



Art for the Sarasota National Cemetery Assembly Space

Project Information for Prospective Artists

The assembly space of the Sarasota National Cemetery will offer visitors an impactful experience through art that: (1) **recognizes and honors** the contributions to our country of veterans and those connected to their service – such as their families and (2) **inspires patriotism** in viewers now and in the future while helping them to remember the military’s role in preserving our freedom throughout our history.

PROJECT: Sculpture	LOCATION: #4 (refer to site plan) Center north pentagram entrance or platform between entrance stairs.
BUDGET: \$50,000-\$80,000 estimated. Not including poured concrete bases and footings.	DIMENSIONS OF SITE: Approx 45’ wide between side points of pentagram. Approx 20 ft wide between stairs.

ABOUT THIS PROJECT: The north entrance will be most heavily trafficked by families visiting the plaza after a service in the cemetery and when audiences are exiting after a program. Sculpture as well as hardscape treatments will be considered. Entrance art should present a statement of the themes of the plaza, including honoring service, inspiring patriotism and recognizing the ideals of veterans who have served in the military and the losses and sacrifice of veterans and their families. Work can be placed in the pentagram-shaped entry space or at the top of the stairs that open into the plaza and amphitheater seating.

Artists are encouraged to present creative uses of materials other than bronze, although bronze may be proposed.

The hardscape surface may be treated with text and imagery in addition to sculpture. Sculpture artist may suggest ideas and materials for surface or collaborate with an artist who is experienced with these materials and methods.

One side of the plaza will be devoted to the theme of honoring and acknowledging the service of those who serve in the military. This side is envisioned as more formal, touching on themes of courage, challenges and hardships, camaraderie and mutual support, being prepared if called upon, dedication to mission and representing the multi-layered elements and significance of the military experience.

The second side may be dedicated to the connection between the veterans and their families and community. This side is envisioned as more colorful, informal, relaxed, touching on themes of separation, shared patriotism, soldiers as family members, service from the families’ points of view.

GENERAL INFORMATION: All art must be designed for a life expectancy of 50 years with standard

maintenance and minimal conservation during that period. The Assembly Area is designed for daytime use and the cemetery closes at sundown. Artists must take into consideration the Florida climate, which includes very strong sun year round, high humidity, high salt content in air, and hurricanes. Grass and plants will be watered with well water that may strike the surfaces of art. Art may not incorporate electronic technology, motors, or water. Imagery may not include scenes of battle, guns pointed towards as if being fired, or other violence that may be disturbing.

QUALIFICATIONS: Only artists who demonstrate completed work of a similar scope and scale at a high level of professional achievement will qualify for review. Artists should also demonstrate active professional art activities through museum exhibition, professional gallery exhibition, or commissions of a similar scope and scale, within the past five years.

HOW TO REQUEST CONSIDERATION: *Provide the following information:*

a) Professional resume (b) 10–15 jpg images of past work (c) Image list of jpgs with: dimensions, materials, location of work, commissioning agency if there is one, (c) Statement of artist's process. This may include collaborators, research, or any other information the artist considers relevant. Include statement of location(s) within the plaza that would be addressed, if selected.

Upload all information in jpgs, pdf's or PC-compatible word files to:

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