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New Veterans Memorial Unveiled in Fruit Heights

Event Part of Founder's Day Celebration

FRUIT HEIGHTS CITY – It started as a simple idea nearly a decade ago. Today, after years of planning, and countless hours of devoted work, a veterans memorial will be unveiled at Fruit Heights City Hall located at 910 S. Mountain Road on Saturday, August 24, at 5 pm, as part of the city's annual Founder's Day Celebration.

When the community heard of the plan, they jumped into action. Hundreds of veteran's names were submitted. A dedicated committee of volunteers gathered and verified each name as someone who has lived in Fruit Heights at some point, and has served in the U.S. Military.

The initial plan for the size and scope of the memorial quickly changed as the response from the community surprised organizers. Design experts at Rock'n Signs and Features helped address all the necessary growth issues as the project was completed.

"Originally, we planned for three large stones to list the names and honor our veterans," said Mark Cottrell, Fruit Heights Councilmember and member of the Veterans Memorial Planning Committee. "However, we quickly received more names than we could have imagined. Now, the larger memorial will honor our veterans of the past and present, plus those in our community who will serve our country for years to come."

The unveiling is open to the public, and kicks off Fruit Heights Founder's Day, which celebrates 85 years since the founding of the city in 1939. Founder's Day, which runs from 5 - 8 pm at Fruit Heights City Hall on August 24, includes a quilt show, chalk art festival, live band, bubble zone, game zone, food trucks, car show and more.

Starting right at 5 pm, the American Legion, Post 27, will conduct an honored flag ceremony including local veterans, a bugler, a musical tribute, and a special message about the memorial from Fruit Heights City Mayor, John M. Pohlman.

All funds supporting the memorial were donated by the community. The committee continues to seek funds to help cover costs of the memorial. Donations can be made at Fruit Heights City Hall, or online at www.fruitheightscity.com or by calling City Hall at 801-546-0861.

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