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LOCAL COMMUNITY LEADERS CELEBRATE GROUND BREAKING
OF MILITARY HERITAGE PLAZA

NOCONA, TEXAS – Local, state and federal officials today joined investment and development partners to celebrate the ground breaking of *Nocona Military Heritage Plaza*.

Mayor Robert Fenoglio kicked off the ceremony by talking about the impact this development will have on the community. “*This Military Heritage Plaza has been a goal of mine for quite some time. The Plaza will bring in visitors to Nocona to see the aircraft and honor our military heritage in Montague County and the United States.*” said Mayor Fenoglio.

Nocona Military Heritage Plaza development plans include static displays of armor, aircraft and different artifacts from each branch of service. The Plaza will include individual sections designated for each major war starting with the Civil War and including Operation Enduring Freedom-Afghanistan. A ceremonial terrace, an open-air chapel and an eternal flame are included in the plans for the Plaza.

The Nocona Military Heritage Plaza sits beside the newly built VFW Post 8558, at 206 West Oak Street in Nocona.

“*During the process of building the VFW, I had the vision of utilizing the Tettleton property for the location of a military park. This project has been in development for over 3 years. To break ground on this tremendous project today, is truly a milestone in my life and is a valuable asset to the other premium museums in Nocona.*” said, Randy Duckworth.

The Tettleton family of Nocona donated the land to be developed by the Nocona Military Heritage Plaza planning committee. The Tettleton family has been in Nocona for four generations starting in the year 1910. Tettleton's bought the Nocona Cotton Gin and transformed the business into the Tettleton Wood Products. The community of Nocona extends its gratitude to Joan and Otis Tettleton, Christie, Chris, and Steve, for making this opportunity available for the community of Nocona.

The Military Heritage Plaza planning committee has set a fundraising goal of \$300,000, a completion date of November 11, 2018, a target when reached will provide an opportunity for our veterans and their families to come to a special place and meet with other fellow veterans to reflect, visit, pray and look back on their service to our country.

The VFW and other Nocona Leadership groups have a history of completing major community projects such as the Monument Wall at the Montague County Court House, Lucky Paws Animal Shelter, and Nocona's magnificent VFW building, three impressive undertakings.

"We aim to use these same high standards to develop the Nocona Military Heritage Plaza," stated Randy Duckworth.

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