

# Martin County Veterans Memorial-Honor Guard Statues Project

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Subj: Annual Legacy Grant Report for State Fiscal Year 2020/2021 (July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2021) grant funds per:

- M.S. 3.303, subd. 10
- M.S. 129D.17, Subd. 2

## **I. Martin County Veterans Memorial –Honor Guard Statues Project**

The grant is to purchase four beautiful and artistic life- sized and detail bronze statues to be placed just south of the east side of the Martin County Veterans Memorial granite wall. The statues will be near the location we have our KIA, MIA, POW veterans inscribed on granite. The statues will consist of two Veterans Service organization Honor Guard members, presenting the triangular folded US Flag to a young widow sitting on a granite bench with her child standing beside her. The location of the Martin County Veterans Memorial is located at 507 Winnebago Avenue, Fairmont, MN.

## **II. Contact information of funding recipient**

- County of Martin, MN
- 507-238-3126, Martin County Coordinator
- Martin County Board of Commissioners: Steve Flohrs, Chair, Elliot Belgard , Vice Chair, Richard Koons, Member, Kathy Smith, Member (Members of the board or equivalent governing body, and)
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- [www.mcvm.org](http://www.mcvm.org) (Web address where the public can access information on the use of money for the project )

County Website: [www.martin.mn.us](http://www.martin.mn.us)

## **III. Amount of grant funding**

The total funding of the project is \$100,000 for FY20/21. After the 3% fee for state administrative fee, \$97,000 remained.

The source of funding is through the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund. Total funding for the project is \$100,000 for State FY20/21. After the 2% fee for the State's Administrative costs, \$97,000 remained. This amount will be used for the purchase and installation of four (4) life size bronze statues, two honor guard, widow and child.

## **IV. Amount and source of any additional funding**

The County of Martin is very grateful for the grant of \$100,000. However, these funds will not completely cover the cost of the four bronze statues project for the Martin County Veterans Memorial. Approximately an additional amount of \$26,000 will be needed to complete the project. The Martin County Veterans Memorial Committee will cover the remaining cost of the project through donations.

## **V. Duration of the Project**

The duration of the project covered in this report is State Fiscal Year 20/21. The bronze statues are under construction at Brodin Studios (Kimball, MN) and are expected to be delivered March/April 2021.

## **VI. Number of full-time equivalents funded under the project**

None of the funds received in this grant were used for personnel salaries, benefits or for any County of Martin, MN administrative expenses.

## **VII. Direct expenses and administration costs of the project**

The total direct expenses for the project are projected to be \$123,000. In addition, \$3,000 was incurred in Administrative Cost charge against the grant by the State of Minnesota, Department of Administration.

The County of Martin has submitted and has been reimbursement \$20,000.00 for the Brodin Studios contract down payment for the four bronze statues paid on January 27, 2020.

## **VIII. Proposed and Actual measured outcomes and evaluation of the project:**

### **A. Proposed Outcomes Achieved:**

The proposed outcomes of our Veterans Memorial (four bronze statues project) is the overwhelming positive public response from the community (countywide) including veterans, residents and visitors. Martin County visitors we hope will be educated about our veterans who have served. Visitors will recognize and admire the dedication and sacrifices of our county men and women who served in the armed forces. The solemn beauty of our Martin County Veterans Memorial, with the detailed four bronze statues, will invoke a positive emotional response from all visitors.

### **B. Actual Outcomes and Evaluation of Project:**

Although the community is aware of the addition of the four bronze statues to the Memorial in the near future, the project is incomplete to date. The projected installation date of the bronze statues will be March/April of 2021.

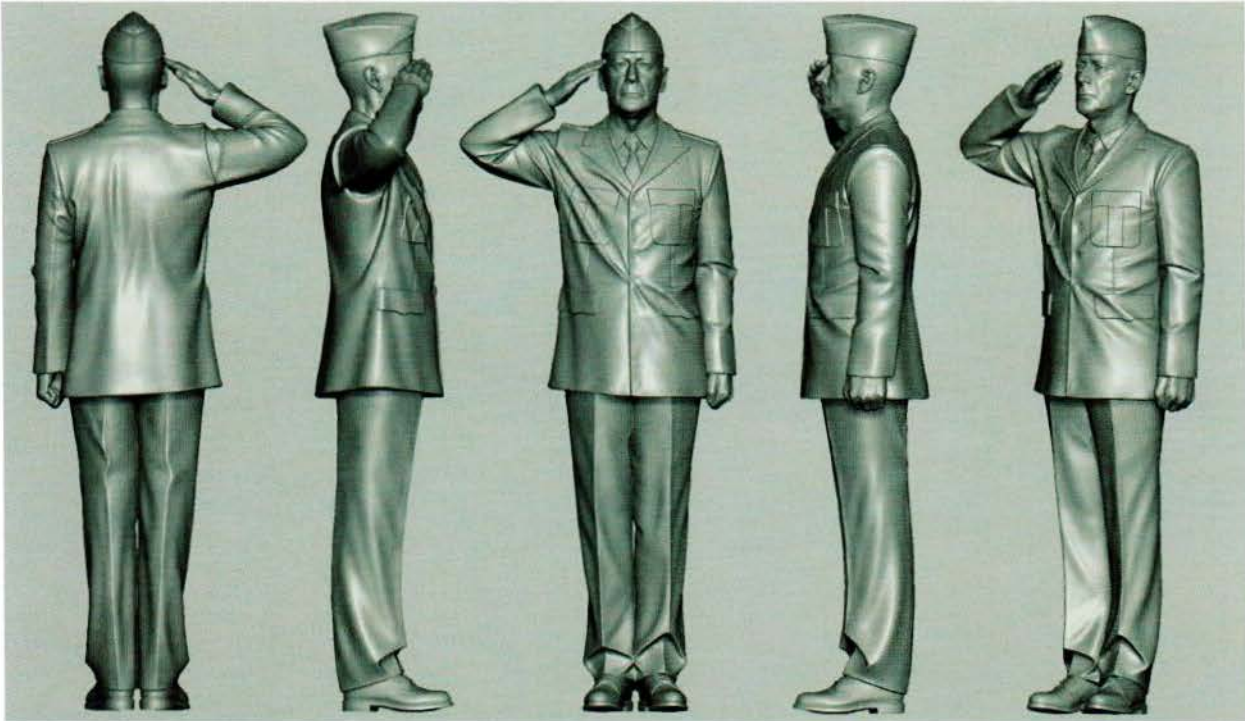
We anticipate an overwhelming and positive response after the addition of the four statues.

**See the next 3 pages of pictures sent to us by Borodin Studios as examples of how the 4 bronze statues will look.**

Below are the pictures of the bronze statues provided by Brodin Studios of what the statues will look like! The final choice was this first picture but with one more Honor guard member standing at attention (rendering a hand salute) next to the one kneeling.



The 4<sup>th</sup> bronze statue will look like this Clay model (only it will be bronze medal)





All four statues will be on the east side just south of the POW, MIA and KIA sections of our grant memorial wall as shown by this picture. In this example there is only the Widow and child.

