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Town of Brookhaven "Diamond in the Pines" 9/11 Learning Site Fundraising for a Rescue, War on Terror and Wounded Warrior Bronze German Shepherd Statue

Dear Vendor and Private Citizen,

This upcoming 11th anniversary of September 11th, the Rocky Point Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6249 and the Town of Brookhaven are committed to adding one last symbol to the "Diamond in the Pines" 9/11 memorial in Coram. This new feature will be a "German Shepherd" bronze statue that will be over looking not only the present 9/11 monument, but the ball and turf fields, walking areas and jungle gyms that grace this site. Like the bronze American Bald Eagle that is perched over the boulders that pay homage to the Rescue Workers, the lost graduates and residents of the Townships of Brookhaven and Riverhead and the War on Terror Veterans, this newly created structure will not only be seen from the entrance of the park, but from the busy junctions of County Road 83/North Ocean Avenue. With a population of more than 2.5 million residents between Suffolk and Nassau Counties, there are very few memorials like this in our area or even the Tri-state.

Since the 9/11 attacks on our nation, dogs and their domestic and military handlers have played an important, but rarely recognized role in helping America. These efforts were seen directly after the towers and the surrounding buildings were destroyed and damaged in New York City. Rescue dogs were brought in to work with construction, salvage, demolition, paramedics and the police and fire services to locate the buried survivors and the remains of those people that were killed by the terrorists. Due to the dangerous conditions at Ground Zero, there were many rescue dogs that were unable to continually bare these hazards and they passed away in large numbers as they were assisting every type of 9/11 responder.

These animals have always had a close bond with their owners and are still trusted figures who help our people today. They have been deployed over seas and have assisted soldiers in the field during this War on Terror in Iraq, Afghanistan and other areas of the world. Recent news coverage has shown military personnel at home who are reunited with dogs from their previous combat tours. They have been credited with saving military lives, searching for the enemy and fulfilling their missions. Today dogs are trained to help care and assist "Wounded Warrior" veterans with their daily needs. They are recognized with providing help and companionship to our veterans that have been severely wounded over seas. From the destructiveness of 9/11, to the battlefields around the worlds, to the constant companionship to our service members, these animals proven worth should be recognized. This new structure will present this vital information that is not widely known by the large numbers of current and future generations of Americans from Long Island that enjoy the Diamond in the Pines Town of Brookhaven park.

During these difficult economic times, we appreciate all of the generous support that we received with our initial memorial. One of the proudest features that it holds is a presence of veterans, teachers, civic and rotary associations from many different areas of Long Island and even New York City. We attained the generous support of small and large businesses and the constant aid of regular people that bought bricks that hold special engravings. Today in this last installment, we understand the economic hardships that all citizens, associations and businesses are facing, but we are making one last push to ensure that almost every aspect of 9/11 and the War on Terror is not forgotten amongst our people. May this existing memorial and the additional future creation of this mounted German Shepherd, walk way, benches and lighting, serve as an important reminder and "lesson" of the American spirit to always overcome all types of adversity to our people and nation.

God Bless America and thank you for your past and present support!

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- I. Platinum—\$5,000.00— \$3,000.00— Main Advocate—Primary Donor Supporter on Bronze Plaque and two 9 x 14 placed Bricks with Company Name and Message
- II. Gold - \$2,000.00 - Sponsor -Larger Name on Bronze Plaque and Personalized 9 x 14 Brick Size
- II. Silver-\$1,000.00– Co-Sponsor Name on Bronze Plaque and Personalized 9 x 14 Brick Size
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- IV. Personalized Brick Donation -\$125.00 9 x 14 Brick Size
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Make checks payable to Rocky Point Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6249 (memo on check: Brookhaven 9/11 Memorial—Bronze Statue German Shepherd) - Mail all checks to:

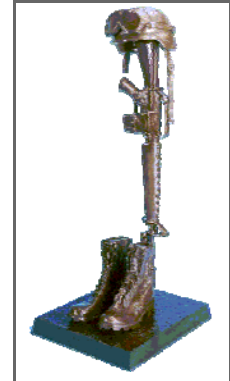
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Please contact Rich Acritelli at 631-839-2996 if you have any questions.

Please click on the following links to observe the Diamond in the Pines 9/11 Memorial Site that will be the home to this German Shepherd statue:

- <http://northshoresun.timesreview.com/2011/09/17128/photos-911-memorial-unveiled-at-diamond-in-the-pines-park/#911-memorial-unveiled-at-diamond-in-the-pines-park-1>
- <http://www.lipolitics.com/brookhaven-pols-attend-911-memorial-unvieling.htm>
- <http://www.newsday.com/long-island/suffolk/memorial-aims-to-teach-kids-about-9-11-1.3145023>



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**SAMPLE
BRICK ORDER FORM**

When completing the below form, please put each letter from your personalized brick message over each number. You will have to place the letter above each number through the lines for the size of brick that was donated. Please do not have any continuation of words from one line to the next.

9 x 9 brick (3 lines)

(NO MORE THAN 15 SPACES OR LETTERS PER LINE!)

LINE 1:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15

LINE 2:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15

LINE 3:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15

9 x 14 brick (4 lines)

(NO MORE THAN 15 SPACES OR LETTERS PER LINE!)

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LINE 3:

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LINE 4:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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Date _____