



# Walk of Honor Salutes Military Veterans

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Universal Precast Concrete Inc. of Redding, Calif., recently contributed to the final touches of a long-anticipated Veterans Walk of Honor. The memorial, erected in a vacant lot owned by the nearby City of Anderson, is a tribute to the men and women who have served in the U.S. military, whether in times of war or peace.

The Walk of Honor includes a 72-ft-long, 20-ft-high wall made of seven precast concrete panels that Universal Precast formed with the image of the American flag. A bronze latticed wall on the opposite side of the memorial park bears the names of about 300 local veterans who have served their country with honor. Arranged throughout the Walk of Honor are 6-ft-tall precast concrete letters, also cast by Universal. The letters represent major American conflicts:

- WWI for World War I
- WWII for World War II
- K representing the Korean War
- V representing the conflict in Vietnam
- DS representing Desert Storm
- I representing the war in Iraq
- A representing the struggle in Afghanistan

Universal also provided an 8-ft-tall precast concrete bald eagle sculpture and a monument sign bearing the seals of the branches of service. The park also features a 30-ft-tall flagpole, a brick walkway and benches. The entire project, which was two years in the planning and cost upwards of \$300,000, was funded primarily from private donations with some public funds. ■