



Chris Kyle Memorial Unveiling

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Odessa- The Chris Kyle Memorial was unveiled today in Odessa, and it drew crowds from all over the state.

Chris is known as the “American sniper”, having the most confirmed kills in U.S. history.

His wife and children were in attendance, here in his hometown, bringing even more sentiment to the occasion.

“I feel like this is going to be a ripple effect from this, for certain people who are going to come and something in their heart, something powerful, something godly is going to happen,” said Taya Kyle, widow of Chris Kyle.

Committee members said the process of designing and constructing the memorial took about 11 months and many people were involved in getting the memorial together, the surrounding trees were even donated by George W. and Laura Bush from their ranch.

"It's beautiful thing to be supported by your community and it's not something every group of officers or veterans has so hopefully it does something good for them to drive by and feel that," said Taya.

Despite the unveiling of a huge life like statue of Kyle, the event wasn't just about him, but honoring veterans and remembering the work that Kyle did after returning from war.

The statue sits adjacent from the MCH Veterans Hospital, Kyle is known for his work with veterans suffering with PTSD.

"They survive the battle field, and gunshot wounds and grenades and then they come back and take their own lives, that's a shame. We can help these guys," said Dr. Sudip Bose, who is a former Army veteran.

The Memorial is located off of highway 191.

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