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Senator Frank Barnitz Applauds Efforts to Establish Veterans Memorial Park in Rolla

JEFFERSON CITY – Senator Frank Barnitz, D-Lake Spring, is encouraging community members to support local efforts to establish a Veterans Memorial Park in Rolla. The South Central Regional Veterans Group is spearheading the effort to make the park a reality.

Plans for the park include such features as an amphitheater with dais, a POW/MIA memorial gazebo, a water feature, and an eight-foot-wide walking trail featuring plaques detailing the history of all major U.S. military engagements. The park property is ready for development and preliminary park design is in its initial stages. The park will serve as a venue for veteran's funerals, military and non-military weddings, as well as military and civic holiday activities.

"This is a project that is valuable to the community economically, but its importance as a way to salute and show appreciation for our veterans is what makes this park truly significant," said Sen. Barnitz. "I am encouraging members of the community to join me in supporting this effort and making this park a reality."

For more information on the park, contact Sen. Barnitz's office at (573) 751-2108.