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FREEDOM MEMORIAL PARK

*A place for **remembrance**, a place for **tribute**, a place for **honor**.*

Press Statement

Local Landmark to Celebrate and Honor America's Veterans



Strasburg, VA – Prominently, visually situated in the Shenandoah Valley in the center of Interstate 81 at Exit 296, and just a short drive west of the nation's capital, local landmark Freedom Memorial Park is rapidly preparing for a very special commemorative ceremony in observance of Veteran's Day to honor the men and women who have served in the U.S. military in wars past and present.

The event to honor America's veterans is scheduled for **Sunday, November 11, 2007 at 2:00 PM** at Freedom Memorial Park. Highlights of the commemorative ceremony will include the posting of the Nation's Colors, Veteran's Day Proclamation remarks, ceremonial placement of wreaths in honor of all American veterans, a moment of silent respect for those who have given their lives for their country, and a variety of appropriately patriotic musical selections including the *National Anthem* and the military *Taps*.
(This event will be held rain or shine)

Freedom Memorial Park is extending open invitations for its commemorative Veteran's Day ceremony to local residents, existing memorial park benefactors and partners, as well as the media. In addition, invitations have been

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extended to **Senators John Warner, James Webb and Mark Obenshain** as well as **Virginia Congressional Representatives Thelma Drake, Robert Scott, Randy Forbes, Virgil Goode, Bob Goodlatte, Eric Cantor, James Moran, Rick Boucher, Frank Wolf and Tom Davis III**. Invitations have also been extended to multiple U.S. military veterans organizations including but not limited to **American Legion Posts, Gulf War Veterans Associations, Veterans of Foreign Wars Associations**.

According to founding representative and spokesperson for the park, James Ahlemann, who is also the Senior Pastor of the Church of the Valley congregations in Shenandoah Valley and in Loudoun County, “Freedom Memorial Park is being designed to especially memorialize the honorable men and women who have served in the U.S. military. By their service, they have paid a supreme sacrifice for which we are deeply grateful. The thousands of men and women in our U.S. military, many of whom have shed their blood to provide for the freedoms we cherish and enjoy, deserve our every expression of appreciation for their service from those of us that they have courageously protected and served.”

Ahlemann continues, “The two U.S. flags at Freedom Memorial Park are dedicated in honor and in memory of our U.S. armed forces who remain our first line of defense and who continue in the noble fight for freedom and liberty around the world. The two U.S. flags, representing a most cherished symbol of America, offer tribute to those who have served America past, present and future.”

Freedom Memorial Park is currently under development and features three monumentally-sized crosses, the image of supreme sacrifice and love, rising to 150 feet above the valley floor of the beautiful Shenandoah Valley. The crosses of Freedom Memorial Park are the largest of their kind in the entire Eastern United States. Two U.S. flags, the most cherished symbol of freedom and liberty for America, fly majestically alongside at 120 feet in height. Upon completion, Freedom Memorial Park will include gardens, reflection pools, fountains, and landscaped walkways complete with thousands of commemorative, engraved brick pavers donated in honor and in memory of friends and loved ones. Each of these elements will combine to create a setting that will foster renewed hope, healing and reconciliation to the human spirit. The memorial was conceived and is designed to be a place where everyone, regardless of age, background, culture and faith, may come to reflect, to remember and to honor.

Freedom Memorial Park is currently under development and will continue to take shape throughout the coming months. To learn more about the future plans, design and advancement of this most important memorial, please contact via email at Info@FreedomMemorialPark.net or via phone at 540.465.2413 or visit the web site at www.FreedomMemorialPark.net.

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