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Veterans Memorial Unveiled in Taylorville

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When Mayor Russ Wall told his staffers he wanted to do a Veterans Memorial outside City Hall, some thought he was dreaming.

After three years of collecting donations from businesses, months of preparation, and hundreds of hours put in by sculptor Brad Taggart, the Veterans Memorial at Taylorville will come to life as the final phase of the sculpture is unveiled at Taylorville City Hall Sat., June 30 at 11:30 a.m.

A brief ceremony will take place, including remarks from Mayor Wall and General Peter Cooke, before elected officials unveil the monument.

The Veterans Memorial includes flags that represent each of the five branches of the military. It also includes a nine-person sculpture with bronze statues depicting service members and their families.

The memorial plaques surrounding the sculpture remind residents of the unselfish many who risked their lives to preserve the freedoms we all now enjoy.

“There is nothing we can possibly give these veterans in exchange for all they have given us,” said Mayor Russ Wall. “Ensuring that their sacrifices are not forgotten is one small way we can show our gratitude.”

Donald Adams, project manager for the memorial, is excited for the impact it will have on the community. “What really struck me was how many people have intense personal connections to a service member,” said Adams. “Everyone knows a veteran. We hope this project helps people internalize it.”

Additional donations can be made by purchasing a paver to memorialize veteran family and friends or to show support. Visit taylorsvilleut.gov for more information.

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