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STOYSTOWN—As the 20th anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks approaches, one group of local volunteers is working to raise awareness and funds for a memorial to veterans of the U.S. Global War on Terror.

This week, Patriot Park Foundation is launching a fundraising campaign to complete the initial construction phase of Patriot Park, which will honor the millions of U.S. servicemen and servicewomen who have served, the tens of thousands who have suffered serious injuries, and the 7,036 who have sacrificed their lives fighting terrorism.

"Our focus this year is to have something there for people to stop and learn more about what we are working to accomplish," said Randy Musser, who is leading the campaign. "We really want to raise awareness of what we're trying to do and build some momentum."

The hope is to have a first phase of construction in place this year, as thousands make the trip to the nearby Flight 93 National Memorial. That phase includes parking space, storyboards for educating visitors, and a field of 7,000 flags for reflection. To complete that phase, the foundation is working to raise \$35,000 over the next several weeks. Board members already have secured a match for the first \$10,000 in donations.

See <u>www.patriotparkmemorial.org</u> to see design plans, learn more about the memorial and the foundation's mission, or get involved.

The Mission of Patriot Park Foundation is to honor our Global War on Terror Armed Forces and their families for their sacrifice to preserve and protect our freedom; to share with Patriot Park visitors, through stories and displays, the actions our military personnel so courageously carry out; and, to raise awareness of their continued need for our support.