

The Recognition Center

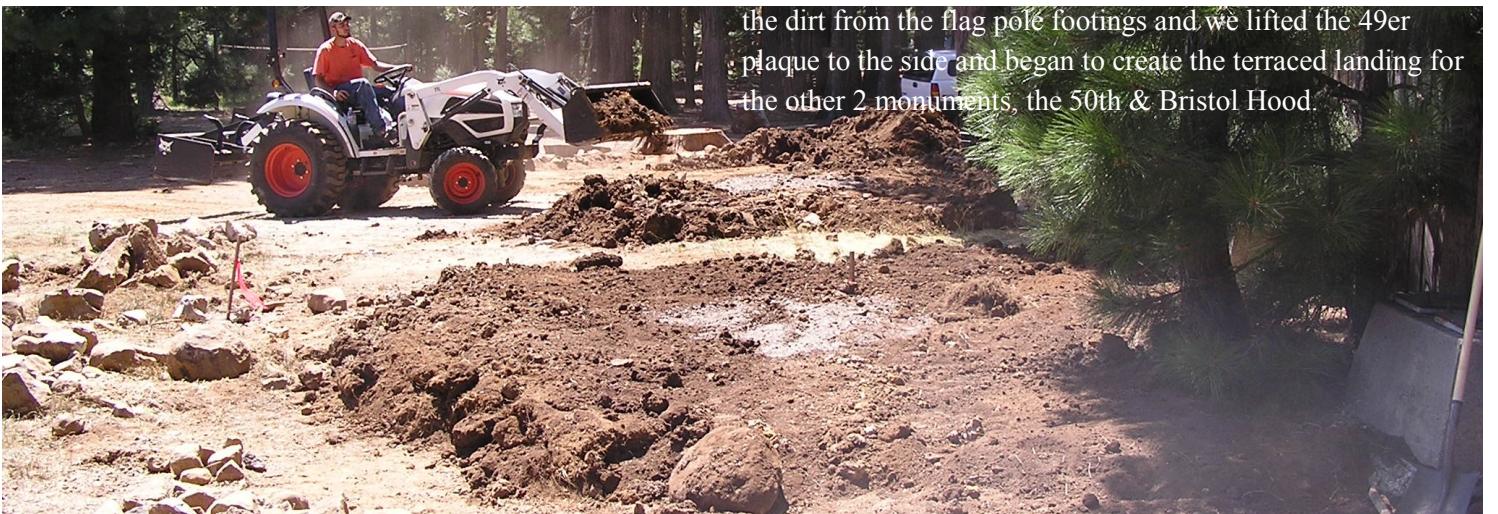


Ever wonder what was on the rock and concrete plaques in front of the Lodge? For the last 15 to 20 years, you really can't see the rock inlay that says "49ers", with a series of initials underneath. One would have to assume there was a close nit group of volunteers that spent a lot of time up there taking on some sort of renovation of camp and gave recognition. The background of that part of history has been lost to this generation Alumni. To that end our 75th Anniversary was to make a concerted effort to gather, store and share so that kind of history isn't lost over time. Which leads us to the landscaping changes we are pursuing in front of the lodge now.

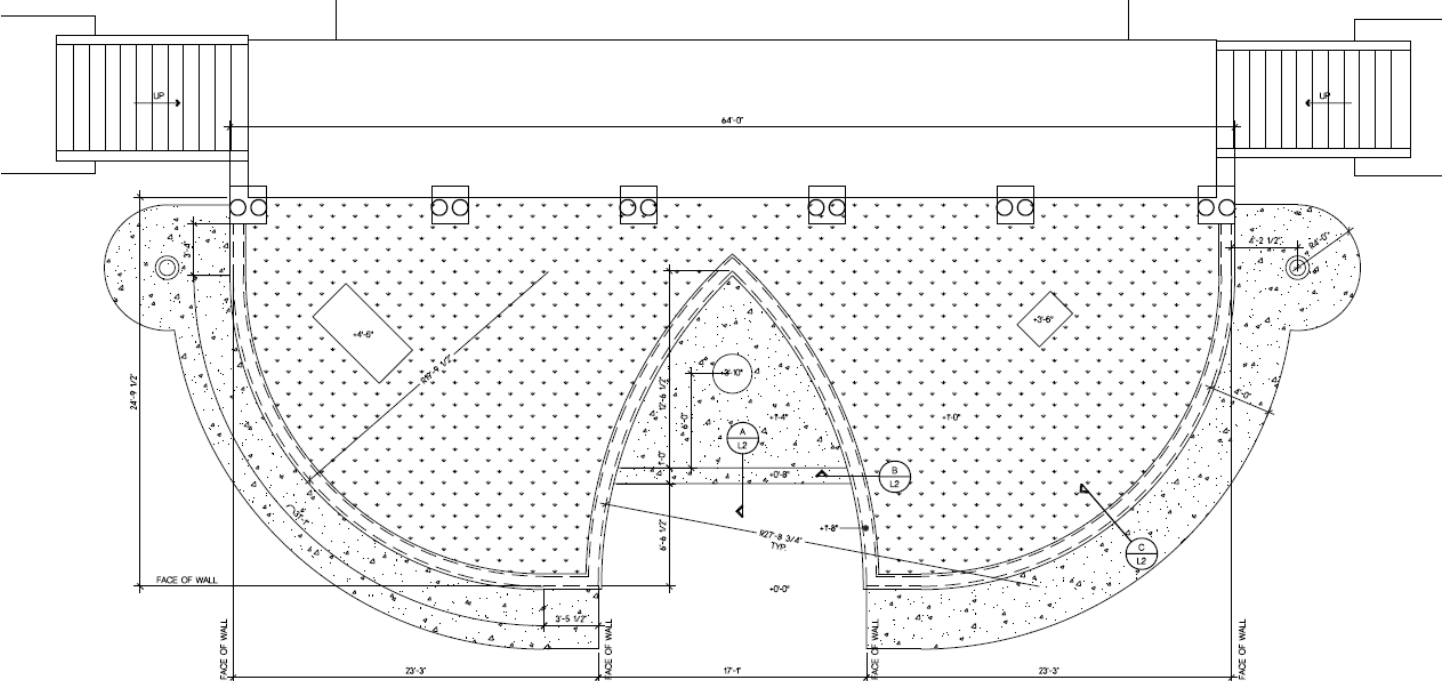


We approached this project with a certain amount of hesitation as we would be changing a bit of that history to our vision and needs for today. Ultimately, something needed to be done as the concrete pad around the drinking fountain had cracked and was degrading, the plaque has faded and the area in front of the lodge had generally turned in to a dust bowl from the 5000 plus campers that have been camping at Lassen each year.

So we began by cutting out the drinking fountain, carefully excavating the 49er monument, and start the effort to prep and gather the different monuments in camp. Travis Vodden spent a ton of time with the whole anniversary project and is seen cutting out the drinking fountain, Matt Adema relocated the dirt from the flag pole footings and we lifted the 49er plaque to the side and began to create the terraced landing for the other 2 monuments, the 50th & Bristol Hood.



You now see the outline of the dedication center taking shape. To the outside of the rocks now holding the dirt in place, we will be pouring a concrete 18" retaining wall for the Scout Law display. In front of the Scout Law wall, there will be a 4' skirting that will help keep the dust down and allow for a "Buy a Brick" to help fund the renovation of camp.



On top of the retaining wall, we will be able to install a cap stone that will allow this generation to fund the Lodge Renovation and recognize the past, present and future generations of Camp Lassen. There are 2 approaches to funding any renovation program. Find several major donors to underwrite the \$500,000 need for the Lodge or find the means for the many to support this effort. This generation has seen no one supporter of camp and the many accomplished so much in the last 30 years, we feel this is the best way get the next job phase complete.

We'll start with the drinking fountains as we have to make sure we keep these kids easily hydrated. A Dedication Committee will be formed in the 2011 season to take on the project of the Scout Law Wall and the landscaping of the terraced area. Target date for completion, 2012. If your interested in being a part this Dedication Center effort, drop us a note and you'll be building the future of Camp Lassen.

