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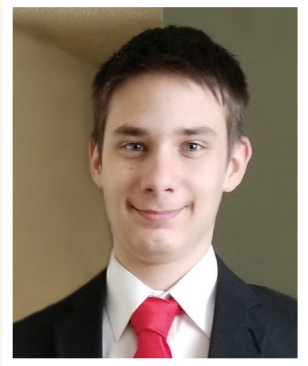


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Hello,

My name is Jordan Briskey and I am a sophomore at Holmen High School. I started this memorial project two years ago in May of 2016, when I found out that we did not have a memorial for our Vietnam Veterans here in La Crosse. I contacted the La Crosse City Park and Recreation Department and they informed me that they were developing the Veterans Freedom Park and were interested in my idea. I've had several meetings with the Parks and Recreation Department and have done a lot of research about the Vietnam War, along with having meetings with the developer of The Highground Memorial in Neillsville, WI. The artist that helped with a portion of The Highground Memorial, Mike Martino from La Crosse, did the drawing from the information I gave him. As you can see, there will be life size statues, along with the names of the soldiers that died during the Vietnam War engraved on the half circle area. On the back of the main stone there will be etched pictures representing scenes of the war from the soldiers that I have interviewed. Below the battlefield memorial on the octagon pedestal, we will have a bronze star representing each branch of the military. When visitors enter this memorial, the design allows specific stories and emotions to be told which were inspired by actual Wisconsin Vietnam Veterans.



My passion is to see this memorial built at Veterans Freedom Park in La Crosse before I graduate from high school in May of 2020. This memorial will honor and remember our soldiers and families that sacrificed their lives for the freedom we enjoy today.

Our Committee members consist of Sheryl Pederson, Jordan Briskey, and the following veterans from the Vietnam War: Tom Hundt, Roger McGinnis, and Rodney Helgeson.

I am looking for partners and donations to raise \$400,000 for flag poles, statues, benches, etc. We have a memorial fund set-up and have started taking collections. If you would like to donate, a check can be written out to "Vietnam Memorial" and mailed to:

Jordan Briskey - 215 Neitzel Drive, Holmen, WI 54636

Sheryl Pederson - N7082 County Road W, Holmen, WI 54636

Tom Hundt - N6025 Apple Valley Road, Onalaska, WI 54650

Roger McGinnis - 14776 Gentry Road, Sparta, WI 54656

For online donations, please visit our GoFundMe page at www.gofundme.com/vietnam-memorial.

Vietnam Veterans Memorial Inc. Fund has a non profit 501(C)(3) account set up with the Holmen Area Foundation to provide exempt services. Holmen Area Foundation - P.O. Box 432 Holmen, WI 54636.

If you have any questions please call me at 608-769-6101 or Sheryl Pederson at 608-799-7524.

Thank You,

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