

# Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe



## Akwesasne Veterans Memorial Monument

Presenter:

*Tribal Sub-Chief Cheryl Jacobs*

Designer:

*Noella Cotnam, Sign-it Signs*

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A monument to honor ALL Akwesasne  
Veteran's



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## Background:

- *January 2013—David “Ed” Benedict, 20-year veteran of the U.S. Navy, submits letter to all three Akwesasne Mohawk councils.*
  - *Shares vision for veteran’s memorial monument.*
  - *Concept to recognize all military veterans.*
- *January 28, 2014—Tribal Council passes TCR #2014-14 establishing Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe Veterans Memorial Monument Fund.*
- *Former Chief Paul Thompson takes the initiative to take on the vision of building a monument.*
  - *Establishes Board of Trustees and Officers.*
  - *Approves Monument Fund Charter.*

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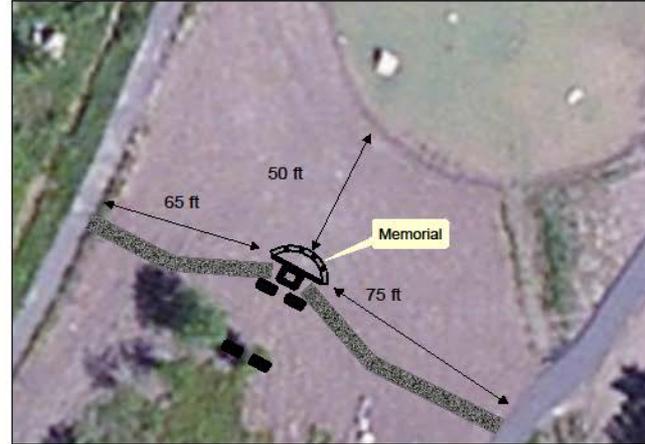
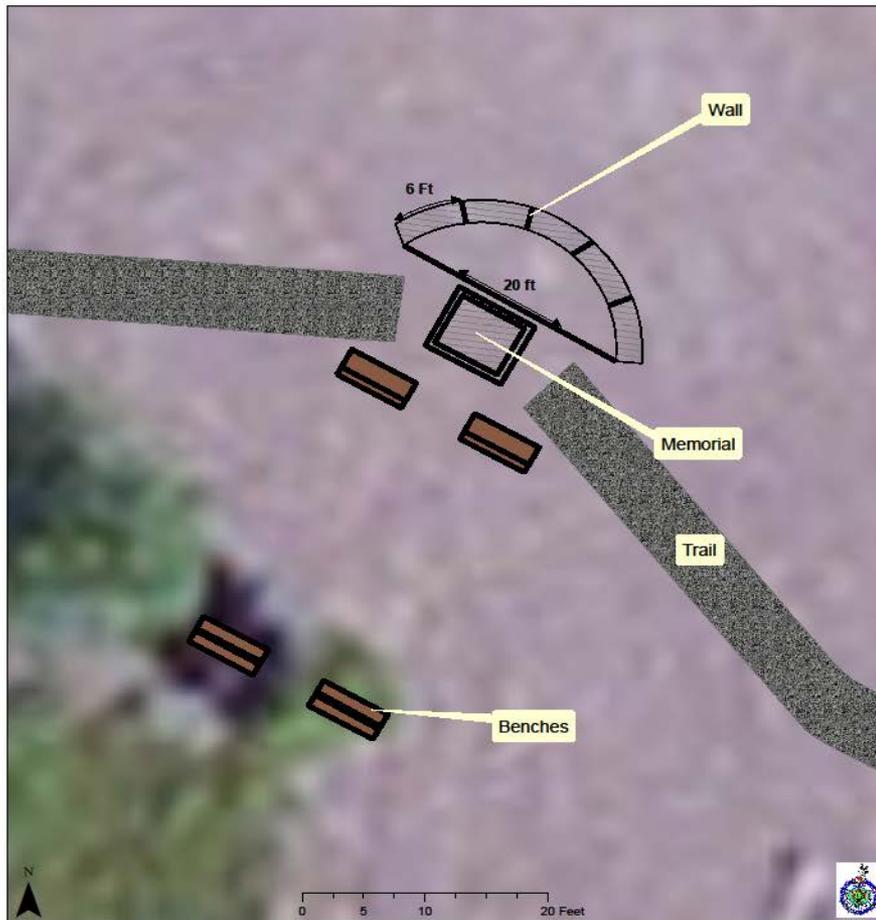
## Background:

- Former Chief Paul Thompson secured \$19,000 from the Akwesasne Chamber of Commerce for the project
- *July 13, 2015—Akwesasne Veterans Memorial Project Committee was reactivated. Committee meetings have been occurring monthly.*
- *Request for Proposals was completed.*
- *Noella Cotnam was hired, she has done work on the Territory to include her latest work of art the Welcome Sign on the Reservation.*
- *February 2016—Preliminary design submitted.*  
*March 5, 2016—Tribal Meeting presentation.*  
*March 5-19, 2016—Two-week public comment period.*  
*March 31, 2016—Final design to be completed.*

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## Location at Generations Park



Proposed Memorial Example



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## Brainstorming - Where we started



Left Panel



Front

Right Panel



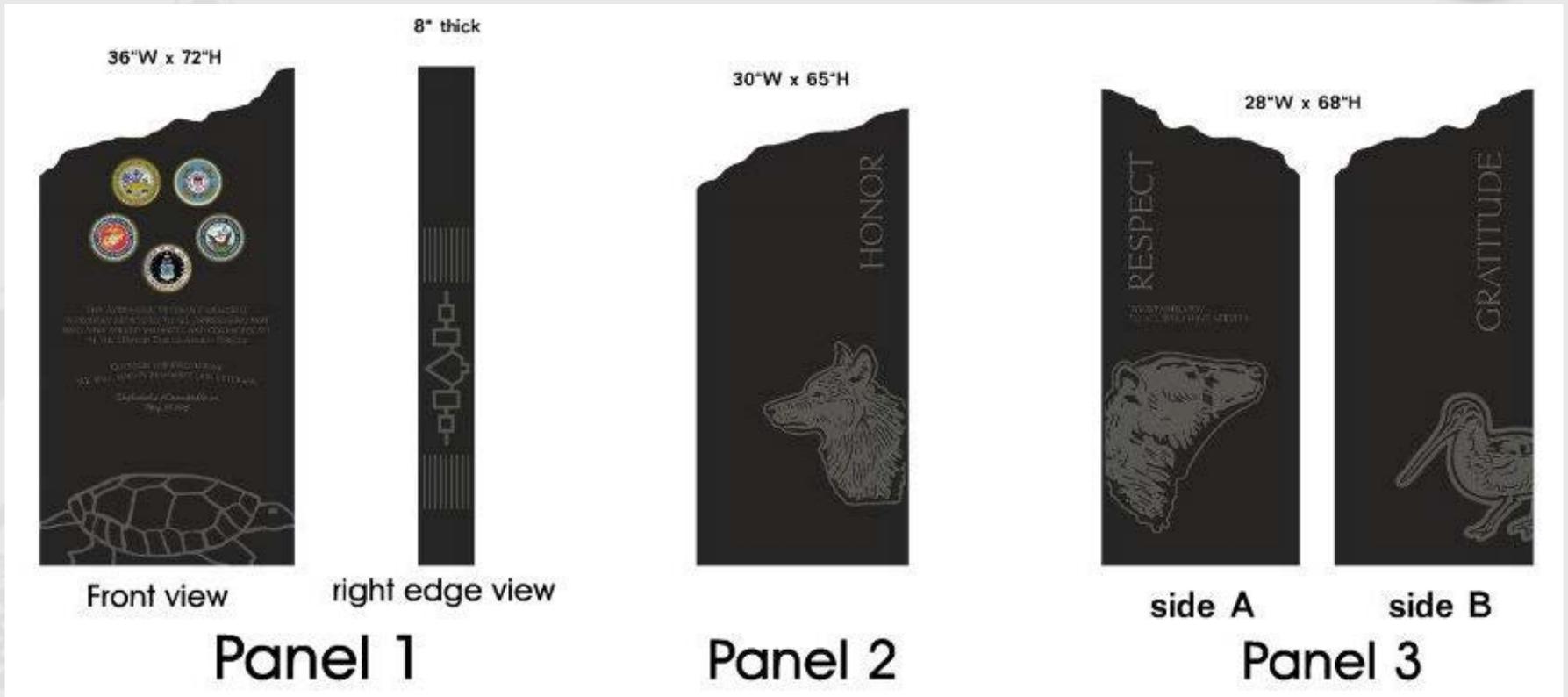
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## Professional's Preliminary Design:



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## Wording on Front Panel

The Akwesasne Veterans Memorial  
Proudly dedicated to all Akwesasnonon  
Who have served valiantly and courageously  
In the United States Armed Forces

- “We will always remember our Veterans”
- (will be written in English & Mohawk)

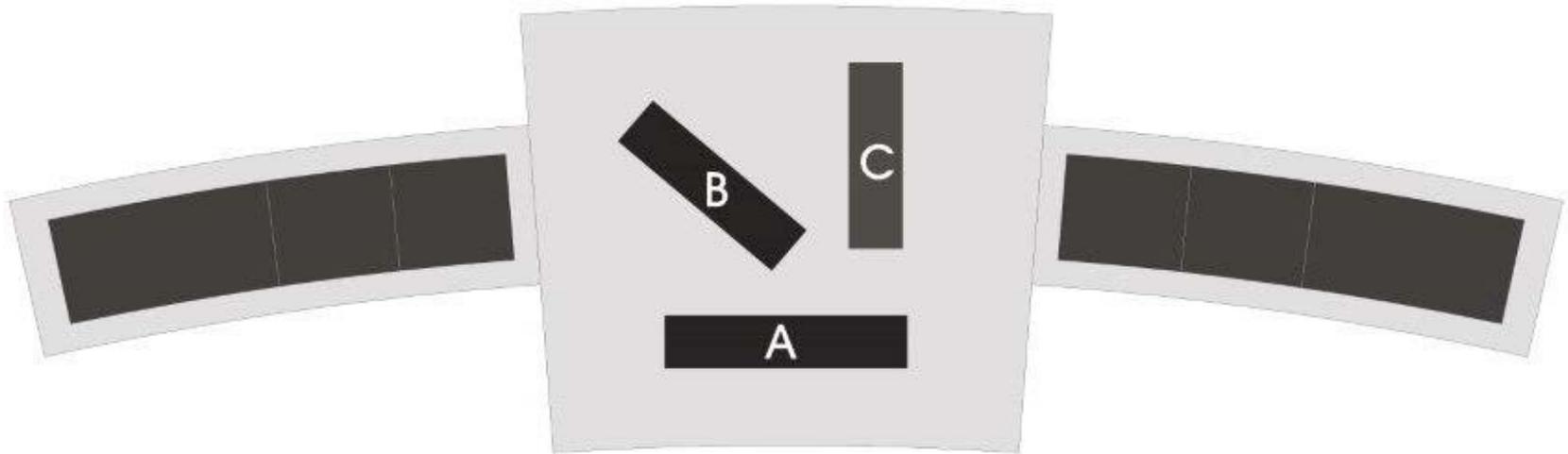
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## Preliminary Design:

Side Panels are for future expansion



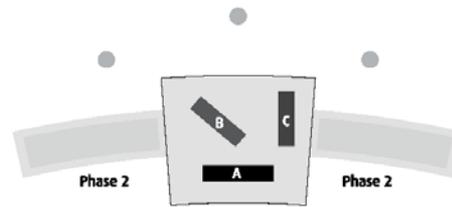
Plan view

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Elevation



Phase 1

Plan View

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## Fundraising



- Now the real work begins – fundraising efforts to secure the needed funds estimated to cost \$75,000 U.S.
- Seeking Fundraising Committee Members – contact myself or Lornie Swamp here at the Tribe if your interested in joining us in our fundraising efforts
- Next Steps – we have a Donation letter ready to go out to Corporations
- We'll be meeting again to discuss & set up some local fundraising dates & timelines & strategies.
- We are going to work very hard in the hopes of completing the project by May of 2017 or 2018.

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## Comments or Questions

- Lead Contact: Sub-Chief Cheryl Jacobs or Lornie Swamp at 358-2272 or talk to:
- Mike 'Goon' Cook
- Andy Cook
- Phil Tarbell
- Colleen Thomas
- Brendan White
- For any comments you'd like to submit on today's presentation.

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