A Memorial to Honor Stafford's Fallen, Those Who Have Served and Those Currently Serving



On May 12, 2010, Stafford County lost one of its own, Marine Corps Sergeant Donald James Lamar, II, in fighting in Afghanistan. His grieving parents asked about naming a street after their son.

Out of this request grew a desire by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors to create an Armed Services Memorial to honor Stafford's brave sons and daughters who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our nation since its founding, as well as their families. The memorial will also honor all those who have served in our armed forces and be a visible reminder of the cost of freedom.





A commission of three citizens was selected to plan the memorial: Lieutenant General Ron Christmas, a retired Marine; Mark Dudenhefer, also a retired Marine; and Gary Snellings, an Air Force veteran.

The commission decided to hold a memorial design competition among Stafford's high school students as a way to involve the future of Stafford County in its past. Five designs were selected to serve as the inspiration and to be included in the final design for the memorial.





The plans you see in this video showcase the memorial which will be located to the rear of the Stafford County Government Center and Stafford Courthouse. The memorial and plaza will provide a stand-alone location to hold ceremonies, special events, and be a quiet spot for contemplation.

The memorial will be a lasting tribute in a location that will be easily accessible to citizens and visitors for years to come. It is on a scale the County has not undertaken before.





We are asking for the community's help in building the memorial. There are opportunities to donate and also to sponsor components of the memorial. Families and friends can also buy commemorative bricks to memorialize veterans.

You can also help us by getting the word out about our plans to build the memorial.

Strife and warfare continue in the world. The blessings of liberty and democracy have never seemed more precious. Join us in honoring those who have served, especially those who gave all to preserve our freedom.



