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### **VETERANS MEMORIAL CEREMONIAL GROUNDBREAKING**

PLEASANTON, *Calif.* — The veterans' community of Pleasanton has joined together with the City of Pleasanton to construct a Veterans Memorial in Pioneer Cemetery. A ceremonial groundbreaking was held today to celebrate the start of the project. Buddy Loggins, Post Commander, American Legion Post 237 was joined by Mayor Jerry Thorne, the Pleasanton City Council and members of the VFW to help commemorate the event.

The Veterans Memorial, in a meaningful location and tranquil setting, is a tribute to the fallen as well as a heartfelt thank you to all who have served. It will salute the sacrifices and achievements made by those being honored and remind future generations of the contributions of military service.

Pioneer Cemetery is the resting place of hundreds of veterans dating back to the Civil War. Every Memorial Day the local veteran community honors each resting veteran with a US Flag placed by their headstone. The addition of a Veterans Memorial will create a year round location where the public can pay their respects and homage to the heroes who served. It will be a place to reflect and remember the service and sacrifices that have been made, and continue to be made to protect our freedom.

The Veterans community has been working diligently to raise funds to help offset the cost of the memorial and the community has shown its support with an outpouring of donations. However, the Veterans are still seeking donations toward their goal of just over \$300,000. To date, they have raised more than \$244,000 from a variety of donors, but continue to seek support. If you are interested in contributing please visit <http://pleasantonveteransmemorial.com> for more information.

The official grand opening of the Veterans Memorial will be held in November to coincide with Veterans Day and more details will be forthcoming as we get closer.

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