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Subj: Women Veteran's Memorial

Mr. David Boily, Commander VFW Post 5518,

The purpose of this correspondence is to introduce VFW Post 5518 to the proposed Women Veteran Memorial project, and invite your participation. Recently a local artist and Veteran, Mary Horgan and Rumriver Arts collaborated in developing a proposal for a memorial project that would travel for a year or more around the Anoka/Elk River/Ramsey area, and eventually settle along Ramsey's main street as an element of public art – and dramatic and informative way-finding element adjacent to the VA Clinic in Ramsey's downtown.

The City of Ramsey was successful in receiving a \$5,000 grant from the State of Minnesota for the \$10,000 dollar endeavor – our partnership now only needs the other \$5,000 match to bring this worthy project to reality. There are other entities that have expressed participation, including a VFW Post near Spring Lake Park, Connexus Energy and others, but our group wanted to provide your Post the first chance at this noble and unique manner to honor the contributions of Women Veterans in this Nation over the centuries. If you choose to contribute, we can envision the two 10' foot steel memorial sculptural pieces being displayed at VFW Post 5518 during the Veteran's Day period in 2023, or another location in the Elk River/Rogers area you feel would be impactful.

Attached to the e-mail transmitting this letter, are several attachments that you may share with your membership, and we look forward to discussing in person, how this project may align with your Post's service and tribute to all the Veterans that have served our State so valiantly.

Below is an image of a *similar project* to provide a sense of scale and value this memorial sculpture will engender.



If you require additional detail, or have questions, you may contact me at 763 433 9853 or mrivernblood@cityoframsey.com Meanwhile thank you in advance for your time and attention to this matter—and we will see you around 7:15 on October 4th, 2022.

Yours in Public Service,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark Riverblood', enclosed in a light blue rectangular border.

Mark Riverblood,
Parks & Asst. Public Works Director