



June 30, 2022

Mr. Mark Shockley
Virginia Veterans Memorials, Inc.
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Dear Mr. Shockley:

This spring, Mr. Sean Devlin from Virginia Veterans Memorials, Inc. met with representatives from the City's Parks and Recreation Department to discuss the proposed Virginia Iraq Veterans Memorial. He shared the schematic design developed by The 1717 Design Group and Stemann|Pease Architecture with the Assistant Director of Parks, William Roche, and Superintendent of Historic Services, Anne Miller. This letter is to follow up on the conversation Mr. Devlin began that day.

Mr. Devlin explained that Virginia Veterans Memorials would like to locate the proposed memorial in the "magnolia grove" area of Newport News' Huntington Park in order to complement the existing Vietnam Veterans Memorial, other established military memorials, and the nearby Virginia War Museum. The proposed monument consists of segments representing each year of war in Iraq.

The City of Newport News recognizes the importance of honoring the sacrifices of Virginians in the conflicts in Iraq, including those who gave their lives in service. We look forward to working with you on this important project once you have completed your private fundraising. On behalf of the City, thank you for your efforts toward this most worthwhile cause.

Sincerely,

Michael D. Poplawski
Director

pc: William Roche, Assistant Director
Anne Miller, Superintendent of Historic Services