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Community comes through for veterans

By **MARCELA ROJAS**
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BREWSTER — It's mission accomplished for those raising money to replace an eroded veterans memorial on Main Street.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 672 will receive \$15,000 this week for the Southeast Honor Roll, putting it over the projected \$50,000 in funds needed to erect the artistic display outside the Brewster Public Library.

"It's important that history is remembered and to look and see who has served since all the way back to the Revolutionary War," said incoming Commander Art Hanley, 56, a Vietnam veteran. "To think that we were worried about raising \$5,000."

The endeavor, which began last year, initially called for replacing the decade-old wooden structure with a simple stone one at a cost of \$5,000.

But community members stepped up the initiative, enhancing the commemorative to include five 6-foot-tall pedestals, backed by slate and mounted on stainless steel posts. Veterans' names will be carved in glass and illuminated by lights. Village Engineer John Folchetti and village Trustee John Degnan designed the site.

"This certainly has been a communitywide effort," said Denis Castelli, chairman of the Honor Roll committee. "It will be a fitting and lasting tribute."

At Thursday's Town Board meeting, the VFW will receive three \$5,000 checks from Assemblyman Willis Stephens, R-Southeast, the town of Southeast and SLS Health, LLC, a behavioral health-care facility in Southeast.

"We've got a strong commitment to the community and appreciate the veterans who have given their all on behalf of this country," said SLS Health co-founder Al Bergman.

The Putnam County Legislature recently contributed \$6,000 toward the project. Other donations include \$2,500 from state Sen. Vincent Leibell, R-Patterson; \$2,500 from Southeast resident Tim Wallach; \$2,000 from the village of Brewster and the Brewster Fire Department; and \$1,650 from Carmel attorney Bill Sayegh, Castelli said. Early on, Garden Street Elementary School students raised \$1,000 in nickels, dimes and quarters.

An additional \$14,000 was raised through the sale of bricks. Donors' names will be engraved on the red bricks that will pave the entrance to the memorial site.

Southeast resident Janice Brown said she was looking forward to the refurbished Southeast Honor Roll. Her son, Army Spc. Douglas Tompkins Brown, is serving in Iraq and will be among the new names added to the list.

"This is a really good thing. The other one was really an embarrassment to the people that have served," Brown said. "I'm proud that his name will be up there. He's really excited and happy that they are doing something with that site."

The existing Honor Roll features a structure painted blue with a list of 1,434 names printed on letter-size sheets of laminated paper that are tacked up to the wood and protected with

To learn more

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 672 will receive \$15,000 from several donors during the Town Board meeting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at 67 Main St. in Brewster.

For more information, log on to www.vfwpost672.org or call VFW Post 672 at 845-279-6969.

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plexiglass. The memorial is rotting in places with fungus growing on its exterior. Moisture has also seeped into the encasement, clouding some of the lists.

The new display will have approximately 1,600 names, with room for more, Castelli said. To qualify, a veteran must have been a resident of Southeast or Brewster at the time of induction or service. The candidate also must have served in a branch of the armed forces or the U.S. Merchant Marine during a time of conflict.

Though the funding goal has been reached, collections will still be accepted to maintain and add names to the Honor Roll. Bricks may also continue to be purchased.

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