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Thornton approves plan for veterans memorial

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THORNTON — The effort to build a veterans memorial in Thornton reached a major milestone and is a step closer to reality. The Thornton Veterans Memorial Foundation recently presented plans to the city council and received permission to proceed with planning for the memorial.

Founded in April 2005, the Thornton Veterans Memorial Foundation was established by area citizens for the purpose of building a veterans memorial to honor our nation's veterans. Privately funded and created, the Foundation endeavors to make the memorial a reality for the city, its citizens and all veterans. With the backing of area businesses, city council members, veteran organizations

and citizens, this will be Colorado's premier memorial, offering tribute to those few we owe so much.

The memorial is expected to be built on the grounds of a new park that is planned in the area of 139th Avenue and Colorado Boulevard. This 18-acre plot of land is the highest point in the city, affording beautiful views of the mountains and surrounding area.

The design of the memorial is based on a five point star, the same shape as the stars on the United States flag. In the center of the memorial will be a star of this design laid in the ground. Three flag poles holding the United States, Colorado and POW / MIA flags will rise from the middle of the star. These flags will be lit 24 hours a day, seven days a week en-

suring the memorial serves as a reminder of our veterans at all times. Surrounding the star will be a sitting wall where visitors may sit and contemplate the sacrifices of veterans. Emanating from the five points of the star are paths leading to monuments for each of the branches of the military.

The Foundation meets on the first and third Monday of every month at the Thornton City Hall at 7 p.m. This is a completely open organization and attendance and participation by the public are welcomed and encouraged.

For more information, go to <http://www.thorntonveteransmemorial.org>.

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