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Memorial Columbarium Project Complete as Phase II and III are added at the Veterans Memorial Park

Fort Wayne, IN June 15th The Veterans National Memorial Shrine and Museum have announced the completion of the Columbarium Project at 2122 O'Day Road. The project was started almost 5 years ago with the hopes of providing a final resting place for Veterans and their families. The Columbarium required Indiana State approval which was granted in 2024 with the help of local legislators Martin Carbaugh and Justin Busch. The three piece columbarium contains niches for a capacity of 128 veterans. Each niche contains the cremains of a veteran and one other.

Greg Bedford, Commander of the Veterans Memorial is beyond excited about this memorial " We have worked for this opportunity for years and it has finally come to fruition. We have been selling niches for two years already and now the veterans who will be in-urned at this special place can now see the final pieces. Each section has a name ...**Honor, Courage** and **Valor**. Veterans can choose the location of their final resting place in advance. It is an honor for all of us veterans who served our country!" Bedford went on to say "We have had so many people involved in this project including Dave McComb, Amber Gonzalez and the folks at Coldspring in Minnesota who built the Columbarium. There are just too many people to thank in this release."

All proceeds from the sale of niches are placed in an endowment for the Veterans National Memorial Shrine and Museum into perpetuity to ensure the longevity of the memorials on the property.

The Columbarium sits next to the Sterling Chapel in the Memorial Park at 2122 O'Day Road Fort Wayne. For information on purchasing a niche for a veteran you are asked to contact the Shrine office at 260-267-5022

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