

The Iraq and Afghanistan War Memorial Foundation  
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8 September 2022

To: Mayor Shannon Martin and Members of City Council of the City of Port Saint Lucie

From: Steve Udovich

Subject: Re-ahead material for Council Meeting, 19 September 2022, (war monument)

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Mayor Martin and Members of City Council:

We respectfully request permission to place the Iraq and Afghanistan War Memorial of Florida in the City of Port Saint Lucie in your city's Veterans Memorial Park, since it appears that a suitable location in Tradition may not be available. We originally focused on the Veterans Memorial Park, but then shifted our focus to the Tradition area, specifically The Stars and Stripes Park. After reviewing the design company's recommended location to place the monument, we have reverted to our original location choice, your city's Veterans Memorial Park.

I have coordinated with Kate Parmelee to address council on this issue at your next scheduled meeting on Monday, 19 September 2022, at 9:30 am. I am also coordinating with Brandon Dolan so as to schedule calls with members of council before the meeting, so they can ask questions and learn more about this project. This read-ahead material is part of that process. Our business documents and individual ID's have been provided to Ms. Parmelee, and they are also posted on our website.

As you may know, we intend to establish a monument in honor of Floridians who served in our nation's wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. When completed, it will be the only monument of its kind in Florida, and list the names of 355 Floridians who made the ultimate sacrifice. We have looked at over 50 possible locations, and have determined that Port Saint Lucie offers us the best location for this monument. We request that you review this information and strongly consider allowing us to place the monument in Port Saint Lucie, specifically the city's Veterans Memorial Park. Key points follow:

1. Background:

We surveyed your Veterans Memorial Park as a possible location on April 7th. We then took about three months to look at other locations in the state, about 50 in all. Back in July, we learned about the area being developed called Tradition, and spoke to their design company, Lucido Design, about placing the monument there. The more we learned about the Tradition area, the more we liked it, so we provided the city a letter of intent stating that we would like to discuss placing the monument there at a future city council meeting on 19 September.

Lucido Design then offered us a recommended location / method of presentation of the monument. Their recommendation was not to our liking as it changed our overall design from a 3 panel walk-around monument, to a 6 panel design where each of the 6 panels would be affixed to the cement walls of the walkway leading from the parking lot to the center of the Stars and Stripes Park. See attachments A-1 and A-2.

We explained that the 6 panel design would not work for us because it has been focus grouped / surveyed with over 500 Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans and Gold Star Mothers, it's essentially our logo, (it's on all of our marketing materials), and people have donated money based on the design. We saluted their efforts to fit the monument into the existing park design, but said we could not go along with it. They told us that they could offer another location, and we are waiting on their recommendations. Please note that both of us, Mr. Garrett of Lucido Design, and myself, have admitted to one another that the Stars and Stripes Park may not work in terms of a suitable location for the monument.

2. Current situation and what we are asking you to consider:

As stated, we are awaiting other location recommendations from Lucido Design, but it appears to us that the Stars and Stripes Park is not a location we can work with. Our sense is that our monument, or something like it, is not part of their overall design. Therefore, we respectfully request that you authorize us to place the monument in the city's Veterans Memorial Park, located on Veterans Memorial Parkway.

As stated, we believe the park will accommodate the monument in one of two locations, (either the north end of the park next to the Gold Star Family Monument, or in the center part of the park near the W.W. II Memorial). Additionally, I believe the city owns all of the land to the river, so it's our understanding that there is ample room for another monument. The gathering area is very nice, and I'm told well attended ceremonies are held there on both Veterans Day and Memorial Day, (something Tradition does not offer).

Please know that we have surveyed about 50 possible locations / towns in the state, and have determined that Port Saint Lucie provides us the best overall location for this monument. You have a very vibrant Veterans Community and your Memorial Day and Veterans Day events are well attended.

3. Additional information:

We're a team of three, two retired Army Officers and a Gold Star Mother, but we're not lazy, we've gotten a lot of work done to date and have already raised almost \$17,000 toward our goal of \$70,000, (and we have not even started fundraising yet, because we're still trying to identify a location). We will not ask the city for funding, (but you're welcome to assist us financially if you wish). We will only ask that you take care of necessary landscaping, plan and supervise the dedication ceremony, and then provide perpetual care and maintenance.

The monument company we're using, PG Memorials, has placed 11 beautiful monuments in Florida. Their work is on display in Key West, Bonita Springs, Punta Gorda, Port Saint Joe, and the 6 monuments they made for the Hillsborough County Veterans Park. Website: [www.picturethisongranite.com](http://www.picturethisongranite.com)

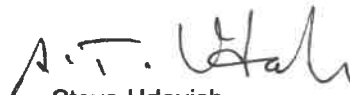
Our goal is to dedicate this monument in December of next year, so we'd like to have a location identified sometime next month. We're confident that we can raise the amount needed, and we'll make that happen with your help, if you can authorize us to place the monument in your city's Veterans Memorial Park. I respectfully request that you hold a vote on this issue, and approve placement of the monument in the Veterans Memorial Park, as soon as your schedule allows.

Please contact me if you have questions. 302-530-0265 / [beachmanok2002@gmail.com](mailto:beachmanok2002@gmail.com)

Attached:

- A-1: Stars and Stripes Park design
- A-2: Lucido Design's first recommended location
- A-3: Our current flyer with design
- A-4: Current bank statement
- A-5: IRS verification of our 501c3

Respectfully,



Steve Udovich  
Founder

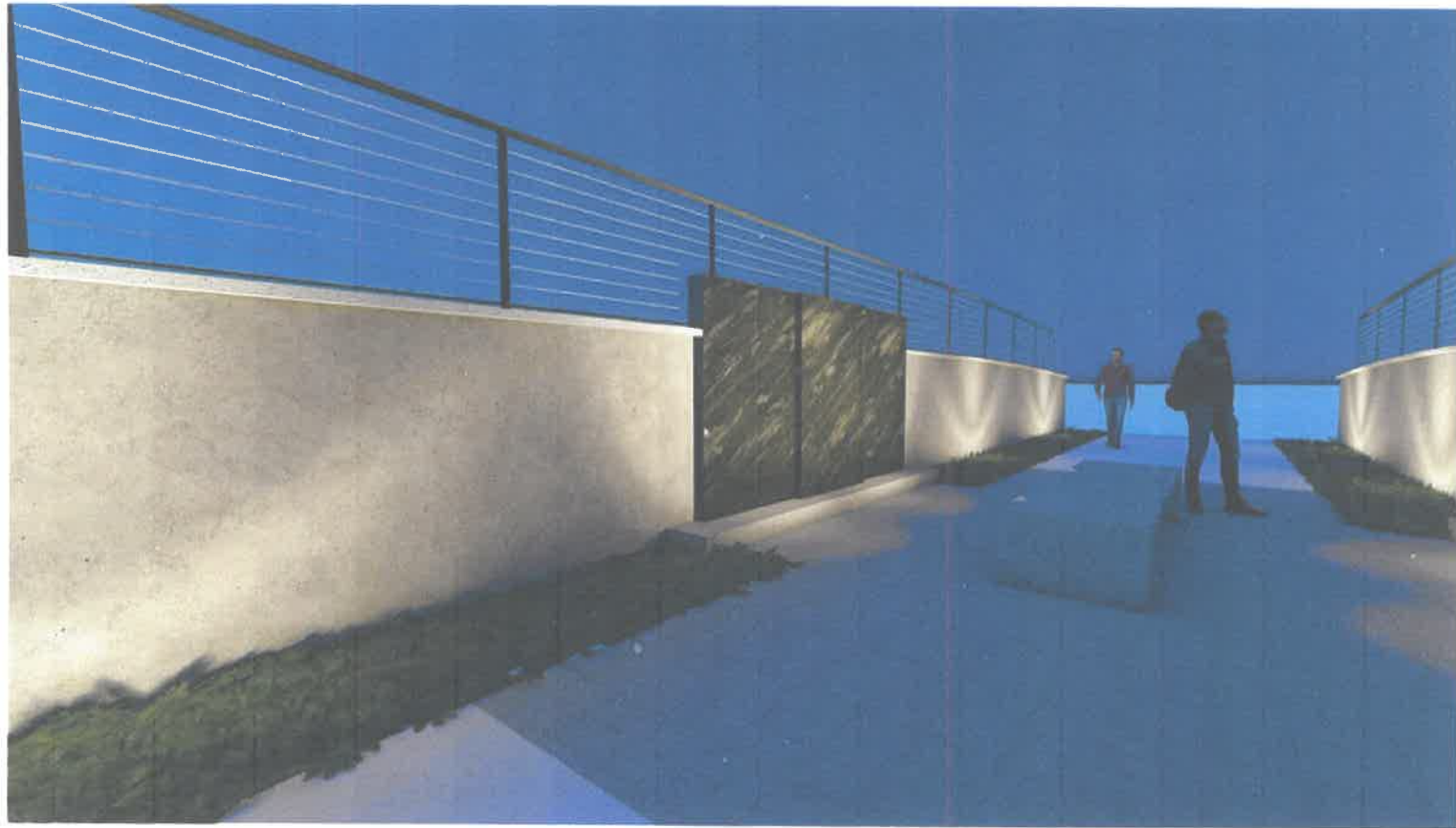


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- **A Sundial will be located on the park creating a celestial feeling onsite.**
- **Part of Mattamy's long track record of supporting and honoring Veterans and first responders.**
- **Part of the T Trail, connecting the Tradition experiences throughout the community.**



**"Stars & Stripes" in the Park**





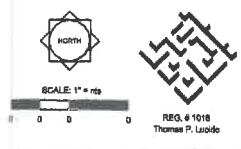
\* Lucido Design recommendation, 6 panels, 3 each side of walkway, affixed to the cement walls, with metal wire fencing across the top of each panel.



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**MATTAMY HOMES**  
**Stars and Stripes**  
**In the Park**  
**Hardscape Plan**  
 City of Port St. Lucie, FL

Date	By	Description
08.17.22	KV	Final Design/Construction



**Designer:** KV **Sheet:**  
**Manager:** BG  
**Project Number:** 20-278-20  
**Municipal Number:**  
**Computer File:** Stars and Stripes In the Park Hardscape  
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# The Iraq and Afghanistan War Memorial of Florida



This monument will honor Floridians who served in our nation's wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Made from India Black Granite, (like the Vietnam War Memorial), this impressive monument will serve as an enduring reminder of the sacrifices made on behalf of our nation. The front side will be adorned with metal plates, painted in the colors of each war's campaign ribbons, outlines of each country, and service emblems. The back side will list 355 names of Floridians who were killed in each war, (FL listed as the HOR at time of death, source: DOD / Defense Casualty Analysis System).

The Iraq and Afghanistan War Memorial Foundation, a recently formed 501c3, takes pride in honoring the memory of Floridians who served, and those who made the ultimate sacrifice. We intend this to be our first effort, then duplicate it in other states, same design with state specific names. Our work to date:

- \* PO Box, 501c3, and bank account established, \$5,000.00 raised in our first two weeks.
- \* Evaluating possible locations: target completion date: 1 October 2022.
- \* Board of Directors established, (two retired Army Officers and a Gold Star Mother), recruiting advisors.
- \* Website established: [www.IAWMF.org](http://www.IAWMF.org)
- \* Developing our funding plan, (goal: \$70,000), and making contacts with folks who can help our mission.
- \* We are partnering in this effort with PG Memorials. They have done 10 beautiful monuments in Florida. See them all and their other offerings at: [www.picturethisongranite.com](http://www.picturethisongranite.com)

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Date:  
10/21/2021  
Employer ID number:  
87-2045158  
Person to contact:  
Name: Customer Service  
ID number: 31954  
Telephone: 877-829-5500  
Accounting period ending:  
December 31  
Public charity status:  
170(b)(1)(A)(vi)  
Form 990 / 990-EZ / 990-N required:  
Yes  
Effective date of exemption:  
July 13, 2021  
Contribution deductibility:  
Yes  
Addendum applies:  
No  
DLN:  
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Dear Applicant:

We're pleased to tell you we determined you're exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3). Donors can deduct contributions they make to you under IRC Section 170. You're also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under Section 2055, 2106, or 2522. This letter could help resolve questions on your exempt status. Please keep it for your records.

Organizations exempt under IRC Section 501(c)(3) are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined you're a public charity under the IRC Section listed at the top of this letter.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that you're required to file Form 990/990-EZ/990-N, our records show you're required to file an annual information return (Form 990 or Form 990-EZ) or electronic notice (Form 990-N, the e-Postcard). If you don't file a required return or notice for three consecutive years, your exempt status will be automatically revoked.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that an addendum applies, the enclosed addendum is an integral part of this letter.

For important information about your responsibilities as a tax-exempt organization, go to [www.irs.gov/charities](http://www.irs.gov/charities). Enter "4221-PC" in the search bar to view Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, which describes your recordkeeping, reporting, and disclosure requirements.

Sincerely,

Stephen A. Martin  
Director, Exempt Organizations  
Rulings and Agreements