



Royal Gorge Lodge # 2866

August 17, 2023

Dear Royal George Lodge OSDIA member:

As a rewarding portion of our activities in the Royal George Lodge (2866) of the Order of Sons & Daughters of Italy in America (OSDIA), we are helping to organize a special event honoring Fremont County Veterans during the November 2023 timeframe. We are planning that, for each of our local country's veterans who are of Italian heritage, a Memorial Brick will be engraved on the **Fremont County Memorial Wall**, a special location at the Fremont County Airport. The placement of a Memorial Brick would be a particular honor for an OSDIA member to sponsor a relative or friend.

To be eligible for this award, the veteran must have a Fremont County connection at some time during his/her life: e.g., attending or graduating from Fremont County schools, or having lived at some time in Fremont County. We have attached two files that describe (1) the Memorial Wall, and (2) the nomination form that needs to be submitted to the Fremont County Director of Veterans Affairs. To avoid any duplication of effort, please send all information to either Ed Westwater or John Carochi, and we will communicate directly with the local Director of Fremont County Veterans Service Office, Marty Peek, Veteran Service Officer. The cost to have a brick engraved on the "Wall" is \$50. You can sponsor and pay the \$50, have the honoree pay, or if you need assistance with the payment submit the name and contact information to one of us for assistance. All fees should be sent directly to one of us, and we will submit the candidates in toto.

In addition, if you have an obituary of your chosen veteran(s), please forward it to either of us, and any military information would also be appreciated. Add any special stories you would like to share as we will serve as a repository of this information, and at some point, we will share it with our Royal Gorge Lodge members.

Thank you in advance for your response. This project will be ongoing as a part of our RG Lodge Veterans Committee.

With pride in our organization's veterans:

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1317 Field Ave, Canon City, CO 81212

Batch # _____

Panel: _____

Brick # _____

VETERAN'S INFORMATION

Row: _____ Col: _____

Name: _____
(FIRST, MI, LAST, as it is to appear on the Memorial Bricks)

Rank: _____
(PVT, SGT, CPT)

Branch of Service: _____
(USA, USN, USAF, USMC, USCG)

Period of Service: _____
(WW1, WW2, Kor, VN, PG, PT)

WAS VETERAN: KILLED-IN-ACTION MIA POW

Resident of Fremont County at time of Enlistment: Yes No (Check appropriate box)

SPONSOR'S INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Telephone: _____ Other Telephone: _____

Relation to Veteran: _____ Amt. Paid \$ _____ Receipt #: _____

**Please make your check payable to : Royal Gorge Lodge #2866
Note in Memo Area: Veterans Memorial Wall**

**Please send to: Bill Scutti
444 Glenmoor Rd.
Canon City, CO 81212**

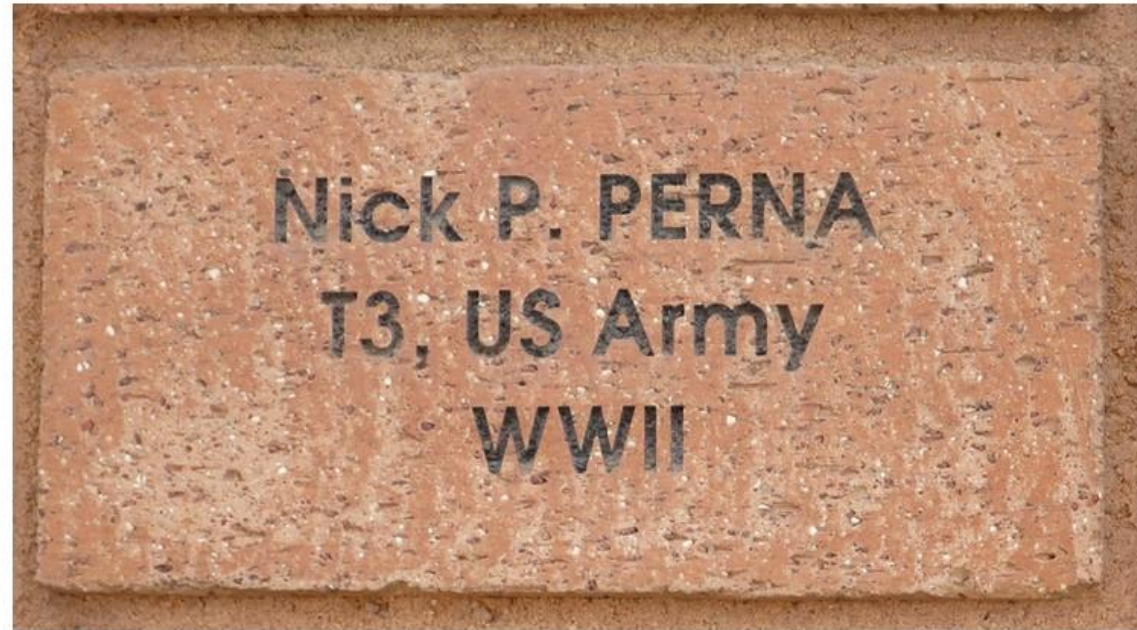
Fremont County Memorial Wall



Fremont County Memorial Wall: Major Details

- Located at Fremont County Airport
- Memorial is constructed of 2,119 bricks with 1,737 veteran's names currently engraved.
- The price of each brick is \$50.00
- Orders for new inscriptions are not made until 50 names have been submitted.
- <https://www.fremontco.com/veteran-services/memorial-wall>

Example of a Memorial Wall Brick



Pictures from Memorial Wall Website
<https://www.fremontco.com/veteran-services/memorial-wall>



Required form for Fremont County Veteran recognition on Memorial Wall

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Sons and Daughters of Italy
Royal George Chapter #2866
Fremont County Memorial Wall OSDIA Activity
Goals

- Identify Italian-American Veterans from Fremont County
- WWI, WWII, Korean War, Vietnam, Desert Shield, Global War on Terror
- Purchase blocks (\$50) for 30 to 50 Italian-American Veterans as identified by local members of OSDIA
- Conduct a dedication ceremony honoring the veterans who will be placed on the wall.

Fremont County Memorial Wall OSDIA Activity **Resources**

- The MEN and WOMEN in WORLD WAR II from FREMONT COUNTY (book and computer file)
- Computer files from Lakeside Cemetery (Canon City)
- Coordination with Fremont County Veteran's Service Office (Marty Peek)
- Coordination with Royal George Regional Museum and History Center
- Personal contact with every member of our local Royal George Chapter

Fremont County Memorial Wall OSDIA Activity Challenges

- Identification of Italian-American veterans with anglicized surnames (e.g , Ross from Rosso, Rossi, Rossa, Rosse)
- Identification of Italian-American veterans with maternal only heritage
- Determining accurate and comprehensive military identification
- Different computer file formats
- The shear volume of work involved

Fremont County Memorial Wall OSDIA Activity Primary Contacts

- John L. Carochi (royalgeorgeosia@bresnan.net)
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