

In July 2017 at the Annual Convention of the National Exchange Club the Rome, GA Exchange Club revealed a replica of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The replica is exactly half the size of the original in Arlington National Cemetery and includes three crypt covers from World War II, Korean War and Vietnam War veterans. Created as a National Service project by the Americanism committee, the replica was built with the assistance and permission of the Arlington National Cemetery.

The replica was designed to be a traveling exhibition and in the past year has been displayed at numerous sites in the Georgia area. At the convention last summer incoming president of the Exchange Club of Greeley, Kate Howell, upon listening to the impassioning speech given by the men who created the replica, immediately talked with the committee representatives about coming to Greeley during the Independence Stampede. It was immediately penciled in and it is now confirmed that the replica will arrive on Sunday, July 1 and will be departing Friday, July 5<sup>th</sup>. It will be placed in Bittersweet Park next to the Veteran's monument. The members of the club who will be accompanying the replica are very excited to be coming to Greeley and seeing the Stampede and were very impressed with the park and the monument.

At this time the Exchange Club of Greeley is requesting both financial assistance for this project and assistance in the security of the replica in 12 hours shifts from 7:30 pm to 7:30 am.

Expenses to bring the replica to Greeley are designed by the club to be cost of the trip only. They request 50 cents per mile (1,387 miles) and meals and lodging for the four men who accompany the replica. The Exchange Club of Greeley is currently seeking support and sponsors to cover the cost of trip and of the display while it is here. Costs are not expected to exceed \$2,000.

As president of the Exchange Club of Greeley I am respectfully asking for support of this project.

Thank you,

Kate Howell