

A photograph of a large, white, cross-shaped memorial structure under renovation. The cross is surrounded by a complex network of metal scaffolding. The scene is set against a dramatic sky with orange and blue hues, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The base of the cross is a circular platform with some steps.

# Restoring an Icon: Scaffolding Solutions for Mt. Soledad National Veterans Memorial

## Enabling a Safe, Efficient, and Cost-Effective Renovation of a Beloved Military Memorial

### Project Overview:

Mt. Soledad National Veterans Memorial required a complete renovation of its iconic memorial cross, presenting a challenge of safe and effective access to the work areas. American Scaffold partnered closely with the general contractor to develop a comprehensive scaffolding solution that provided full access to the cross while ensuring safety and efficiency. By donating the scaffold installation and dismantling services, American Scaffold supported the project's budgetary constraints and facilitated a smooth renovation process. The well-planned scaffolding system exceeded all client expectations while also accelerating the renovation timeline, earning positive feedback from the client. This project, deeply meaningful as a tribute to veterans, was completed with pride and precision, reflecting American Scaffold's commitment to supporting significant community projects.

### The Problem/Challenge:

Mt. Soledad National Veterans Memorial faced a significant challenge in accessing the work area needed for a complete renovation of its existing memorial cross. The project scope involved a comprehensive restoration, including repainting and upgrading the lighting of the cross. The primary goal for Mt. Soledad was to achieve this renovation while minimizing costs. To support this objective, American Scaffold contributed by donating the scaffold, along with its installation and dismantling, entirely free of charge.

The initial conditions at the memorial site did not present any hazardous situations; the focus was on providing safe and effective access to all areas requiring work. American Scaffold addressed this by installing the scaffold in a way that ensured all personnel could safely access the work areas, minimizing potential risks and facilitating efficient progress throughout the renovation process.

### The Solution:

To overcome the access challenge faced by Mt. Soledad National Veterans Memorial, American Scaffold took a systematic and collaborative approach. The project began with a detailed walkthrough of the site with the general contractor (GC) to review the scope of work. This initial step was crucial in determining the precise requirements for scaffold installation, ensuring that all platforms would be positioned at the correct heights to provide comprehensive access to the work areas.

**Industry:** Construction and Architecture

**Customer:** Mt. Soledad National Veterans Memorial

**Location:** La Jolla, CA

**Product/Solution:** Systems Scaffold install, and remove

**Period of Performance:** April 2024 – May 2024

American Scaffold provided a robust solution by installing standard system scaffolding that allowed safe and effective access to all parts of the memorial cross undergoing renovation. The scaffold installation was executed with precision, with all working levels fully planked and guard railed to maintain the highest safety standards for everyone on site. This careful planning ensured compliance with safety regulations while providing an optimal work environment.

### Key Solutions:



**Collaborative Planning:** Conducted a comprehensive project walkthrough with the GC to understand the full scope of work and scaffold requirements.



**System Scaffold Installation:** Installed a standard system scaffold that facilitated access to every area of the memorial cross, supporting various trades in their renovation tasks.



**Safety-First Design:** Ensured all scaffold platforms were fully planked and guardrail installed, providing a secure working environment and complying with safety regulations.



**Seamless Execution:** Developed a scaffold design that accommodated the needs of all trades, ensuring no disruptions or delays in the renovation process.



**Effective Communication:** Maintained ongoing communication with the GC and other teams to ensure the scaffold design allowed for efficient workflow throughout the project.

Through strategic planning, clear communication, and a commitment to safety, American Scaffold delivered a solution that met the client's needs for cost-effective, comprehensive access, enabling a successful renovation of the memorial cross.

## The Result:

The renovation of the memorial cross at Mt. Soledad National Veterans Memorial was completed successfully, with the scaffolding provided by American Scaffold playing a critical role in achieving the desired outcomes. The scaffold installation met all the client's expectations, offering safe and comprehensive access to the work areas, which enabled a smooth and efficient renovation process.

The spacious and well-constructed scaffolding system allowed the renovation teams ample room to work, accelerating the project's pace. This efficiency resulted in time savings for the client, helping to keep the project on track and ensuring timely completion. The positive feedback from the client highlighted their satisfaction with American Scaffold's performance, emphasizing the quality and safety standards upheld throughout the project.

While this project was a standard job for American Scaffold in terms of technical execution, it held special significance due to its association with a military memorial dedicated to veterans. This connection to honoring those who have served added an emotional depth and pride to American Scaffold's involvement in the project, aligning with the company's values and commitment to supporting meaningful causes.

Through meticulous planning, effective execution, and a shared sense of purpose, American Scaffold helped Mt. Soledad National Veterans Memorial achieve its renovation goals, reinforcing the company's reputation for reliability and excellence in scaffolding solutions.

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