



Much information has been published in newspapers about the new football stadium built in memory of former students who died during the wars. This is a wonderful tribute, one which will be remembered and cherished by members of the school in years to come. To many, the building will be in memory of soldiers; to others, it will always bring memories of fellows who worked and played beside them and honored them with their friendship.

The Aggie Memorial Committee - composed of New Mexico A & M faculty members, students, alumni, and Las Cruces business men - spent more than four years in deliberation before finally accepting the tower-stadium as an appropriate memorial to Aggie war dead.

Foremost consideration of the committee was the selection of a memorial which would appropriately honor the 119 Aggie war dead and the 2125 alumni and former students who were in the services of the United States. At the same time, the memorial had to be a living monument - something which could be used for generations to come; something to perpetuate the memory of those who contributed so much. The committee felt that any memorial which did less would slight those who were to be honored.

The Group Life Council met in January after the attack at Pearl Harbor and discussed the building of a memorial for the school. At that time the only memorial on the campus was the one to Hiram Hadley which stands in front of Hadley Hall. Dean O'Donnell, then Dean of Students, appointed a committee with Professor W. Earl Beem as chairman, for the purpose of drawing up plans for a memorial building. Other permanent members of the committee were Miss Era Rentfrow, Registrar of the college, the editor of the "Round-Up," and the president of the Student Commission. Money donated to this fund was turned into war bonds. Drives for money were not inaugurated at that time. In 1946 the committee began a concerted drive to get donations with a goal of \$165,000, a little less than the actual cost of the stadium. The committee had expanded by this time and an all-out effort was made to receive contributions and obtain pledges for their goal.

The committee suffered many ups and downs in collecting money. Mr. Carter Womack, now president of the El Paso Electric Company, was appointed director of the Dona Ana County Drive. To date, paid contributions amount to \$50,000, with many pledges still not paid. Another drive is scheduled for the month of September and it is hoped that enough money will be collected to finish payment of the stadium.

The outstanding feature of the stadium will be the memorial tower. This structure, built on the west side of the stadium, will house the Memorial Room with its pictures, plaques, and records of the 119 Aggie war dead. Electric chimes will be placed in the tower later, to be used for playing melodies on holidays and for the daily campus calls-to-classes. In connection with this will be a complete amplifying system for the stadium.

Directly above the memorial room will be the two press boxes, the upper for radio and the lower for newspaper and publicity men. These will provide New Mexico A & M with some of the finest press facilities in the state.

The stadium will be an asset to the college and a memorial that students present and past will be proud of. The dedication ceremony for the memorial stadium will be held September 16, 1950, before the football game between New Mexico Aggies and Hardin Simmons Cowboys. President Branson will officiate at this ceremony.

The stadium is to perpetuate and commemorate the memory of the following former Aggies:

Lt. Ellis J. Ackerman	S/Sgt Garland G. Alcorn
Sgt. Pilot Richard F. Anderson	Lt. Melecio Apodaca
Pfc Bryan Armstrong	Sgt. William T. Atchley
Lt. Willis W. Baird	Lt. Darwin C. Becker
Charles Leon Billups	Byron C. Beal
Eugene Bleiler	Lt. (jg) Joseph J. Block
Lt. Frank E. Budenholzer	T/4 Ernesto G. Burciaga
Sgt. Francis W. Cade	Sgt. Lew Ira Calkins
Andrew B. Candelaria	Lt. Robert Lee Carr
Capt John L. Chapin	Lt. Albert F. Chase
Sgt. Alex T. Chavez	Lt. Harold D. Colvard
Lt. Wade H. Corn, Jr.	Lt. Joseph M. Coyle
Cadet A. J. Cunico	S2/c Jack D. Dale
F/O Ralph E. Davies	Lt (jg) Frank M. Delgado
Cpl. William A. Eakens	Sgt. Robert Ray Earp
Byron Eby	Sgt. Thomas R. Edmondson, Jr.
Lt. Leo M. Eminger	Lt. Pecos U. Finley

William C. Beaty
Lt. Romuald J. Franey
Lt. Chris Peter Fox, Jr.
Lt. Francis W. Gallagher
Pilot H. G. Gilbert, Jr.
Capt Walter K. Goss
Lt. Robert W. Gray
Sgt. Frank Tracy Haggard
Lt. Choctaw A. Harp, Jr.
Ensign Robert Hedley
Pvt. Otho W. Holtzclaw
Lt. (jg) Marvin P. Horton, Jr.
Lt. Clarence Edwin Huston
Capt. Hubert P. Jeffus
T/Sgt George M. Jones
Pfc. Franklin Eugene Ladd
Capt. Gerald E. Leach
Lt. Herman W. Lewis
Thomas Vernon Long
Capt. William R. Ludwig
Lt. Col. Jesse Mechem
Lt. Com. John T. McFie
Lt. Paul McLaughlin
S/Sgt. Arnold A. Orosco
T/Sgt. Thomas Marion Palmer
Francis B. Powell
Lt. James S. Quesenberry
Capt. James F. Redford
Lt. Robert J. Remondini
Lt. George Salazar
Sgt. Robert T. Shields
Capt. John M. Silva
Capt. Charles Russell Sparks
Herman Sedillo
A/C Fred Gifford Thayer
Lt. Dallas R. Thorpe
Lt. Col. John Palmer Usher
Lt. Vincent Van Dersarl
Lt. James M. Wilkerson
Robert Joseph Williams
Elbert E. Wood
Capt. Warren M. Wright
Lt. Ted E. Lavilla

S/Sgt John R. Flowers
Lt. William Neil Foster
Lt. Edward D. Fuller
Lt. Joe H. Gardner
Lt. Rey F. Gonzales
Lt.(sg) Edward E. Gray
Lt. Wiley Grizzle, Jr.
Lt. Vernon D. Hall
Lt. William W. Harris
Lt. Hans Richard Heyne
Richard Baker Hunt
Lt. Billy Drew Hunter
George H. Huston
Neal Kenneth Johnson
Sgt. Melvin E. Jones
Lt. Harold E. Lane
Lt. Jack W. Lee
Lt. Col. Halley H. Lisle
Cpl. William E. Love
Lt. Don W. Lusk, Jr.
Capt. John R. McCorkle
S/Sgt. Charles D. McGinley
Capt. J. LaVerne Nicklas
Lt. Ralph P. Ortiz
Sgt. Joe Parks
Lt. Henry Provencio
Wilmer E. Ragsdale
Capt. Oren R. Reichelt
Lt. Joseph L. Resley
Lt. Reese Savelle
Capt. Lee Silbo
Lt. Roy W. Skipworth
Lt. William James Spence
Lt. Frank D. Taylor
Lt. Robert C. Thompson
Lt. William E. Trogstad
Lt. Placido Vigil
Capt. Frank L. Wayne
Brig. Gen. James E. Wharton
Harvey D. Williamson
Lt. Speegle J. Wood
Lt. Delmar W. Yenser