

Connecticut State University System

BR#95-58



RESOLUTION

concerning

A GIFT TO CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

FROM THE

IWO JIMA SURVIVORS ASSOCIATION, INC.

JULY 21, 1995

WHEREAS, The Iwo Jima Survivors Association, Inc. has presented the Iwo Jima Memorial Monument located on University land adjoining Ella Grasso Boulevard to Central Connecticut State University, and

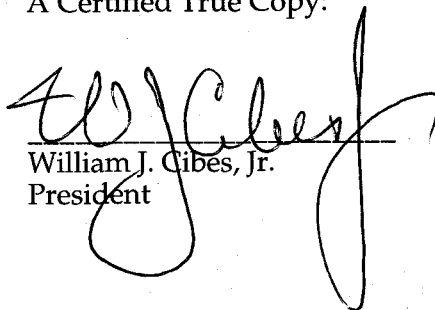
WHEREAS, This monument honors U.S. Servicemen who gave their lives in the battle of Iwo Jima in World War II, and

WHEREAS, The monument is said to be valued at \$300,000, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of the Connecticut State University System on behalf of Central Connecticut State University accepts the Iwo Jima Memorial located on University property adjoining Ella Grasso Boulevard, and be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of the Connecticut State University System requests Interim President Harris to inform the Iwo Jima Survivors Association, Inc. of its action.

A Certified True Copy:


William J. Gibes, Jr.
President



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*"Uncommon Valor was a
Common Virtue"*

July 20, 1995

*50th Anniversary Reunion
and Dedication of Monument
February 21 - 23, 1995*

Attn: Dr. Porter - Provost
Conn. State University

FAX # 832-0080

Dear Dr. Porter:

In planning the transfer of the Iwo Jima Memorial Monument and Park to Central Connecticut State University, I thought it would be helpful to review some of the mutual concerns we should probably try to resolve.

Since our unveiling and dedication of the monument on February 23rd, I have visited the area almost daily and have made the following observations.

The rate of visitors to the monument has been maintained or increased at a steady rate of from 50-100 people a day, with visitors numbering 500-600 on a holiday weekend (4th of July and Memorial Day) and approximately 250 on a normal weekend. On holiday weekends, we place 99 3'x5' American Flags on 8' poles around the perimeter of the monument park. This makes for a spectacular and beautiful display attracting many visitors. However, it requires daily maintenance and observation.

Other daily maintenance duties include:

Locking and unlocking of the gate at night, if the policy will be to lock the gate at night.

Inspecting of the area - i.e. pick up trash, papers, cigarette butts, etc.

Check literature box - literature replenished daily - we will supply literature.

Watering lawn and shrubs when needed during dry spells.

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In the fall, periodic leaf raking, shrub trimming general fall clean-up, bulb planting.

In the winter - Salting and/or sanding of ice spots, snow and ice removal.

In the spring - Lawn care - re-seeding, fertilizing and preventive maintenance, flower planting.

Maintenance that should be performed on a weekly basis includes the washing and cleaning of the polished black granite on the base of the monument and on the benefactor stone.

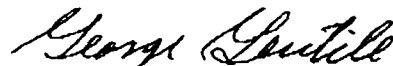
Every six months - washing and treatment of the bronze statue and bronze plaque. Replace 48 star flag on monument flag pole.

We suggest an all weather display case for literature which visitors may take free of charge. We have been supplying this since the dedication and we would continue to supply the brochure (copy available on request).

The trash that has been found discarded outside of trash receptacles on my daily visits has included: fast food restaurant paper containers, material, bottles, cans, a condom, a pornographic magazine, etc.

I would be happy to continue to supervise and see that proper maintenance and care is provided after the transfer if we can work out a mutually satisfactory arrangement. If you or the Board would like to discuss this further, please let me know.

Sincerely,



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ITEM

Iwo Jima Memorial Monument located on Ella Grasso Boulevard in New Britain.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This monument was donated to Central Connecticut State University by the Iwo Jima Survivors Association, Inc. The Iwo Jima Memorial Monument was constructed to honor U.S. servicemen who died in the battle of Iwo Jima.

The property on Ella Grasso Boulevard was transferred to Central Connecticut State University by the Department of Transportation. Central Connecticut State University entered into an agreement with the Iwo Jima Survivors Association to permit the Association to construct the monument and donate it to the University. Central has agreed to assume all costs for insurance, maintenance, and upkeep of the Monument and premises. Central and the Iwo Jima Survivors Association have agreed to work together to determine suitable measures for permanent lighting, maintenance, and security of the monument and premises.

PRESIDENT'S RECOMMENDATION

Accept the monument valued at \$300,000 located on Ella Grasso Boulevard from the Iwo Jima Survivors Association, Inc.