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Dear Tom:

I write to express to you, the Board and my comrade members of our brotherhood, my thanks and that of the Foundation Board I chair, for the \$25,000.00 donation to our Wall of Remembrance Fund. And, most appropriately, the first such contribution since PL 114-230 which authorizes adding the Wall of Remembrance (WOR) to our Memorial was enacted.

There, of course, will be others—some larger—some smaller—but only KWVA’s will be the first! That, is not only as it should be—it was so destined to be!

Such does not surprise me for it was the formal and grass root support of the Association and membership that helped ‘carry the day’ in the Congress! Though we are small in number, the membership proved themselves ‘giants’ in their unwavering support and perseverance!

As you might expect, aside from raising about 25+ million to erect the WOR, our equally pressing task is to get a design approved by the various agencies that have approval rights over such. Our Foundation has a concept that we will develop in the coming year, seeking support from our brotherhood and the families of the fallen. But, the bottom line is, what will be acceptable to the Fine Arts Commission and the National Capital Planning Commission?

And, here again, the voices and wishes of the comrades of those who fell must be heard! The Wall should evoke pride of and homage to the fallen—for they did not die in vain! To name them in the Memorial is to honor— not mourn them! That they fell in battle to keep free another people, is a testament to that which is the nature of our people and the credo that Freedom Is Not Free!

Those who once mused that our comrades ‘died for a tie’ should now hide in shame, for they dishonored not only the sacrifice but, as well, the cause for which we fought! This belated addition to our Memorial will finally define the cost in terms of those of our Soldiery who fell in battle!

Again, I expected KWVA would be first—and our comrades were! More we could not ask of them—or expect! To all, our fallen comrades salute you!

No longer The Forgotten War or Warriors!

William E. Weber
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