



12 March 2026

Dear Gunrunner Family, Friends and Supporters,

For the past three years the HMA HMLA-269 Gunrunners Alumni Association has been working to obtain approval for placement of a Memorial Marker in the Lejeune Memorial Gardens (LMG) in Jacksonville, NC. We submitted a formal gift proposal for the 269 Commemorative Memorial to the Marine Corps in 2024 and our gift proposal was accepted by the Secretary of the Navy in late 2025. The last remaining step in the approval process is issuance of a license by the Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command (NAVFAC) in Norfolk, Virginia to begin construction. Based on our discussions with NAVFAC and Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, we are confident that we are approaching the “last mile” of this journey to build the monument. We expect to begin construction within the next few months and can then start planning a dedication event in earnest. It has been a long process to be sure, but through perseverance and your continued support we will soon have a beautiful Gunrunner Memorial.

We have an approved design, and the granite marker stone is ready for engraving and placement once the site preparation is completed (See depiction below). As previously mentioned, our Memorial will be placed in close proximity to the LMG Welcome Center and the new Carolina Museum of the Marine (<https://www.museumofthemarine.org>) which will open in June.

On the fundraising front, we have reached our campaign goal of \$150,000 and have raised this money through a combination of individual donors, grants and corporate funding. We could not have arrived at this point without the support of hundreds of Gunrunners, their families and friends of 269. In addition, local government and businesses have played a key role in advocating for our effort with Marine Corps leadership. The generous financial support from these organizations has been critical to highlight that our campaign has the necessary resources to succeed in this endeavor. That said, we will soon be initiating a “Buy a Brick” campaign for individual sponsors to honor specific loved ones, friends and supporters. These inscribed bricks will be placed around the base of the memorial and the walkway leading up to the memorial. More information on this effort will be available very soon.

You may now be asking yourselves how you can help. We are searching for current contact information for the next of kin of those heroes whose names will appear on the wall. If you have any contact information or perhaps a lead, then please reach out to us at contact@269gunrunners.org. Our intent is to invite those immediate family members to the dedication ceremony. Although the exact timeline for the dedication ceremony is not yet firm, we are hoping for late summer 2026.

Finally, we would like to extend our deepest appreciation to everyone who has supported this ongoing campaign. We could not do it without you and will provide updates as the effort moves forward.

Semper Fidelis,

HMA/HMLA-269 Gunrunners Alumni Association

<https://269gunrunners.org>

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Depiction of the approved design:



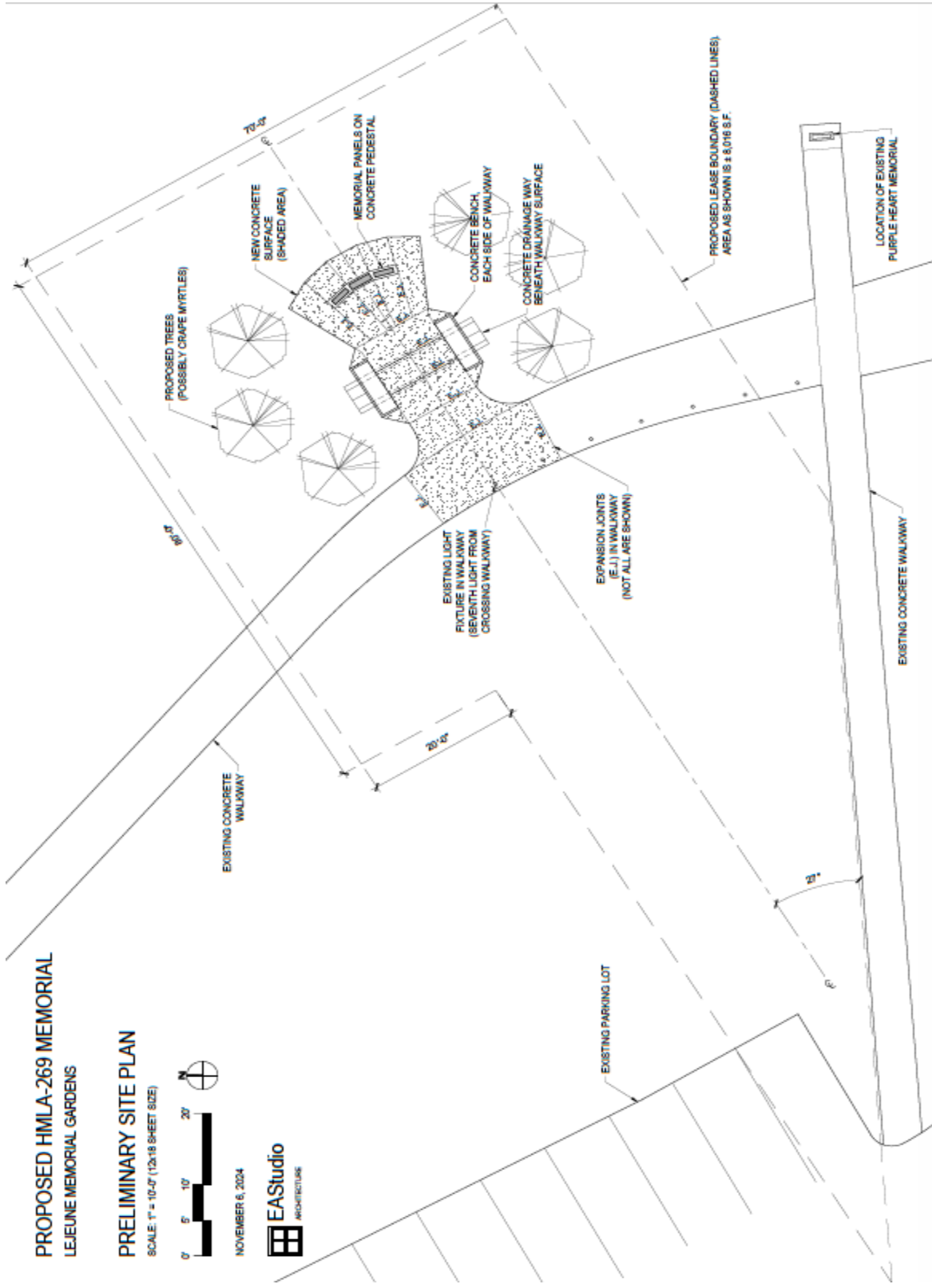
PROPOSED HMLA-269 MEMORIAL
LEJEUNE MEMORIAL GARDENS

PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN

SCALE: 1" = 10'-0" (12x18 SHEET SIZE)



NOVEMBER 6, 2024



Our Fallen Heroes:

Dusenbury, T. A.	CAPT	AUG 1979
Young, S. C.	1STLT	AUG 1979
Ovens, D. M.	CAPT	AUG 1979
Stringer, W. A.	1STLT	AUG 1979
Jacobsen, D. E.	LT MC USN	FEB 1981
Pagel, J. M.	CAPT	FEB 1981
Stringer, C. M.	CAPT	MAY 1981
Frendak, T. J.	1STLT	MAY 1981
Beam, D. H.	CAPT	SEP 1981
Trundy, D. R.	1STLT	SEP 1981
Giguere, J. P.	MAJ	OCT 1983
Seagle, J. F.	CAPT	OCT 1983
Scharver, J. R.	1STLT	OCT 1983
Haworth, D. S.	MAJ	OCT 1987
Royal, K. L.	CAPT	OCT 1988
Boulton, B. A.	MAJ	MAY 1989
Wilkes, M. P.	1STLT	MAY 1989
Good III, L. R.	CPL	MAY 1989
Miles, T. A.	CPL	MAY 1989
Rossell, M. F.	LCPL	MAY 1989
Travis, T. O.	CAPT	NOV 1989
Vidusek, M. W.	CAPT	NOV 1989
Stutzman, P. D.	CPL	JUL 1992
Pulaski, J. M.	LCPL	JUL 1992
Lenderman, M. L.	LTCOL	SEP 1993
Nelson, J. D.	LTCOL	SEP 1993
Curtin, P. J.	MAJ USA	SEP 1993
Rullman, M. D.	CAPT	SEP 1993
Boggan, J. H.	CAPT	JUL 1997
Cox, C. A.	CAPT	JUL 1997
Iannelli, R. K.	CAPT	SEP 2011