

Iowa Heroes Monument Unveiled

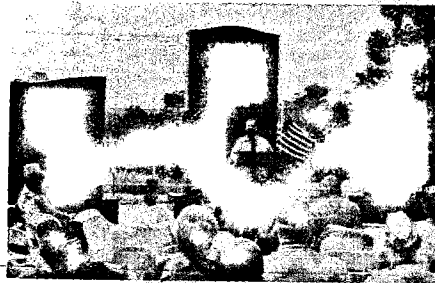
by Andrew Zalasky

A memorial nearly five years in the making was dedicated this summer in Van Meter. The Honoring Iowa's Heroes monument recognizes Iowans who have lost their life in the War on Terrorism and was unveiled at an emotional ceremony on July 3.

The monument marks the culmination of a project initiated in 2003 by Nu Lambda, an Ames chapter of the international women's sorority, Beta Sigma Phi. The Honoring Iowa's Heroes committee raised more than \$70,000 from sponsors and the sale of the print "Honoring Iowa's Heroes in the War on Terrorism."

"It is there for everyone to visit, see the names and remember these soldiers from Iowa that gave their life," says Joan Linahon, co-chair of the Honoring Iowa's Heroes effort. "It's good for the families and good for the state of Iowa."

The group held a memorial dinner in November of 2004 to honor families of all service men and women lost in the war. Because of overwhelming support



of the cause, it became possible to fund the permanent tribute, located at the new Iowa Veteran's Cemetery just west of Des Moines. The group will continue to add names to the monument as long as it is necessary.

Among the donors who made the monument possible are Wendy's Franchise of Iowa, Nature's Woodshop, Rowan Iowa, Portarius, Everts, Keith Merrick Co., Mary Greeley Medical Center, Iowa Turkey Federation, Iowa Pork Producers, Learfield Communications, Fareway of Ames, Heartland Inns, John Ruan Foundation Trust, Olde Main Brewery, Pro Sound of Ames, CIT Charters, Sukup Manufacturing, Tones Inc., and several other individuals and businesses.

For more information about the monument or to purchase the memorial artwork, visit honoringiowaheroes.com.

CORRECTION

On October 22, 2008, a full page political display advertisement to re-elect Wayne Clinton for Story County Supervisor was distributed in *The Sun*. The advertisement did not state who paid for it.

The political display advertisement was paid for by Citizens to Re-elect Clinton for Supervisor — Jeff Johnson Treasurer.