

# Distinct Designs

Construction

1003 West Oak Denton, Texas 76201  
940-387-5322 Fax 940-381-0387

July 24, 2000

Commissioners Court  
Courthouse on the Square  
110 W. Hickory Street  
Denton, Texas 76201

Dear Commissioners;

A small group of concerned citizens are working together to work on the Civil War monument located on the South side of the square. We have put together a team of citizens of diverse walks of life and expertise. The intention is to reestablish the monument to a plumb and upright position, clean the structure and facilitate the reinstallation of water and electricity to the monument that was dedicated to our civil war veterans in 1918.

Mr. Willie Hudspeth has taken the primary leadership role in this effort. Mr. Hudspeth has brought together a quality team of local talent and professional experts in the field of construction and restoration. Just some of the companies and individuals involved are:

Distinct Designs Construction, Salty Rishel (26 years of experience specialty restoration), McCarty Construction Company, Inc. Bill McCarty (40 plus year of construction expertise and crane owner and operator), Michael Cunningham, (32 year of experience, Professional Artist, Media Stone, Specialty monuments designed, carved and erected), Commissioned and did the War memorial on the Denton Courthouse South West Corner). A & M Plumbing, Robert Bell (30 plus of plumbing repair and installation), Denton County Foundations, Bill Baird (35 plus years of foundation repairs), Dan Smith Concrete, Dan Smith (30 years concrete placement), McCain's Overhead Door, Ray McCain (20 experience), just to name a few of the highly qualified local experts involved with this team.

The monument will be disassembled and re assembled for the work to be done. There are basically eleven elements or parts to the structure. It is expected that the soldier figure at the top of the monument of be cradled at its base and lifted by crane to a crate on a truck and will be taken to a



9

shop for cleaning and sealing. The two globes or ball on either side of the figure will also be removed, packed and sent to the shop for cleaning, sealing and safe storage.

The decorative top keystone, which could weight as much as 4000 pounds would then be lifted and placed on the ground. The other column elements would follow. These elements would be left at site and re-worked there for pinning work and placement.

The foundation would be evaluated to determine if the base foundation should be repaired, leveled and repaired or is it should be remove and a new drilled pier foundation installed and created. New water lines and electricity lines and fixtures would be also installed.

The unit would then be re-erected, using stainless steel pins and masonry grout. The monument now has several chips and stone edges missing and all such damage will be repair after erection of the monument.

We ask at this time for your continued help, support and cooperation on this worthy effort.

Thank you again for your dedication and encouragement with this county landmark and its preservation.

Sincerely at your service,



Salty Rishel

SR/wgr