- A mobile casting foundry, the only one of its kind in the world, will be dispatched by The Verdin Company along with the completed tower. This mobile foundry will be a featured part of the dedication ceremony for the tower as the bell is cast on-site.

- Only two Veteran Tribute Towers have thus far been erected in the United States. The first was dedicated in Rising Sun, Indiana...a community of only 2500 people...in 2007. The second was dedicated by the people of North Miami, Florida, in 2008.
- Eventually 100 of the Veteran Tribute Towers will be erected across America, encouraging all Americans to "Take Time to Remember" the sacrifices of our veterans in war and in peace.
- Our Tower here in Ogden will be a lasting tribute to all of our state's veterans and their families.



The bell which will hang in the tower will be cast on-site from approximately 500 pounds of bronze ingots. The mold will be allowed to cool, and then broken apart. The bell will then be polished to a brilliant sheen and placed on temporary display. The bell will be rung for the first time by a special guest. Other veterans from throughout the area will then be given an opportunity to ring the bell before it is placed in the tower. It will then be rung on special commemorative days throughout the year.



What We Need To Do

- We need to raise \$320,000 from local individuals, veterans groups, corporations, civic organizations, foundations and other donors!
- In-kind donations will be necessary for the construction of the plaza (equipment, materials, and labor).
- A crane will be needed when the Tower arrives from Cincinnati, Ohio, to lift it from the transport truck to its foundation. Also needed at this time will be operators and laborers.
- Schools, civic groups, veterans organizations, and other similar groups are encouraged to "Buy An Ingot," one of the bronze ingots which will be necessary for the pouring of the bell. A "Chain-Gang" assembly line will be necessary to move the ingots from a storage area to the actual mobile foundry during appropriate ceremonies.
- National, state, regional and local area dignitaries, guests, and area people will participate in the 2-day dedication ceremony, to be held at the Northern Utah Veterans Nursing Home site in Ogden at a date and time yet to be determined.
- The Tower and Northern Utah Veterans Nursing Home are to be completed for dedication by Veterans Day, November 11, 2009!

We invite you to participate in this project which will honor veterans for many years to come.