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Jeff: Logistics will prevent an actual letter signed by Governor Gordon today, but we do have some suggestions for your consideration. There are numerous sites perfect for the Heroes Garden. I mention these four, not at the exclusion of the many sites that are equally appropriate, but as examples.

1) Locations:

Dubois, WY

Dubois is located in Northwest Wyoming, easily accessible through Jackson Hole from the West, or from the East, North or South. In addition to the destination, the journey to Dubois could include Teton and Yellowstone Parks, Cody, the Wind River Reservation or Thermopolis, home to naturally occurring hot springs. There is currently a military vehicle museum (<https://nmm.org>) that would complement the Heroes Garden. In addition, the Bighorn Sheep center is located in Dubois.

2) Northeast Wyoming (Sheridan or Campbell County).

This area is served by Interstate 25 and 90, has national forests and BLM land readily available. The location would provide visitors an opportunity to see Mount Rushmore, Devils Tower (first National Monument) and the Heroes Garden. Thunder Basin Grasslands is also in the vicinity.

Casper or Cheyenne: Being the two largest cities in Wyoming, both served by interstate highways, provide access and opportunity. Both have ample space and museums housing military history, pioneer history, art and other attractions.

Statues for loan: At this time, I believe all of the following are on permanent display, but perhaps a loan agreement could be reached or replicas produced. All the statues are of prominent people of the West and Wyoming.

Buffalo Bill Cody
Esther Hobart Morris (first woman justice of the peace)
Sacagawea
Chief Washakie

Suggestions for new Heroes:

Louisa Ann Swain: First Woman in the United States to vote in a general election.

The West was settled by cowboys, ranchers, mountain men, cattle and sheep growers. Perhaps a representative statue of any of the above, such as the bucking horse and rider, might be considered.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this endeavor.

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