WWI VETERANS' MEMORIAL ARCH BRONZE PLAQUE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

In furtherance of the our 21st Century extensive restoration of the WWI Veterans' Arch, and in anticipation of the Centennial rededication ceremony on November 11, 2021, we, American Legion Post 512 and the Friends of the WWI Arch, propose replacing the two bronze plaques currently on the arch with two new plaques. The first will be mounted in the same location as the two being replaced and will be simply inscribed **TO THOSE WHO SERVED**, per arch architect Charles Sumner Greene's original plans and inscription. The second will be mounted horizontally on a stone plinth set in the soil and plantings at the front of the west side semi-circular planter, formerly the village's horse trough, and will be an informational plaque inscribed with the purpose and history of the memorial including the names of the 60+ Carmel area citizens who served in the Great War. This in keeping with the bronze plaques in Devendorf Park that honor the fallen from WWII and Viet Nam by naming them individually.

Current Plaques







There are two plaques, one just above the other, currently attached to the monument. The upper plaque was installed in 1964 and reads:

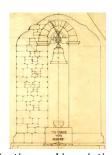
THIS MEMORIAL
IS DEDICATED TO THE MEN OF
CARMEL WHO RESPONDED TO
THEIR COUNTRY'S CALL DURING
WORLD WAR I
WE SALUTE THEM

CARMEL AMERICAN LEGION POST 512 1964

The lower plaque reads RESTORED AND REDEDICATED NOVEMBER 11, 1977 and was placed when the monument was rebuilt after being struck by a car and almost destroyed earlier that year.

C.S. Greene's Original Arch Drawings and Inscription









The original intended dedication and inscription was to be: TO THOSE WHO SERVED, for as far as we know, all of the 60+ citizens of the Carmel area who served in WWI returned home alive.

Proposed New Plaques

Plaque 1: @ 12" x 19": TO THOSE WHO SERVED in large block capital letters.

Plaque 2: @ 14" x 16", with a dedicatory inscription, arch history, and the names of those who served in WWI.



Plaque 1



Plaque 2

<u>Plaque Placement:</u> The placement of Plaque 1, TO THOSE WHO SERVED was obvious, the placement of Plaque 2, the informational memorial plaque, less so. Consolidating the two in the first location was rejected because the text would have been unreadable from the viewing location. Placing it on the west faces of either arch column was immediately rejected on aesthetic grounds, and it also would be difficult to read safely. Placing it on the north or south face of the monument was rejected for both aesthetic and safety reasons – to read it visitors would have to stand in the traffic lanes. The east face was also rejected for safety reasons – visitors would have to walk in the traffic lanes – and because we don't want people climbing up on the median and around the back of the monument.

Our proposed solution is to place Plaque 2 on a stone plinth set in the soil and plantings at the front of the west semi-circular planter, at a height so that the top edge of the plaque is just below the level of the front stones, set down among the plantings so as not to interfere with lines of the monument. It should be largely unseen until the viewer approaches the monument. The plaque will be slightly angled upward for an easier read. Please forgive the crude cardboard mock-up – this is just to indicate location.





Plaque 2/Dedication Plaque Inscription

The inscription on the Centennial Bell installed in 2016 reads:

IN HONOR OF
THOSE WHO SERVED
IN MEMORY OF
THOSE WHO DIED
WE DEDICATE THIS
CENTENNIAL BELL
OCTOBER 31, 1916
-/OCTOBER 31, 2016
AMERICAN LEGION POST 512
THE PEOPLE AND CITY OF
CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA

The proposed inscription for the new dedication plaque, Plaque 2, reads as follows:

IN HONOR OF THOSE WHO SERVED THEIR COUNTRY

AND

IN MEMORY OF THOSE WHO DIED IN THAT SERVICE

WE REDEDICATE THIS

WORLD WAR I VETERANS MEMORIAL

NOVEMBER 11, 1921 - NOVEMBER 11, 2021

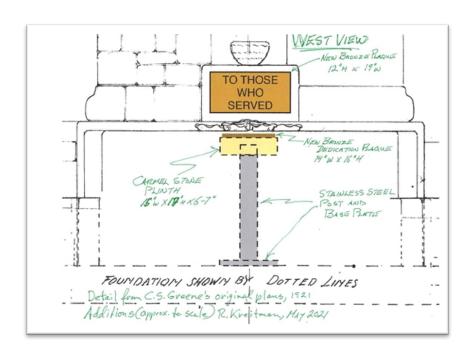
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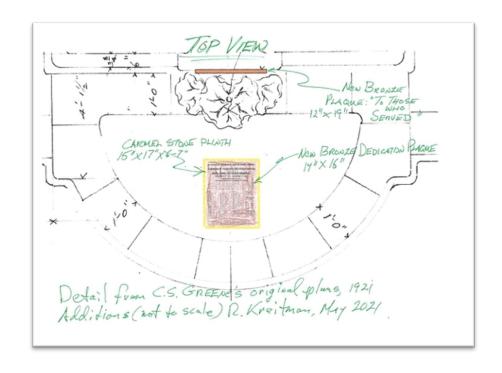
DESIGNED BY CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA RESIDENT AND RENOWNED ARCHITECT CHARLES SUMNER GREENE, THE CORNERSTONE FOR THIS WWI VETERANS' MONUMENT WAS LAID ON ARMISTICE DAY 1921 IN HONOR OF THE MEN AND WOMEN FROM THE CARMEL AREA WHO SERVED IN THE GREAT WAR AND WHO, REMARKABLY, ALL CAME HOME ALIVE. THEIR NAMES ARE LISTED BELOW. THIS MEMORIAL HAS SINCE COME TO HONOR ALL THOSE FROM THE CARMEL AREA WHO HAVE SERVED OUR COUNTRY AND AS A MEMORIAL TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED IN THAT SERVICE.

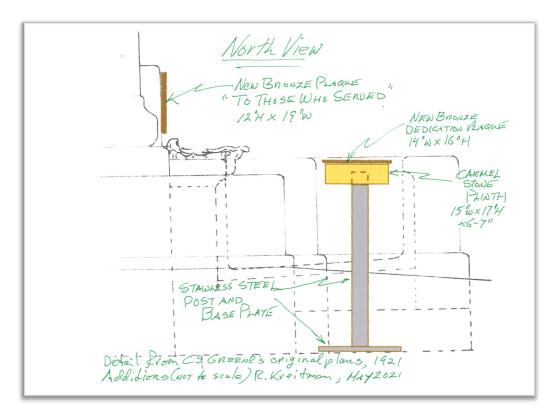
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ANTHONY, WALTER	LACHMUND, OTTO	ALBRIGHT, WALTER H.	COLUMBUS
BABCOCK, ROY	MEADOWS, ERNEST	BREMNER, LUDOVIC	MASON, JAMES R
BEANE, GRACE	MACHADO, DAVID	DE VEGA, CHARLES	
CAMPBELL, ARGYLL	MACHADO, DAVID F.	GILLETT, EUGENE C.	D, HERBERT C. CORRESPONDENT
COCHRAN, DONALD	MACHADO, JOHN S.	HAND, HERBERT C.	
CYRIL, ARTHUR	MACHADO, WILLIAM	HATTON, HOWARD	HOPPER, JAMES
DE ANGULO, JAIME	NAREDO, THOMAS	JAMES, RAYMOND A	
DUVENECK, FRANCIS	NARVAEZ, LEON W.	MAXWELL, WILLIAM L.	YMCA
EDMONDS, MARK	NORTON, ROBERT A	SCHWENINGER, ERNEST	CRILEY, THEODORE
GLOTZBACH, LLOYD	OLIVER, DEWEY	SEARCH, FREDERICK P MORROW, W. IRENE WARD, LOUIS T	HILLIARD, JOHN N
HALE, DONALD LESTER	STONEY, MARTEL		JOSSELYN, TALBERT
HALL, RUSSELL	STONEY, ROBERT M.		Newberry, Perry
HATTON, FRANK D.	WILSON, PHILIP, JR.	AMERICAN RED CROSS CHERINGTON, REV.REED HOWARD, JOHN GALEN KETT, CHARLOTTE	COMMISSION FOR RELIEF IN BELGIUM KELLOGG, CHARLOTTE
HORN, MILTON C	WOLTERS, AUGUST		
HITCHCOCK, HENRY L	WOLTER, DAVID P.		
JOSSELYN, LEWIS	WOLTER, GUS		KELLOGG, VERNON L.
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KITCHEN, JAMES W	WOLTER, LOUIS F.		
LACHMUND, HARRY			

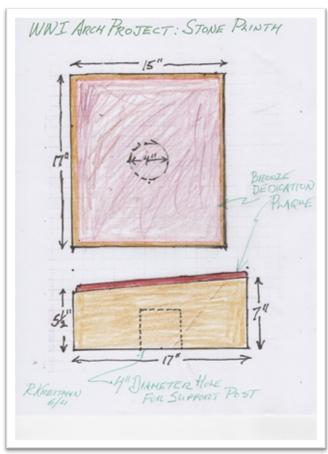
REBUILT IN 1977 AFTER SEVERE DAMAGE FROM A CAR ACCIDENT. EXTENSIVELY RESTORED IN 2020. CENTENNIAL BELL CAST TO MR. GREENE'S ORIGINAL DESIGN AND INSTALLED FOR THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA - OCTOBER 31, 2016.

Design Drawings:









Workflow:

Installation of the plaques will take place at the same time the new irrigation, electrical, lighting, and security are installed, as the planters will be emptied of soil and the work can proceed without hindrance. Stonemason Brian McEldowney, who repaired the monument in 1977 with his father and restored it with new stones over these past two years, has been contacted regarding cutting the support plinth. The casting and purchase of the new plaques, fabrication of the stainless steel support post, and installation of both plaques, will be the responsibility of Legion Post 512 and the Friends of the WWI Veterans' Arch, who will also be responsible for raising the necessary funds to implement the projects.

We are hoping, if at all possible, to get approval for this plaque replacement project in sufficient time to have them cast and installed by November 11 of this year, the 100th anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone of the Arch, as stated in the dedicatory inscription described above.