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There is probably no place in the country more directly connected with the vast and varied activities of our Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard in fighting its battles during the latest conflicts than the Commonwealth of Virginia. The Virginia Iraq Memorial will be comfortably nestled in the center of Huntington Park, Newport News, Virginia

Educating the public of the enormous sacrifices made by our brave men and women is our responsibility. We must remember how they set aside their hopes, dreams and careers to serve their nation's cause, defending humankind and guaranteeing our security and prosperity.



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Additionally, AVHC has engaged in restoring the floral gardens and springs in the Grotto and will be involved in the restoring buildings to house the National VA Archives.





Comfortably nestled among a scenic colonnade of mature shade trees that line the original Warwick Boulevard entrance, the new Virginia Iraq Veterans Memorial will be situated adjacent to the circular plaza of the 1992 Virginia Vietnam War Monument that proudly stands in the center of Huntington Park. The 60-acre park, located in Newport News, Virginia, is run by the Newport News Department of Parks,

Recreation and Tourism. The site selection, about 100 yards from the Virginia War Museum, is ideal for creating a respectful memorial dedicated to sharing both personal and collective experiences of remembrance.



To engage visitors, these stone plaques will project 1" from the face of the pier allowing them to act as a collector ledge for coins, stones, small mementos, or flowers that friends and loved ones may leave to witness their visit and pay their respects. This type of impromptu activity would be much like the tradition of leaving a coin on the headstone of America's military veterans which lets loved ones of the deceased soldier's family know that someone has come to visit the grave. (According to legend, each denomination of coin holds a different meaning. Leaving a penny means you visited and want to thank the veteran for their service. A nickel left at a grave means you trained at boot camp with the deceased servicemen, while a dime suggests you served together in some capacity. Finally, a quarter signifies if you were with the soldier when their life was taken from us.)



The organization of the memorial — with each pier clearly representing one year of the war — makes it easy to grasp the narrative at first glance. A single freestanding pier on the left end is identified by date as Operation Desert Storm. The next nine connected piers are identified by date as Operation Iraqi Freedom. These structures will provide the emotional, intellectual, and spiritual framework for the most important part of the memorial — commemorating the Virginia soldiers killed in action. Their names will appear on the sides of the pier that correspond to the year they died. Each of the Virginia soldiers who lost their lives in combat that year will be honored with an individually engraved ashlar stone embedded in the pier.



The Virginia Veterans Memorials Inc. (V.V.M.) (501-c-3) was established to recognize and preserve the memories and incidents of the contributions of the citizens of the Commonwealth of Virginia who served in the United States Armed Forces by the development of monuments and or memorials in their honor for future generations to recognize. All donations are tax deductible according to law.

