
B-24 MEMORIAL

Those of you who attended our Memorial Service at the U.S. Air Force Academy on June 18, 2001, or visited the Academy at other times, will remember the bronze B-24 featured on the Honor Court. The San Diego Veterans Memorial Center and Museum is procuring a similar B-24 exhibit and is soliciting funds for it as noted in the letter below and contribution form on the next page. Your consideration of this project is most appreciated. If any place in the world needs a B-24, it is San Diego where most of the 380th B-24s were built.



B-24 Memorial SAN DIEGO

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is an outreach program of the
Veterans Memorial Center &
Museum, San Diego, Calif.
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benefit corporation.

The **B-24 Memorial - San Diego** committee is raising funds to build a B-24 memorial in the birthplace of the *Liberator*, San Diego, California. This memorial will honor those who built and flew the Consolidated B-24 *Liberator* and her sisters, the PB4Y-1 & 2. We are having a bronze statue constructed with an eighteen foot wingspan. This bronze B-24, identical to the one located at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado, will be built by the same sculptor, Robert Henderson.

The B-24 memorial will be located in front of the Veterans Memorial Center, (VMC), in San Diego as the centerpiece of the Veterans Memorial Garden. The VMC is located in the southwest corner of San Diego's historic Balboa Park and is the former building for the old Navy Hospital Chapel.

Support for this project has come from both the City of San Diego and the State of California. The city has provided land in Balboa Park and has obtained funding for the Veterans Memorial Garden from the State of California. San Diego Mayor Dick Murphy and Governor of California Grey Davis, have both pledged their support for this project. The only part that cannot be built with public funds is the B-24 itself.

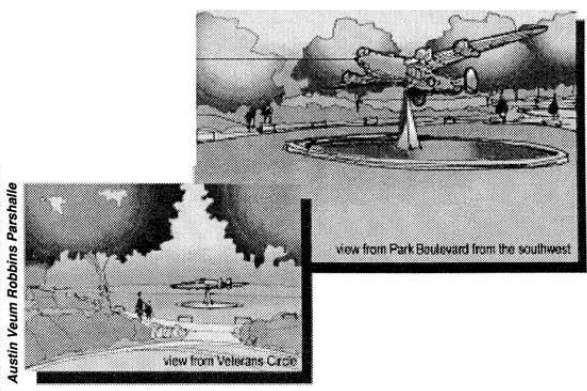
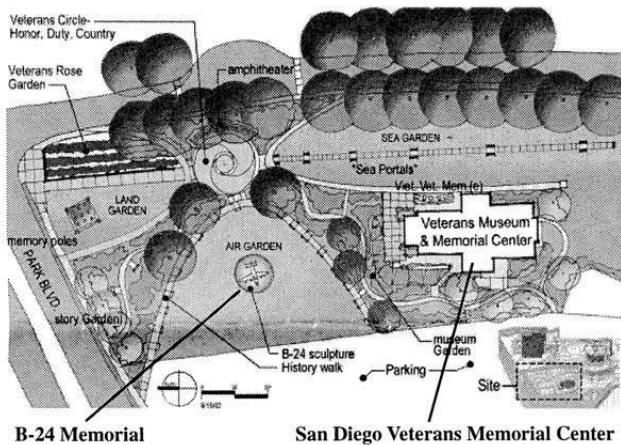
We are asking you to help us spread the word about the B-24 memorial to your members by publishing this letter and application form in an upcoming issue of your newsletter. We realize the amount of space needed to run this information in your newsletter is considerable, but I'm sure you'll agree that it's a worthy cause.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions regarding this tremendous project and thank you in advance for your support.

Most Sincerely,

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Send Tax Deductible Contributions to:
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B-24 Memorial – San Diego Application Form

✦ Print name, rank or position, and branch of service or company.

(Example: Robert A. Smith, T/Sgt. USAAF - or - Robert A. Smith, Manager, CAC)

Name: _____

✦ Print military unit or civilian company that you wish your name to be printed under.

(Example: Consolidated Aircraft Corporation - or - 455th Bomb Group (H), 15th AF)

Military unit or civilian company: _____

✦ Check one of following if you wish it included after name: POW; MIA; KIA

Your name (If different from above): _____

Street address: _____

City/State: _____ Zip: _____

Tel. number: (_____) _____ - _____ Fax: (_____) _____ - _____

Email: _____

Amount of contribution: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: **“B-24 Memorial – San Diego”**

(A receipt will be mailed for every contribution as required by the IRS to make you eligible for an itemized deduction under Sec. 501 (c) (3) of the Federal Tax Code.)

Please check level of donation:

- _____ \$500.00 or more: Name to be placed on B-24 Memorial; plus all below.
- _____ \$100.00 or more: Name listed on Donor Honor Roll to be placed on permanent exhibit in VMC*, plus all below.
- _____ \$50.00 or more: Souvenir B-24 Data Plate** and one year free membership to the (VMC) Veterans Memorial Center*.
- _____ Less than \$50.00: I just can't afford to be a big contributor, but I'd like to help. One year free membership to the VMC*.

* The (VMC) Veterans Memorial Center is located in Balboa Park, San Diego, California, and will be the future home of the bronze B-24 Liberator Memorial. Membership includes six month subscription to the Veterans Journal (San Diego County Edition), which starts following completion of B-24 Memorial.
 **The souvenir B-24 Data plate, enclosed in plexiglass, features B/Gen. Robert L. Cardenas, 44th Bomb Group.

Please be sure to send this form to the address shown on this form, and not to the 380th Bomb Group Association.