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Eden Prairie Breaks Ground on Veterans Memorial

Organizers working to raise the final dollars to build the Memorial

Officials announced today that they will break ground at the site of the new memorial on July 23, 2008 at 1:00 pm. at Purgatory Creek Park in Eden Prairie. The construction of the new memorial is expected to be completed in time for the annual celebration on Veterans Day.

For over 3 years now, organizers have been working hard to raise the funds needed to reach the goal of \$421,000 to create the first memorial of its kind in Eden Prairie. Though the group is just \$48,000 shy of the goal, however enough has been raised to begin construction. Its intent is to remember those who have served and sacrificed in the Armed Forces. "This symbolizes a huge step forward for our memorial, community and veterans", said Steve Steele, committee fundraising chairman.

SRF Consulting designed the overall look of the memorial while local sculptor, Neil Brodin of Brodin Studios have been commissioned to build the artistic sculptures' within the memorial. Blackstone Contractors has been selected as the general contractor and will begin work immediately. The memorial will be built with local Mesabi Black Granite provided by Cold Spring Granite. Members of the community have purchased a place on the wall of the memorial to list and memorialize their favorite veteran.

Brodin Studios will design a two-man statute symbolizing service to country as he captures the emotion of a moment on the battlefield. The world peace statute depicts a woman military nurse standing in front of a world globe, all molded in bronze.

Donate to the Memorial during this last chance to be part of this historic project.

More information on the Eden Prairie Veterans Memorial can be found at: <http://www.epveteransmemorial.org>

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