

THE EAGLE OF HONOR PROJECT
From People Who Think Freedom Should Never Be Taken For Granted

For many years, especially after September 11th, there has been talk in Lynn County about developing an up to date memorial honoring those service members who have sacrificed their time, energy, effort and sometimes their life to preserve and protect the freedom that we all enjoy today. What a great time in our history when we can truly unite as a community to honor our local brave men and women who have served our country with honor, courage, respect and commitment.

A group of citizens, along with the support of the Commissioner's Court of Lynn County, are raising money to develop a military memorial to be called the "Eagle of Honor Project" to be located on the northwest corner of the soon to be courthouse square. Freedom is a gift to be treasured but it comes with the sacrifices of the men and women who were drafted or enlisted to serve in our armed forces. The sacrifices are not just felt by the service members, but their wives, husbands, mothers, fathers, brothers and sisters and family. We honor and salute those service members of the past, present and future generations with the flags from the Army, Navy, Marines, National Guard, Air Force, Coast Guard, POW/MIA (prisoners of war/missing in action) flag with the American Flag standing ever so proudly above. A bronze Eagle of Honor will sit on a bricked podium with the service flags adorning the memorial.

As we look back at our history, examine the present and gaze sternly into the future, there is one thing that is certain. We are a resilient Country. Our men and women always respond to the call for service. Lynn County is no different. Residents from Lynn County have served in every war and conflict that our Presidents have required of its citizens. Blood, sweat and tears were sacrificed because our freedom has been at stake. The Eagle of Honor will serve to honor those men and women of the past, present and the future. We also want our veterans and their families to know that we love and appreciate their service to our nation, a Proud Nation. We want our young men and women of generations to come to know that we are proud of them and pray for their continued safety. We stand proud of their willingness to continue that tradition of service and to respond to the call.... because that is who we are as individuals, as a community and as a country.

The goal is to raise the \$40,000.00 necessary to purchase the bronze eagle, the flag poles and flags, the brick and concrete, the electrical/lighting and the military branch emblems. A fund has been established at our three county banking facilities: First National Bank of Tahoka, First Bank and Trust at Tahoka/Wilson and State National Bank in O'Donnell. Every donation, regardless of amount, will be greatly appreciated and will help to truly honor the military service members. Our fund raising committee consist of John Baker, Jerry Webster, Mike Braddock, Pam Hilger, Bill Schoemann and Susan Tipton of Tahoka, Terry Laws of Grassland, Mark Roye, Mayor of O'Donnell and Randy Harris of Woolam Gin of O'Donnell, Sharon Isham of Wilson and Stina Nieman of New Home. If you would like to join our fund raising efforts, please contact any of our members.

Our goal is to encourage every individual, business, school, the girl scouts, boy scouts, Rotary and Masonic Lodge and every social service organization to adopt this as a fund raising project to honor and thank those service members and their families for their service and sacrifice. America is a strong and proud Country and freedom is not free. Freedom is a gift to be treasured but it comes with a sacrifice. Please do your part to honor our men and women of Lynn County and all service members by supporting this cause. Our completion and dedication of the project is set for September 11th, 2019.

