

Dr. Eugene K. Chamberlin
Historian, Squibob Chapter ECV
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Dear Dr. Chamberlin:

Following is our edited version of the text for Landmark No. 939, Desert View Tower:

DESERT TOWER

BERT VAUGHN OF JACUMBA BUILT THE STONE TOWER IN 1922-23 TO
COMMEMORATE THE NORMAN TRAIL. IN THE 1930'S M. P. RATCLIFFE CARVED
THE STONE ANIMAL FIGURES WHICH LURK IN THE ROCKS SURROUNDING THE
TOWER, CREATING A FANTASY WORLD OF SURPRISE AND STRANGE BEAUTY. THIS
REMARKABLE SCULPTURAL ASSEMBLAGE IS ONE OF CALIFORNIA'S EXCEPTIONAL
FOLK ART ENVIRONMENTS.

CALIFORNIA REGISTERED HISTORICAL LANDMARK NO. 939

PLAQUE PLACED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION IN
COOPERATION WITH IMPERIAL VALLEY PIONEERS AND SQUIBOB CHAPTER,
E CLAMPUS VITUS, MAY 5, 1984.

Upon receipt of your approval of this text, we will be glad to order the plaque.

Sincerely,

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Sandra J. Elder
Acting Executive Secretary

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of this wording? Celp
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