

EXHIBIT A

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF JOLIET AND THE UNITED STATES SUBMARINE VETERANS INC. -USS CHICAGO BASE FOR A MONUMENT AT BICENTENNIAL PARK

This Memorandum of Understanding is entered into as of the ___ day of _____, 2022 by and between the CITY OF JOLIET, ILLINOIS an Illinois municipal corporation (City) and the USS Chicago Base, which is the local chapter of the United States Submarine Veterans Inc.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, The USS Chicago Base seeks to erect a monument dedicated to the World War II Manitowoc submarine expedition adjacent to the Des Plaines River in Joliet; and

WHEREAS, During World War II, the Manitowoc Shipbuilding Company fabricated 28 submarines. After the crews of the 28 submarines finished their training in Lake Michigan, the submarines passed through downtown Joliet as they covertly traveled from Lake Michigan down the Illinois Waterway system heading towards the Mississippi River as they made their way to the Pacific Ocean; and

WHEREAS, the southeast side of Bicentennial Park, adjacent to the existing Veterans Memorial, was identified as an appropriate location for this monument due to its view of the Des Plaines River and proximity to the existing war memorial; and

WHEREAS, both the City and the USS Chicago Base believe that this historical monument will be in the best interest of the City and its residents and will encourage interest in naval and local history; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the City and USS Chicago Base agree as follows:

The City will allow a monument to be installed on the southeast side of Bicentennial Park, adjacent to the existing Veterans Memorial.

The USS Chicago Base will furnish a monument that is 41" tall, 46" wide, and 8" thick with a weight of 2,000 pounds and will install a concrete base that is 8" thick, 22" wide, and 60" long upon which the monument will rest.

The USS Chicago Base will pay for permits and installation of the foundation and monument.

The City will assume future ownership, liability and long-term maintenance and care for the installed monument.

The USS Chicago Base shall not be liable for any injury or death occurring in or about the area where the monument is placed, or for injury or death that is caused because of the condition of the monument itself, or because of the foundation on which the monument is placed.

Once the monument is installed, the USS Chicago Base along with the City will plan a dedication event. The City will assist with promoting the monument dedication event.

City shall indemnify USS Chicago Base against and hold it harmless from, all claims, actions, proceedings, costs, damages, liabilities, including attorney's fees, arising out of, connected with, or resulting from the use and placement of monument after acceptance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF THE PARTIES HAVE SIGNED THEIR ACCEPTANCE OF THESE TERMS BY SIGNING AS FOLLOWS:

USS CHICAGO BASE
BY ITS AUTHORIZED AGENT
David A Harris
Vice Commander USS Chicago Base

DATE _____

CITY OF JOLIET
BY ITS AUTHORIZED AGENT
James V. Caparelli

DATE _____