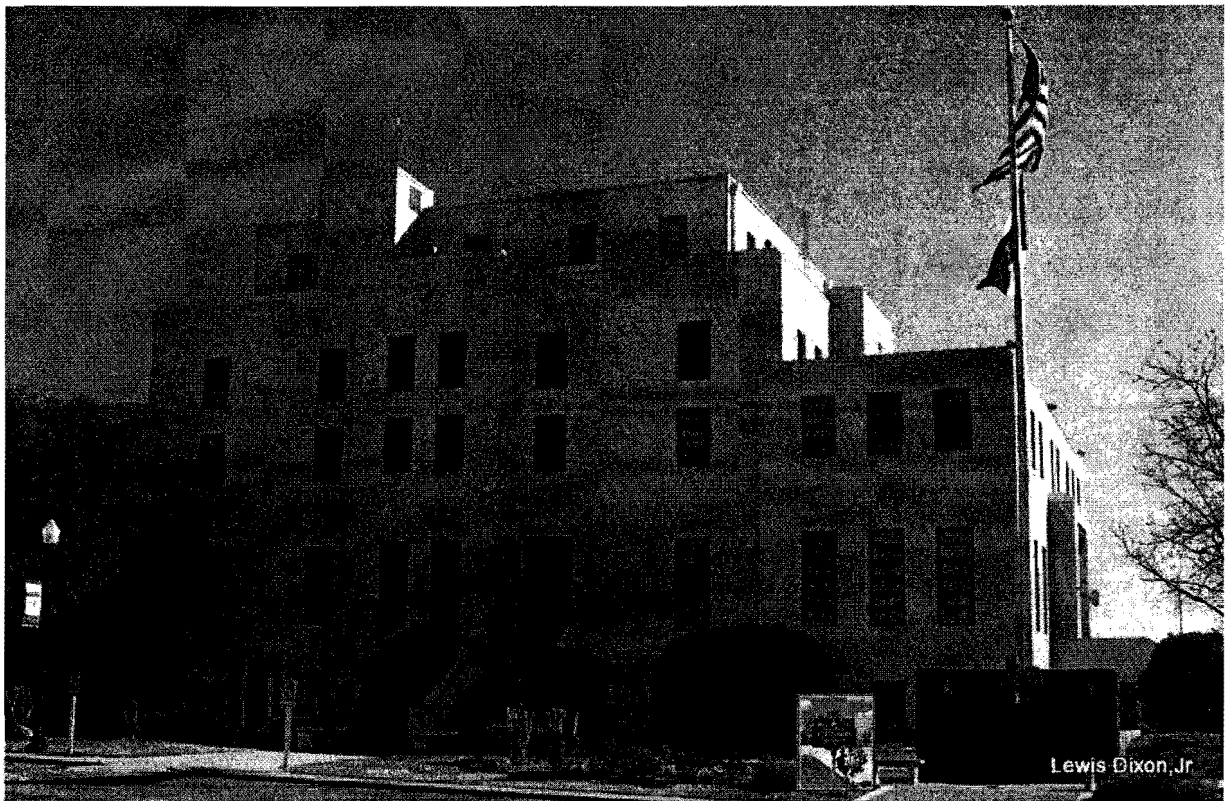


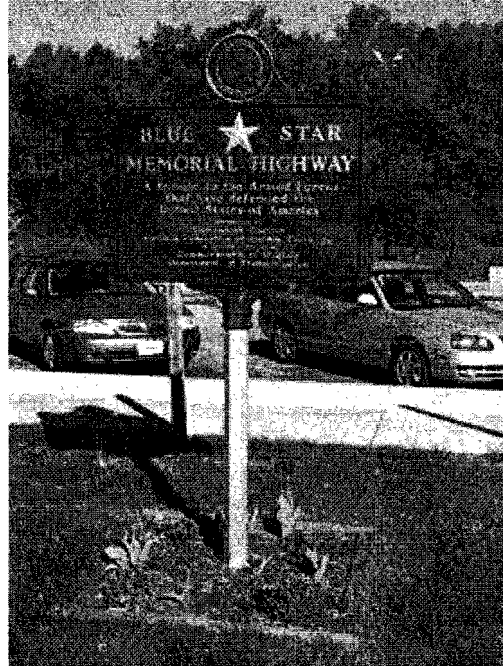
PROPOSED LOCATION OF GOLD STAR MARKER



Honoring Those Who Have Served Our Country



The Blue Star Memorial Program honors all men and women that serve in the United States Armed Services. This program began with the planting of 8,000 Dogwood trees by the New Jersey Council of Garden Clubs in 1944 as a living memorial to veterans of World War II. In 1945, the National Council of State Garden Clubs adopted this program and began a Blue Star Highway system that covers thousands of miles across the Continental United States, Alaska, and Hawaii. A large metal Blue Star Memorial Highway Marker was placed at appropriate locations along the way.



Propose to place in the center of the grassy area just to the right of the entrance to the MP/TC Chamber of Commerce parking area, near the Intersection of US Hwy 271 and US Hwy 67. Mt. Pleasant will be only the second city in the State of Texas to have both a Blue Star and a Gold Star Marker and the only City in the State to have all 3, including the original version stone monument circa 1950.

The Large Blue Star dedication will be Friday, May 17, 2019, just prior to Armed Forces Day on the following Saturday, at the site on the Chamber grounds.

The smaller Gold Star dedication will be Friday, May 24, 2019, just prior to Monday, May 26, 2019 Memorial Day, at the site at the Memorial Plaza, Titus County Courthouse.



Brian Lee

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Judge Lee,

As I mentioned previously, according to the Texas Division President, Gail Wilson, National Garden Club, Mt. Pleasant is now only the 2nd city in the entire State of Texas to have the honor of paying tribute to our Veterans and the families of those who served and those who paid the ultimate sacrifice with both a Blue Star and Gold Star Marker. Abilene being the other Texas location.

Beyond that, Mt. Pleasant, will be the only Texas community to have 3 National Garden Club Markers. The 3rd Marker, an engraved stone monument, located to the right of the tennis court area entrance into Dellwood Park, was dedicated in 1950 to honored all who served in WW I and WW II. The marker is accompanied by a Red Bud Tree in memory of all who served and a Dogwood Tree in memory of all who died in those conflicts.

The larger Blue Star Marker, has been approved for placement at the MP/TC Chamber of Commerce Office. This marker is double-sided, so that it may be visible from US Hwy 271 and US Hwy 67. It will be placed in the approximate center of the grassy area just to the right of the Chamber parking area entrance. I hope to conduct the Dedication Ceremony on the Friday May 17, 2019, prior to Armed Forces Day (Saturday). I hope you will be available to attend.

This brings me to the Gold Star Marker. It is much smaller in size and single sided. I am requesting that it be placed at the entrance to our Memorial Monument the War Dead of Titus County. I propose it be placed to the left(north) of the Memorial Plaza entrance, within the perimeter of the existing rose bed, and that it be mounted on a short pedestal, facing toward the Bell Tower and slightly angled back so the the bottom would be about waist height. I have attached a visual aid for you to have a better idea of my proposal. If this could be considered in January or February, if approved, that would allow time to get it in place before a dedication date...either Memorial Day(preferred) or Friday before Gold Star Mother's Day (last Sunday in September). In either case, I hope you will be available to attend.

This would give our community an NGC Blue Star Marker at the North end of town, NGC Gold Star Marker in the center of town and the NGC Stone Monument at the southern end.

We both agree that we are at the saturation point for monuments on the Square... but this is appropriate and will actually enhance the Memorial Plaza.

Both Markers were paid for from the funds of the Titus County Memorials, Markers, Monuments and Statues Fund, that resulted from donations from the public and community organizations.