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Vietnam Veterans of America Contributes to Veterans Memorial

Frank Sayers, president of the local Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 710 presents a check for \$500 to Sharon Plichta, fundraising chairperson for the Veterans Memorial Fund.

The contribution was approved by the State VVA at its regional meeting in Roanoke on March 13th. Periodically, the Virginia state wide organization of the Vietnam Veterans of America supports local initiatives sponsored by the local VVA Chapter. Mr. Sayers, as the local president, requested the funds to support the local memorial efforts. For additional information about the local VVA Chapter 710 visit their web site at: www.vva710.org.

Mrs. Plichta, herself a former Army Nurse and a Vietnam Veteran, thanked the state organization for their generous support. She mentioned that local citizens could also support the efforts by mailing their contributions to the Veterans Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 1023, Galax, VA 24333. All contributions to the fund are tax deductible.

Mrs. Plichta announced that the City of Galax expects to begin construction on the site preparation plan and the construction of the memorial foundations and retaining wall within the next 60-90 days. The general public will be able to see the start of construction while the fundraising efforts continue.

Mrs. Plichta reminds families that they may still reserve a granite paver for their family veterans at a cost of \$100 for the small paver and \$300 for the large paver. Anyone needing a form for the paver may obtain one by calling 276-238-9161. For additional information visit the memorial web site: www.blueridgeveteransmemorial.com.