

The David & Sandy Long 'Never Forget Garden'

At America's Rose Garden

The American Rose Society's first contribution to the Centennial of the Unknown Soldier was to designate an area at America's Rose Garden as our own 'Never Forget Garden'.



The 'Never Forget Garden' is now officially known as the **David & Sandy Long 'Never Forget Garden'**. They chose the garden as the place to carry their name after making a substantial gift to the gardens and the Great Garden Restoration Project. The naming is a perfect fit for Dave, a Navy Veteran who manned nuclear submarines as an engineer during the Cold War. The garden speaks to his pride of service, love of country, and to Sandy and Dave's commitment to never forget all those who served and sacrificed for our freedom.

America's Rose Garden's 'Never Forget Garden' is indeed a special place. Like the garden marker, it is inspired by America's unshakable sacred duty and commitment to never forget or forsake those who served and sacrificed on behalf of our country in times of war or armed conflict. It is now a garden where every visitor will remember their own loved ones. The **Dave & Sandy Long 'Never Forget Garden'** will be dedicated on June 5, 2021.

The garden is at the site of three flag poles on which which fly the American Flag, the official Centennial Flag, a flag that says "Honor and Remember," and the site of the 'Never Forget' garden tablet. These items were donated by the Illinois-Indiana District of ARS.

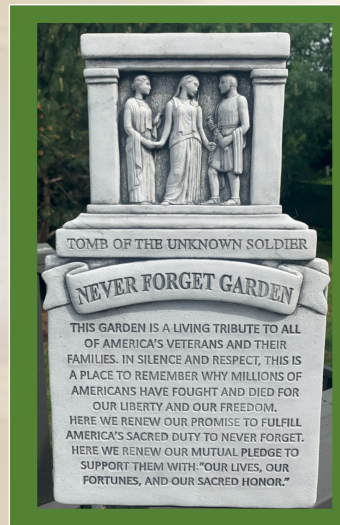
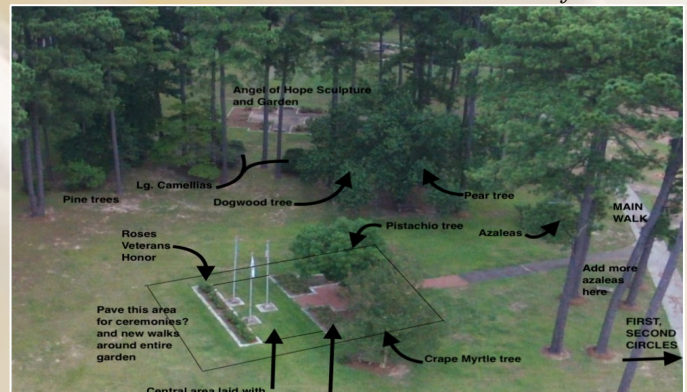
Teak garden benches were donated by Veterans Dave and Cindy Dale, and Al and Sara Coleman.

The 'Never Forget' garden marker (right) can be purchased from the Society of the Honor Guard, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at this site:
www.tombguard.org/store
11" x 17" - \$99 plus shipping.



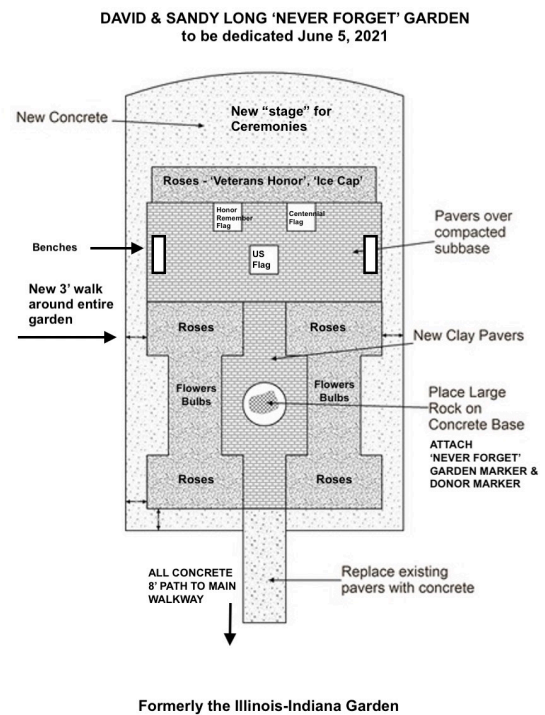
The garden is planted with red 'Veterans' Honor' and white 'Ice Cap' roses, pink roses, and other flowers (and trees including pine and dogwood) that express love, life, hope, resistance, courage, valor and remembrance, including agapanthus, daisies, and the red poppy of Flanders' Field.

The Long's very generous gift has allowed us to enhance the space with new walks and provides a platform for staging Memorial Day and Veterans' Day ceremonies, memorials, and other patriotic events. It will also provide an area where engraved brick memorials for veterans can be. *See order form below.*






Above: before we removed the tree in the center. A large natural stone will be installed in its place. Above right: area is framed for concrete walks and brick center “floor.” Below, left: adding a new “stage.” Right: construction plan.



Below, the new 'Never Forget' rose by Fabien Ducher, of Roseraie Ducher, Lyon France. Top right: dogwood tree; bottom right: agapanthus.

BRICK PAVER for NEVER FORGET GARDEN

4" x 8" - \$100 – Includes engraving up to 39 characters.
 3/4" lettering. 3 lines per brick; up to 13 characters per
 line (including spaces). Send to carol@rose.org



Three rows of empty boxes for writing, each row containing 12 boxes.

