



Western Texas College Foundation INSPIRE Program

Completed applications must be received on or before the due date to the Western Texas College Foundation c/o: Melanie Schwertner, WTC Visitor Center (Bldg. 22). Applicants are encouraged to submit all necessary documents as soon as possible to assure that a last minute delay will not preclude consideration for a program award.

1. APPLICANT INFORMATION

FIRST NAME: Barbara LAST NAME: Beebe
DEPARTMENT: President's Office TITLE: President
EMAIL ADDRESS: bbeebe@wtc.edu PHONE: 325-574-6501

2. PROJECT

Project Name: WTC Salutes our Veterans

Fund Amount Requested: \$ 5,000

Amount of funding from other sources for project: \$ None

Have you applied for funding before from the Western Texas College Foundation? YES NO

If yes, for what project and how much did you receive? WTC 50th Anniversary Celebration in 2019, \$5,000
WTC Anniversary Celebration in 2018, \$5,000

Project Abstract (In the space below, please provide a one to two sentence description of project):

Using Tyrone, PA Veterans Banners as an inspiration, I would like to prepare a customized flag for this years Veterans Day speaker, without them knowing, and unveil it at the ceremony. In addition, I would like to purchase customized flags for all current WTC Veterans, again without them knowing (for this initial year) and line our walkway with them for Veterans Day and other patriotic ceremonies.

If we open the purchase of customized Veterans Flags to the community, as they did in Tyrone, this could be a wonderful WTC fund-raiser. Ultimately, it would be great to see such flags line College Ave as people come onto campus.

3. PROJECT PROPOSAL

Please prepare a project proposal (no longer than 2-3 pages) that includes the items listed below. Additional pages may be included to provide supporting documentation if needed.

A. Description

- Provide a detailed description of the proposed activity or program
- Outline how completion of the proposed activity will benefit students, the department, division or the institution. Is there a community benefit?

Taken from: The Stories Behind The Banners: An Eagle Eye Veterans Day Project

<https://tyroneeagleeyenews.com/the-stories-behind-the-banners-an-eagle-eye-veterans-day-project/>



Emails to and from Tyrone Improvement Group about their project:

On Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 02:00:49 PM EDT, Barbara Beebe <bbeebe@wtc.edu> wrote:

Good afternoon!

A faculty member sent me the link below to a story about your group spearheading the Veterans Day flags in your city. He and his wife were in your city, just loved the flags, and asked me if I had any interest in doing the same for our campus (and potentially spurring on our city to do the same.)

What a wonderful idea!

I am so excited about the project and was wondering if you could share with me where you had the banners made, how much they were, and how you got buy-in for the project.

I wish we could fund them ourselves, but unfortunately, that is not the case. We do, however, hold a Veterans Day Ceremony every year and would love to spearhead this project by perhaps having a banner or flag made in honor of this year's speaker, without anyone knowing about it, then unveiling it at the ceremony. We have many senior Veterans who attend every year and it would be so wonderful to have banners made in their honor as well.

I can't tell you how excited I am about this! Any information you would be willing to share I would sincerely appreciate.

Thank you for your time and for such a magnificent idea to honor our Veterans!

Barb

Barbara R. Beebe, Ph.D.

President

Western Texas College

<https://tyroneagleeyenews.com/the-stories-behind-the-banners-an-eagle-eye-veterans-day-project/>

From: **Tyrone Improvement Group** <tyroneimprovementgroup@yahoo.com>

Date: Thu, Sep 14, 2023 at 8:28 PM

Subject: Re: Veterans Banners

To: Barbara Beebe <bbeebe@wtc.edu>

Barbara,

Thank you for contacting us. The Veterans Banners are a labor of love. It was a really simple idea that quickly became an overwhelming success. Our Group, The Tyrone Improvement Group, is very passionate about our Veterans and felt that our town needed to honor them.

Our Group met and decided what to charge for the banners. A local Photographer has volunteered his time and works with a company that makes the banners. I can give you his information if you'd be interested in learning more on what all that involves.

First, I went to any local organization that is associated with Veterans i.e. VFW, The American Legion, and our local borough. None of them were able or willing to spearhead the program. However, the American Legion and VFW does volunteer their time to help in any way they can.

Second, I put together a simple registration form and made it available on our Facebook page (at this time we didn't have a website) and paper copies at the Chamber of Commerce and local businesses that our members own. On that form (I have attached) it explained how much the banners are \$75.00, what information was needed (Name, which branch, rank, dates of service), and a picture. We have a lot of WWI, WW2, and Koren War Veterans so a lot of the pictures are hard copy (the photographer would then take a picture of the picture so that he could "clean" it up. We gave a time frame of a mth to get the information and pictures to us.

The Second year we had the Banners we had a rehanging fee. We did have to purchase Bracketts to hang the banners from, other then the brackets all the money goes to Veteran Causes.

They are Hung on the Light poles in the downtown area by volunteers. The First year we had 120 entrees, the second 210, and this last year 250. They hang from Memorial Day to Veterans Day.

I am so excited that our little town project made it to Texas! Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Ann Osborne President