



Merit Award

POD Design

Category: Landscape Architecture Conceptual

Design Consultant: Shanghai LSCP Landscape Architectural Design Co.

Narrative Summary:

The City of Dublin originally envisioned a single piece of art to honor their Veterans. The design team proposed a park-like setting based on a series of stories and sculptures connected to Dublin's historic core. Various events throughout American history are depicted by using the stories – often in letter form - of individual Dublin residents. The site is arranged into the following areas:

Stories of Dublin

The journey begins at a gateway that draws the community into the site from the heart of historic Dublin. This axis leads to the park with a flagpole anchoring the view. The gateway showcases the first in a series of bronze art pieces depicting the freedoms enjoyed in American way of life, a grandfather holding his granddaughter's hand.

Celebration of Service

The existing hillside offers the opportunity to work native Dublin stone walls into the grade. The walls take on the forms of the stripes of a waving flag and contain plaques honoring the five military branches with stories from local residents.

Beyond the entrance is the first of a series of letters depicting inspirational historical events through the eyes of children. This first letter is based on John Davis, a 16-year-old who served in the Revolutionary War before settling in Dublin. The letter and statue are located at the entry to the existing historic cemetery, reminding visitors of Dublin's roots.

Reflections of Pride

Next the visitor enters a reflective space focusing on what it means to serve for individuals and their families. A letter written by a young boy to his older brother directs attention to a sculpture depicting the tradition of service star banners situated in a clearing in the woods.

Stories of Compassion

Several stories are depicted along the wooded path, each about a compassionate act by our men and women in uniform. These stories are as simple as a bronze Raggedy Ann Doll atop a wall, symbolizing the early involvement of Marines with "Toys for Tots", with a thank you letter to a marine. Where the new path meets the existing nature trail, an e-mail message from nephew to uncle asks about the courage needed to enter the towers to save lives on 9/11.

Expressions of Gratitude

The final art piece is a bronze circle of children holding hands in a joyful game. This area hopes to inspire visitors to show their appreciation to our veterans and invites them to express it by obtaining the name and address of a local military person from the library and write them their own letter.

Set among the dramatic natural features at the edge of historic Dublin, the Veterans Project will provide an exceptional setting for the community to express its appreciation to our servicemen and women. The visitor will interact with a series of sculpturally depicted stories, providing a dynamic journey and a heightened sense of connection to their hometown. The park will recognize the past and the present while inspiring the future generations of Dublin residents.

Plan: Illustrative Site Plan

Figure A: Sketch of Open Lawn near Major Flagpole
Bronze sculpture of children playing at the base.

Figure B: Sketch of Open Lawn used for community gatherings and commemorative ceremonies.

Figure C: Reflections of Pride sketch showing reflecting pond.

Figure D: Stories of Compassion sketch – brick ravine overlook with "Clara & brother" bronze art piece.



Figure A



Figure B



Figure C

Figure D

