

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Anchorage Park Foundation****Federal Tax ID: 41-2205907****Project Title:****Project Type: Remodel, Reconstruction and Upgrades**

# Anchorage Park Foundation - Anchorage Veteran's Memorial Renovation

**State Funding Requested: \$250,000**  
One-Time Need**House District: Anchorage Areawide (16-32)****Brief Project Description:**

Renovate Anchorage's premier monument to veterans and all Alaskans who have died in the nation's wars.
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**Funding Plan:**

Total Project Cost:	\$1,400,000
Funding Already Secured:	(\$535,000)
FY2012 State Funding Request:	(\$250,000)
Project Deficit:	\$615,000

*Funding Details:**2007 - Received \$200,000 from MOA bond package.**2008 - Received \$250,000 direct grant from SOA. Legislature appropriated \$500,000, but Governor Palin vetoed half.**2010 - Raised \$85,000 from the Anchorage private sector.**Presently - continuing fundraising from major corporations, foundations, and several defense contractors doing business in Alaska.***Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

Anchorage's premier recognition venue for the service and sacrifice of veterans is now 24 years old. This memorial at Delaney Park downtown is in need of renovation due to the deteriorating concrete base, lack of handicapped access (laws were not in place when originally built in 1987), plant and landscaping deterioration, lack of adequate lighting, needs for water on-site, needed public event accessories, vandal-proofing the bronze panels containing the names of Alaska's fallen war casualties, and other design features intended to serve visitors to the site. The renovation plan will directly address all these shortcomings, and the MOA Parks & Recreation Department will oversee construction.

The existing flagpole will remain intact, but the remainder of the site will be renovated. The finished product will not change the present character of the site; a garden-like setting. The project has neighborhood support. After an extensive public review process in 2007, this project passed four municipal review panels, including the Urban Design Commission and the Planning and Zoning Commission.

In 2008, the legislature funded this project at a \$500,000 level (SLA08, Ch. 29, Sec. 13, Page 103, line 28) with unqualified

support from the Anchorage delegation. Governor Palin vetoed half of the appropriation. We seek the restoration of the vetoed portion in the spirit and manner that was done with the \$1 million restored in 2010 for the Interior Veterans Cemetery, also vetoed previously by Governor Palin. This is a one-time request, and if granted, the Anchorage Veterans Memorial Committee will not seek further state funding.

**Project Timeline:**

Should this FY12 request for \$250,000 be granted, we estimate it will take two more years to complete fundraising from the private sector / community at large, then construction will happen all in one phase, likely in 2013. This project will not be renovated in phases; it is a relatively small construction project.

**Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:**

AVM Comm. will establish & privately fund a perpetual maint. acct.

**Grant Recipient Contact Information:**

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority?  Yes  No

# The Anchorage Veterans' Memorial

## Renovation Project

P.O. Box 90525, Anchorage, AK 99509-0525

(907) 276-2923

January 27, 2011

The Honorable Lesil McGuire, Member  
Senate Finance Committee

The Honorable Bill Thomas, Co-Chairman  
House Finance Committee

Alaska State Legislature  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

RE: Anchorage Veterans' Memorial FY12 Capital Request - \$250,000  
("Anchorage Park Foundation – Anchorage Veterans' Memorial Renovation - \$250,000")

Dear Representative Thomas and Senator McGuire:

The Anchorage Veterans' Memorial Committee (AVM) respectfully requests that you include \$250,000 in your Fiscal Year 2012 capital budget for the renovation of the Anchorage Veterans' Memorial at Delaney Park.

This request will manifest the full intent of the legislature in 2008 (SLA 08, Ch. 29, Sec. 13, page 103, line 28) to apply \$500,000 to the project. That year, Governor Palin vetoed half of the appropriation, leaving us with \$250,000. While we are most grateful for the quarter-million dollars we did receive, we seek the restoration of the complete appropriation and the full legislative intent for this project. If this vetoed \$250,000 is restored, the memorial committee is quite confident that we can raise the remainder of needed funds from the community at large, and will not seek further state funding.

In 2010, both the governor and the legislature restored \$1,000,000 formerly vetoed by Governor Palin for the Interior Veterans' Cemetery. We hope the same standard will be applied to this request.

The 24-year old Anchorage Veterans' Memorial is a significant venue for veterans not only in Anchorage, but statewide. It enshrines the memory of all Alaskans lost in wars since the beginning of the Second World War. Bronze panels at the base of the flagpole honor the names of fallen Alaskans from WWII, Korea, Vietnam, the Gulf War, Iraq, and Afghanistan. The panels include the names of Natives and non-Natives alike. In the near future, several more names from Alaskan casualties in Afghanistan will unfortunately be added. With our military active in

two combat zones and experiencing the loss of Alaskan lives, it is unacceptable that a premier venue like the Anchorage Veterans' Memorial continue to deteriorate.

A renovation design was developed in 2007 by a municipal Blue Ribbon Task Force. That design will address cracked and crumbling concrete, diseased trees, lack of handicap access, failed electrical service, and faulty lighting, among other issues. The renovation plan went through a rigorous public process, and has since been approved by four commissions of the Municipality of Anchorage.

We of the Anchorage Veterans' Memorial Committee are responsible for completing this renovation, estimated to take five years. We are a mixed group of veterans from all wars, including WWII, combat wounded individuals, members who have lost relatives in Iraq and Afghanistan, and non-veteran community members. We have been authorized by Mayor Dan Sullivan to raise funds for this project. We are a unit of the Anchorage Park Foundation, which serves as our 501 (c) (3), and therefore, private donations are tax-deductible.

With a fundraising goal of \$1 million, this committee began its private fundraising activities on May 1, 2010. In the eight months we were active in 2010, we raised \$85,000 for this project. Our private fundraising plan for 2011 is well underway. In addition, we are already approaching Anchorage businesses for consideration of in-kind contributions, such as engineering services, concrete, landscaping, and concrete finishing services. Succeeding at obtaining commitments for these items will reduce our need for cash. Recovering the vetoed funds from 2008 will greatly enhance the success of this project.

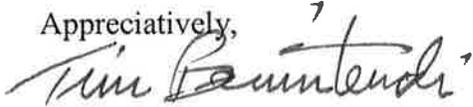
As in 2008, granting this request will reinforce the positive image the legislature enjoys among the state's veterans' community. Doing so will also remind veterans and our active-duty military personnel, that their service and sacrifice are not forgotten.

Attached are the following: A roster of our AVM Committee members along with their service profiles and contact information; support letters from several veterans' groups; a one-page project summary; and a copy of the 2007 Blue Ribbon Task Force Report (which contains images of a renovated memorial).

Please feel free to contact Co-Chairmen Tim Benintendi (276-2923 / [ztimbz@gmail.com](mailto:ztimbz@gmail.com)) or Tom Burton (808) 778-5170 / [c2burton@gci.net](mailto:c2burton@gci.net)), or any of the committee members listed on the signature page. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

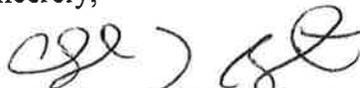
Sincerely,

Appreciatively,



Tim Benintendi, Vietnam Veteran  
Co-Chairman  
Home # 276-2923

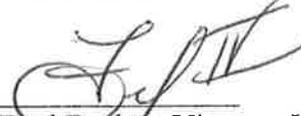
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Tom Burton, Colonel, USMC, (Ret.), Iraq  
Co-Chairman  
Cell # (808) 778-5170



Jerry Beale, Retired Air Force  
Disabled American Veterans



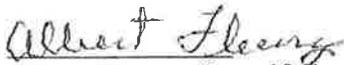
Fred Becker, Vietnam Veteran  
Retired Air Force  
Vietnam Vets Motorcycle Club



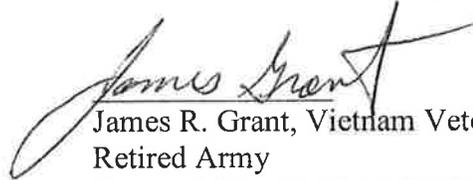
Catkin Burton, Col. USMC (Ret.)  
Iraq Veteran



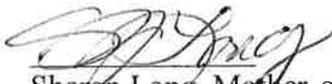
Lanie Fleischer, Friends of Delaney Park,  
South Addition Community Council



Albert Fleury, Grandfather of  
Cpl. Gregory Fleury, USMC,  
Killed in Afghanistan



James R. Grant, Vietnam Veteran  
Retired Army  
Commander, American Legion, Post 1



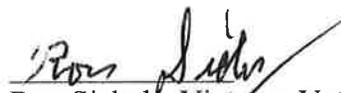
Sharon Long, Mother of  
Cpl. Grant Fraser, USMC,  
Killed in Iraq



Rob McWhorter, Captain, US Navy Reserve  
(Retired), Member, Navy League



Gordon Severson, Korean Veteran  
Military Order of the Purple Heart



Ron Siebels, Vietnam Veteran  
Military Order of the Purple Heart



Joshua Tempel, Iraq Veteran  
United States Marine Corps.



Conrad Villegas, Vietnam Veteran,  
Vice Commander, VFW Post 10252, Anc.



Tom Webster, Vietnam Veteran  
LTC, Army (Ret.)  
Military Officers of America Assn.



Major Joe Lyon, Executive Officer  
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**The Anchorage Veterans' Memorial Committee**  
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## Renovation Project Summary

An effort is underway to renovate the Anchorage Veterans' Memorial at Delaney Park. The 24-year old memorial is in need of a major renovation, including access for the disabled, concrete rehabilitation, plant and landscaping replacement, a lighting system, expanded water service, public event accessories, and other enhanced design features.

In 2007, a municipal Blue Ribbon Task Force assessed the status of the Memorial, and issued a recommendation for its renovation. The final recommendation included a design concept developed by Land Design North / USKH, Inc. The renovation project will be guided by the Anchorage Veterans Memorial Committee, and construction managed by the Anchorage Parks & Recreation Department.

The essential theme and physical attributes of the present memorial will remain intact: A quiet, reflective setting surrounding the flagpole, which contains bronze panels honoring those Alaskan citizens lost in war, including WWII, Korea, Vietnam, the Gulf War, Iraq and Afghanistan. The WWII soldier will remain, as well as the monument to Purple Heart recipients. The iconic Fallen Warrior statue (boots / rifle / helmet) will be added during the reconstruction.

This memorial is our community's central recognition feature for the service and sacrifice of so many of our citizens. In addition to honoring our veterans, contributions will reinforce the tradition and exceptional stature Anchorage holds in support of the active military, our veterans, and their families. In a period where we have Alaskan military personnel in two combat theaters, and where deaths of Alaskans are occurring, we feel especially inspired to bring the memorial up to the standards which justify their sacrifices.

The total cost of this project is \$1.4 million. The Municipality of Anchorage has already provided \$200,000 from a bond package in 2007, and the State of Alaska has provided a direct grant of \$250,000. We therefore have a net fund-raising goal of \$1 million. We look to veterans' groups, local businesses, citizens, corporations, fraternal organizations, foundations, and other institutions to financially participate in this project. And as was done 24 years ago, we will solicit in-kind donations for materials and services to reduce the need for cash. Your financial support of this project is encouraged.

In May of 2010, the Anchorage Veterans' Memorial Committee organized, began raising funds, and in the last eight months of the year, raised \$85,000. This all-volunteer committee expects an even better year in 2011.

To arrange a presentation for your group or for more information, please contact Tim Benintendi, Co-Chairman and Fundraising Coordinator, at (907) 276-2923.

**THE ANCHORAGE VETERANS' MEMORIAL COMMITTEE**  
Renovation Project

**Member Contacts & Profiles**

February, 2011

**HONORARY CHAIR:**

**MS. MARY LOUISE RASMUSON**

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A veteran of WWII, and retired as the director / commander of the Women's Army Corps (WAC), when colonel was the highest rank a female military service member could attain.

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Army enlisted, Vietnam War veteran, two tours; Member of the original Memorial Committee; Chair, 2007 Blue Ribbon Task Force; current MOA Parks & Recreation Commissioner; Member American Legion, Amvets, DAV and VFW.

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Major in the Alaska National Guard serving as Executive Officer for The Adjutant General; previous active Army enlisted infantry soldier; dual-rated fixed wing and rotary wing aircraft, UH-60 Blackhawk pilot. Military deployments: Haiti (1995), Afghanistan (2003), and Iraq (2006-07).

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Army enlisted, Vietnam War veteran; Life Member & Vice-Commander, VFW Post 10252; Member, Vietnam Veterans of America; father of U.S. Army SGT. Sarah Bailey, now serving in Afghanistan.

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Retired Army Lt. Colonel, Vietnam War veteran, two tours; Member, Assn. of the United States Army, Military Officers' Assn. of America, and American Legion.



# Military Order of the *Purple Heart*



## Department of Alaska "Combat Wounded Veterans"

The Honorable Sean Parnell  
Governor, State of Alaska  
Box 110001  
Juneau, AK 99811-0001

August 24, 2010

**RE: Anchorage Veterans' Memorial FY12 Capital Request - \$250,000**

Dear Governor Parnell,

The MOPH (Military Order of the Purple Heart) is asking for your assistance to include \$250,000 in your next capital budget for the renovation of the Anchorage Veterans' Memorial at Delaney Park.

By doing this you will fill the void created when Governor Palin reduced the \$500,000 appropriation by half with her veto. We seek the restoration of the complete appropriation. We sincerely appreciate the other Veteran projects that your leadership has provided and it is our desire that you will do the same with this request.

The Veterans' Memorial is important for veterans in Anchorage as well as for those who visit and spend time at this honorable site. It visually provides honor and respect for all Alaskans who have given much in the defense of this great nation. There is indeed a distinct need for this renovation project and we in the MOPH believe it is highly important to not allow a further deterioration of the Anchorage Veterans' Memorial.

The current Memorial has been in place for a number of years and is in need of an upgrade. A renovation design was developed in 2007 by a municipal Blue Ribbon Task Force. The 2007 design will address many important issues in the Memorial upgrade project. The 2007 renovation plan went through a lengthy and detailed public process, and has since been approved by four commissions of the Municipality of Anchorage.

The MOPH proudly supports the work of the Anchorage Veterans' Memorial Committee. This committee is the lead entity responsible for completing this renovation. The MOPH, Department of Alaska, has contributed financially to the project. Restoration of full funding from 2007 will significantly reduce the time required before breaking ground and beginning construction.

In granting this request, you will reinforce the popular image you enjoy among Alaska's veterans. By granting this request you will once again prove that the service and sacrifice of our military members and veterans has not been forgotten.

We send our sincere appreciation for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

  
Ron Siebel

MOPH, National-Vice Commander, Region 3.



**DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS**

**Department of Alaska**

**Pamela F. Beale, Commander**

6704 Notting Hill Drive

Anchorage, Alaska 99504

(907) 338-1243

The Honorable Sean Parnell  
Governor, State of Alaska  
Box 110001  
Juneau, AK 99811-0001

August 25, 2010

RE: Anchorage Veterans Memorial FY12 Capital Request - \$250,000

Dear Governor Parnell,

The Disabled American Veterans in the State of Alaska request that you include \$250,000 in your Fiscal Year 2012 capital budget for the renovation of the Anchorage Veterans Memorial at Delaney Park.

The Veterans Memorial is a significant venue for Veterans in Anchorage and those that visit from around the State. It enshrines the memory of "ALL" Alaskans lost since the beginning of World War II through the present with names that need to be added from the Afghanistan War.

As the Disabled American Veterans, we not only contribute to but we support the work of the Anchorage Veterans Memorial Committee to take the lead to bring this Veterans Memorial up to standard. We need to fix the cracked and crumbling concrete, diseased trees, lack of handicap access, failed electrical service, and faulty lighting that has taken place in the past 23 years. The Memorial will continue to deteriorate without the State funds.

With your support in granting funds, all of Alaska and the veterans will see that we mean it when we say, "you are not forgotten".

We appreciate your consideration in approving funds for this Anchorage Veterans Memorial.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Pamela F. Beale".

Pamela F. Beale, Commander  
State of Alaska Disabled American Veterans



## AMVETS Department of Alaska

855 E. 38<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Anchorage, Alaska 99503  
(907) 561-VETS

August 25, 2010

The Honorable Sean Parnell  
Governor, State of Alaska  
Box 110001  
Juneau, AK 99811-0001

RE: Anchorage Veterans' Memorial FY12 Capital Request - \$250,000

Dear Governor Parnell,

The AMVETS Department of Alaska requests that you include \$250,000 in your Fiscal Year 2012 capital budget for the renovation of the Anchorage Veterans' Memorial at Delaney Park.

This request will manifest the full intent of the legislature in 2007 to apply \$500,000 to the project. That year, Governor Palin reduced the appropriation by half with her veto. We seek the restoration of the complete appropriation. In 2010, you renewed \$1,000,000 formerly vetoed by Governor Palin for the Interior Veterans' Cemetery, which we greatly appreciated. We hope you will do the same with this request.

The Veterans' Memorial is a significant venue for veterans in Anchorage. However, it enshrines the memory of all Alaskans lost in wars since the beginning of the Second World War. Bronze panels at the base of the flagpole honor the names of the fallen from WWII, Korea, Vietnam, the Gulf War, Iraq, and Afghanistan. In the near future, a few more names from Afghanistan will be added. With our military active in two combat zones and experiencing the loss of Alaskan lives, it is unacceptable to this organization that a premier venue like the Anchorage Veterans' Memorial continue to deteriorate.

The Memorial is twenty-three years old. A renovation design was developed in 2007 by a municipal Blue Ribbon Task Force. That design will address cracked and crumbling concrete, diseased trees, lack of handicap access, failed electrical service, and faulty lighting, among other issues. The renovation plan went through a rigorous public process, and has since been approved by four commissions of the Municipality of Anchorage.

The AMVETS Department of Alaska supports the work of the Anchorage Veterans' Memorial Committee, the lead entity responsible for completing this renovation. We are contributors to the project. Restoration of full funding from 2007 will significantly reduce the time required before breaking ground and beginning construction.

In granting this request, you will reinforce the positive image you enjoy among the state's veterans. Doing so will also remind veterans and active-duty military personnel, that their service and sacrifice are not forgotten.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Brenda Evans  
Commander



*Captain Cook Chapter, Alaska*

25 August, 2010

The Honorable Sean Parnell  
Governor  
State of Alaska  
P. O. Box 110001

Subj: Anchorage Veterans Memorial

Dear Governor Parnell:

The Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) is a voluntary association of former and current military officers across the United States. MOAA is the nation's largest and most influential association of military officers. It is an independent, nonprofit, politically nonpartisan organization. The Captain Cook Chapter is the Alaskan arm of MOAA.

As part of our national charter, we support legislative and other efforts in support of veteran, active duty, reserve, national guard and military family issues. At the local level, we support JROTC, retiree associations, active duty events, and other projects of importance to our military.

The Captain Cook Chapter of MOAA supports the Anchorage Veterans' Memorial and is actively involved in progress toward updating and renovating the current memorial located on the park strip in downtown Anchorage. As a significant attraction for appropriate reverence and remembrance of the heroism and service of our military, it is important to ensure the memorial is kept in a condition properly designed to encourage reflection on the sacrifice of those who have come before. As such, the Captain Cook Chapter of MOAA has committed to annual financial support of the memorial until such time as funding for the memorial is sufficient.

We likewise encourage your support to the Anchorage Veterans' Memorial. Specifically, we ask that you support the inclusion of \$250,000 in your FY12 capital budget to assist fund raising efforts toward the \$1.4M dollar requirements estimate.

Respectfully,

  
Clyde T. (Tom) Burton, Col USMC (Ret)  
President  
Captain Cook Chapter, MOAA

  
Catkin Kilcher Burton, Col USMC (Ret)  
Vice-President  
Captain Cook Chapter, MOAA



# VIET NAM VETS MOTORCYCLE CLUB

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## ALASKA USA

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Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

State Council Member

August 25, 2010

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RE: Anchorage Veterans' Memorial FY12 Capital Request - \$250,000

Dear Governor Parnell,

I Bob Myles State Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Department of Alaska requests that you include \$250,000 in your Fiscal Year 2012 capital budget for the renovation of the Anchorage Veterans' Memorial at Delaney Park.

This request will manifest the full intent of the legislature in 2007 to apply \$500,000 to the project. That year, Governor Palin reduced the appropriation by half with her veto. We seek the restoration of the complete appropriation. In 2010, you renewed \$1,000,000 formerly vetoed by Governor Palin for the Interior Veterans' Cemetery, which we greatly appreciated. We hope you will do the same with this request.

The Veterans' Memorial is a significant venue for veterans in Anchorage. However, it enshrines the memory of all Alaskans lost in wars since the beginning of the Second World War. Bronze panels at the base of the flagpole honor the names of the fallen from WWII, Korea, Vietnam, the Gulf War, Iraq, and Afghanistan. In the near future, a few more names from Afghanistan will be added. With our military active in two combat zones and experiencing the loss of Alaskan lives, it is unacceptable to this organization that a premier venue like the Anchorage Veterans' Memorial continue to deteriorate.

The Memorial is twenty-three years old. A renovation design was developed in 2007 by a municipal Blue Ribbon Task Force. That design will address cracked and crumbling concrete, diseased trees, lack of handicap access, failed electrical service, and faulty lighting, among other issues. The renovation plan went through a rigorous public process, and has since been approved by four commissions of the Municipality of Anchorage.

I support the work of the Anchorage Veterans' Memorial Committee, the lead entity responsible for completing this renovation. We are contributors to the project. Our Mountain View and Spenard Posts have already donated significant amounts of time and money and a drive is underway to raise additional funds. Restoration of full funding from 2007 will significantly reduce the time required before breaking ground and beginning construction.

In granting this request, you will reinforce the positive image you enjoy among the state's veterans. Doing so will also remind veterans and active-duty military personnel, that their service and sacrifice are not forgotten.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Bob Myles  
State Commander  
Veterans of Foreign Wars State of Alaska