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**GeoSpatial Experts Contributes to Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall Event**

*Donation to Help Foundation Put on Premier Event*

THORNTON, Colorado – GeoSpatial Experts, one of Thornton’s growing number of high-tech companies, presented the Thornton Veterans Memorial Foundation with a \$500.00 contribution. This contribution will be used to help the Foundation bring the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall to the city during the annual Independence Day event.

Of all the war memorials, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial - *the Wall* - arguably invokes the strongest emotional reaction of any and it is the single most visited memorial in the country. The Foundation, working in conjunction with the city of Thornton, has arranged to bring a 3/5 scale version of the memorial to the city from July 3 to July 7, 2008. The Wall will be available for public viewing 24 hours a day on those dates at the multipurpose fields at the Margaret W. Carpenter Recreation Center (11151 Colorado Boulevard, Thornton, CO 80233).

This event would not be possible but for the generous contribution of GeoSpatial Experts and other area businesses and organizations. As a “One Star Sponsor” of the event, GeoSpatial Experts continues to demonstrate their commitment to not only the community but also to all servicemen and women and veterans.

The Foundation thanks GeoSpatial Experts for their generous contribution to this event. We look forward to working with them and other area businesses, organizations and citizens on this extraordinary event.



**The Vietnam Traveling Memorial  
Wall Will Be Coming to Thornton,  
July 3 – 7, 2008**

*Photo courtesy Welsh Photography*

**About GeoSpatial Experts**

Founded by Rick Bobbitt in April, 2001, GeoSpatial Experts, LLC is one of Thornton, Colorado's premier high-tech companies. Their premier product, GPS-Photo Link, is a digital photo mapping software package. It automatically links digital photographic images with GPS location data and then accurately maps the photographs in their correct georeferenced locations on a GIS layer. In addition, GPS-Photo Link creates web pages in which the watermarked photographs are integrated with satellite imagery, street maps, or other GIS-based mapping layer. The software enables users to display their photo locations as icons in a Google Earth map layer and add arrows indicating the directions in which the photos were taken.

This unique software has been used around the world, most recently in California to allow quicker and more accurate damage assessment after wildfires struck the state. Queensland, Australia researchers have used the software to help map the Barrier Reef, it has aided in oil and gas exploration, and is in use by the Department of Homeland Security for surveying critical infrastructure and sensitive areas.

You can learn more about GeoSpatial Experts on their website at [www. GeoSpacialexperts.com](http://www.GeoSpacialexperts.com).

**About the Thornton Veterans Memorial Foundation**

Founded in 2005, the Thornton Veterans Memorial Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization established by citizens of Thornton, Colorado with the sole purpose of building and maintaining a veterans memorial. Our nation's veterans have served and protected the United States for 230 years. They have made sacrifices small and large, all to ensure the freedom of this great nation. A fitting and proper tribute within our city is a small way of showing our appreciation for their service. Privately funded and created, the Foundation endeavors to make this memorial a reality for the city, its citizens and all veterans.

The memorial will pay tribute to all veterans of the past, present and future. Located near the Thornton Recreation Center at 108<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Colorado Boulevard, the memorial will be centrally located and easily accessible from anywhere in the north metro area. The design, based on a five point star with each point representing each branch of military service, will be over 150 feet in diameter. A pentagon and five-sided obelisk will be in the center of the memorial with individual monuments for the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard surrounding it.

To learn more about the Foundation and the memorial project, please visit our website at <http://www.thorntonveteransmemorial.org>.