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**NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR PUBLIC TO HONOR VETERANS
AT “CONNECTICUT STATE VETERANS MEMORIAL”
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HARTFORD, CONN, September 20, 2013 – There are a variety of ways that public can honor U.S. veterans at the new “Connecticut State Veterans Memorial (CSVM)” to be built in Hartford’s Minuteman Park on Capitol Ave. and Broad St., across from the William A. O’Neill State Armory and the Legislative Office Building. Individuals, organizations and service groups can remember veterans by purchasing permanent salutes that range from engraved granite pavers on the walkway to colorful military wall seals.

“The Connecticut State Veterans Memorial will honor the more than 1.3 million Connecticut citizens who have served our nation, in defense of peace and freedom,” explains Commissioner Linda S. Schwartz of the Connecticut Department of Veterans Affairs. “It will be a glorious place to recognize past, present, and future Connecticut veterans and a site for official State observances, activities, and ceremonies that honor veterans.”

The construction bidding process is underway for the first statewide memorial to honor all Connecticut men and women who have served in America’s military since Revolutionary War times. The Connecticut State Veterans Memorial, Inc., a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization, with a solely volunteer Board of Directors, has been overseeing the development of the memorial. The CSVM has been working with engineers in the Connecticut General Assembly’s Office of Legislative Management and architects from BL Companies of Meriden, Conn.

The following are the naming opportunities for permanent remembrances at the Connecticut State Veterans Memorial:

Granite Walkway Pavers to Honor Individual Veterans:

Each paver can be inscribed with name, rank and military service:
\$500 each 12” x 12” Paver – 38 of these available in Phase 1; and
\$150 each 12” x 6” Paver – hundreds of these available in Phase 1.

Wooden Benches (refurbished) for Memorial Plaza: \$750 each – maximum of 8 benches.

Wall Plaques – Combat Support Seals:

18” Seals representing a variety of military organizations on interior of Memorial Plaza,
\$3,500 each – maximum of 50 plaques.

Flag Poles for U.S. and Connecticut Flags: \$5,000 each – 2 Flag Poles.

Wall Seals of the 5 Military Branches: Official exterior, visible from Capital Ave.
\$5,000 each –5 different branches.

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Granite Benches for Memorial Plaza:

\$10,000 each, maximum of 8 benches.

Additional donations of any amount would be greatly appreciated.

The Connecticut State Veterans Memorial will feature a granite colonnade structure consisting of five columns representing each branch of military service as the memorial's main focal point. A semi-circular granite Honor wall with “*HONORING THOSE WHO SERVED*” engraving will act as the memorial's framing element. The memorial will highlight various conflicts with engraved granite markers throughout the plaza. In addition to the paver walkway, there will be benches, specialty lighting, and landscaping.

The walkway of pavers will run from the Legislative Office Building to the center of the memorial plaza. Each paver can be engraved with the name of a U.S. veteran, with his or her rank, branch of the military, and the specific years of service and conflict, if desired. Towns/cities can also purchase pavers with their town/city name engraved in honor of those who have served or serve within the town/city. All pavers will be engraved in upper case block letter-style. All verbiage will be approved by the Connecticut State Veterans Memorial, Inc.

A ground breaking ceremony for the memorial was held on April 22, 2013, featuring Comm. Schwartz, Governor Dannel P. Malloy, Lieutenant Governor Nancy Wyman, Major General Thaddeus J. Martin, Connecticut Adjutant General of Connecticut National Guard, other state and federal officials, and dozens of veterans from around the state.

The nonprofit Connecticut State Veterans Memorial, Inc.'s officers are President Linda S. Schwartz, Vice President John Droney, Secretary Tammy Marzik, and Treasurer Lenell Kittlitz. The organization's Board members are Paul W. Bucha, Ron Catania, Peter Galgano, Cornelius Greenway, the late Elwood A.D. “Woody” Lechause, Gen. Thaddeus Martin, Lesbia Nieves, Paul Pendergast, Department of Veterans Affairs Deputy Commissioner Joseph Perkins, James Shelmerdine, Laura Soll, and A. Edward Wright.

To obtain a form to order engraved pavers for the Memorial, view the architectural design of the future Connecticut State Veterans Memorial, and get information about how to sponsor another permanent item or make a donation to help build the memorial, visit www.cthonorsvets.org or call 860-616-3603.

To order the other permanent remembrances or get more information about the memorial, including sponsorship of flag poles, and benches, call Tammy Marzik at 860-616-3603.

***-The four architectural renderings on the next page
were designed by BL Companies of Meriden, Conn.-***

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Architectural Design by



Paver Walkway (above)





View from Capitol Avenue (above)