

For immediate release. **“Every Day could be Veterans Day in Dover”**

(Dover, PA) The long-anticipated Dover Area High School Veterans Memorial at the high school, 4500 Intermediate Ave., Dover, PA is moving closer to construction with a groundbreaking scheduled for Monday, May 20, 2024, at 10:00 am, rain or shine.

Brad Jacobs, Chair of the Dover Veterans Memorial Committee stated the capital fundraising campaign has raised over \$185,000 to begin construction in June/July 2024, with dedication on Veterans Day, November 11, 2024.

This memorial project was suggested by Jacobs on January 27, 2018, when he wrote the school administration and school board directors stating, “as a former Commissioned Officer in the PA Army National Guard, I believe it would be appropriate that the Dover School District establish a memorial to honor the service and sacrifice of all veterans who served in the Armed Forces of the US.” “Since the school district is considering the possibility of constructing a new high school, it would be a suitable time to consider a veterans memorial.” Upon approval by the district a memorial committee was established to proceed with the design. A capital fundraising campaign was established in 2019 with the Dover Eagle Foundation (501-c-3) as the fiscal sponsor.

One thing that Jacobs could never have predicted was a worldwide pandemic, halting virtually all capital fundraising for two years. “Not all projects have done so well coming out of the global pandemic,” Jacobs said. “And I am most pleased with what we have accomplished after the pandemic. The community, businesses, foundations, veterans, and veteran organizations have been incredibly supportive since the project was first announced. Sponsorship of pavers are still available by going to www.dovereaglefoundation.com, veterans memorial.

The groundbreaking program will include the Dover HS Band ensemble under the direction of Mr. George Bradshaw.

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