

A place of honor and remembrance

Work underway on Veterans Memorial

A dream visualized four years ago as a place of honor and remembrance for Springdale's veterans became a reality November 7. Springdale City Council unanimously voted to begin construction of the memorial, awarding a general construction contract to R. E. Schweitzer Construction Company and the electrical contract to Atkins and Stang.

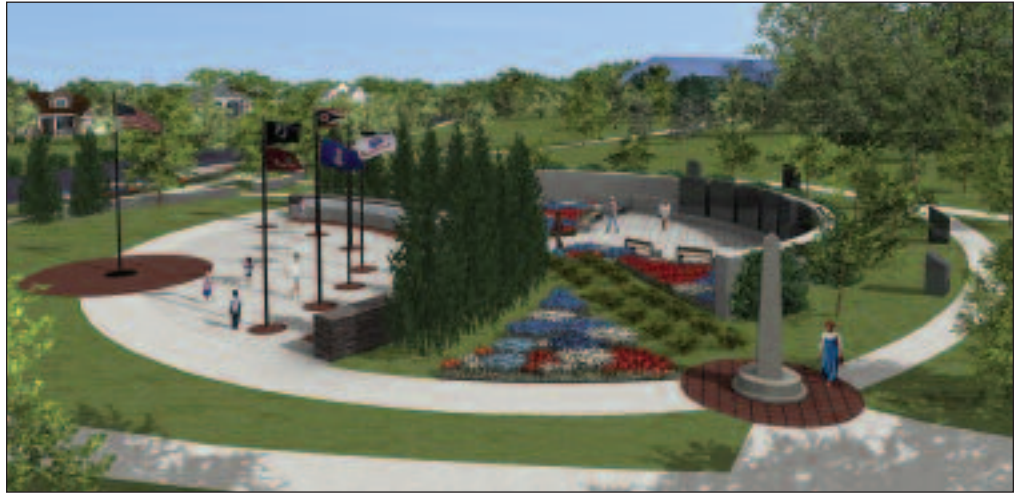
Work is expected to be well underway by year's end, with completion by early Fall 2008. If all goes well, Springdale will appropriately dedicate the new memorial on Veterans' Day, November 11, 2008.

About the Veterans Memorial

The memorial will be located on the northeast corner of Springfield Pike and Lawnview Avenue, among the most visible venues in the city for such a tribute. Those visiting the site will move through a series of architectural elements designed to raise awareness and engender a sense of respect and honor. The memorial includes a public plaza which features an arch of flagpoles displaying the various service flags, anchored by a pole with the American flag.

Memorial paverstones from donors (*see related story on page 2*) will be part of the walkways. Non-veteran names will be placed in the outside walkway leading to two curved stone walls with an illuminated cascade of water over them. A portal opening in the stone walls will guide visitors into a garden at the heart of the memorial.

There, memorial pavers can be purchased to honor veterans and those currently serving in the military. In the garden's center will be life-sized bronze



statues of a soldier and a sailor to emphasize the individual and personal sacrifice given by so many veterans.

A wall of limestone will surround the area, offering a quiet place for contemplation and respect. The focal point of the garden is five memorial stones honoring each military service branch, accompanied by engraved stones of the names of Springdale residents killed in the line of duty.

Planning began in 2000

For years, residents have dreamed of establishing a local tribute to Veterans.

That dream began to take shape in December 2000, when the Veterans Memorial Committee was formed to undertake a feasibility study, suggest sites, create initial designs and develop a realistic budget.

In late 2003, the design for the memorial was unveiled with a projected cost of \$860,000. The plan approved by City Council carries a budget of \$736,852, an amount which does not yet include the cost of the two

bronze service personnel to be placed in the garden area.

When the Veterans Memorial Committee unveiled its plan in 2003, a public appeal began to help generate funding for the tribute.

Tax deductible donations may still be sent to the Springdale Veterans Memorial. Contributions should be made payable to the Springdale Veterans Memorial, and may be sent to 11700 Springfield Pike, Springdale OH 45246.

For community organizations and businesses interested in special levels of philanthropic opportunity, call 513-346-5708 or email admin@springdale.org.



Be a part of Springdale's Veterans Memorial

Engraved paverstones will comprise the walkways of the Veterans Memorial. The stones can be purchased by completing the form on page 2.

How you can be a part of the Veterans Memorial

Individually, veterans have joined together to form the fabric of our freedom, so it is only fitting that residents have an opportunity to honor loved ones whose names can be engraved in paverstones that will join together to form the approach to the new Veterans Memorial.

Each paverstone will cost \$15. The 4-inch by 8-inch surface can be engraved with three lines of text, each containing up to 20 characters. The stones will be engraved by an intense laser beam that etches the characters into the stone with great detail, turning the surface into a glass-like finish.

The paverstones can be a tribute to a veteran, offered in honor of a loved one serving in the military or a memorial to someone special. Pavers of non-veterans will be located in the outside walkway. Pavers honoring veterans and those currently in service will be located inside the memorial.

In addition to the individual paverstones, businesses, organizations and those making major contributions to the Veterans Memorial will be honored with 12-inch square limestone inserts. For more information, call 513-346-5708 or email admin@springdale.org.

