



Solano County 4-H Leaders Council



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4-HEROES PROJECT SEEKS SPONSORS

Solano County 4-H youth are leading 4-HEROES project teams seeking sponsors for the project construction. 4-HEROES teams will be contacting area businesses in December and January for support in completing the Lawson Memorial Park. Monetary donations and donations of construction materials are currently being welcomed.

4-HEROES teams are also looking for sponsors willing to assist with the construction (scheduled to begin in April 2012) of the facility. Guard members and 4-H members and families have volunteered to supply a portion of the labor needed. However there are several areas requiring specialty construction skills such as carpentry, concrete, electrical, landscaping, iron work, and masonry. Peter Larimer, Project Manager and Landscape Architect of MTW Landscape Architecture and Planning developed the plans.

The mission of the 4-HEROES project is to create Lawson Memorial Park, in memory of Sergeant First-Class Isaac Lawson and others who have sacrificed their lives in service to their country during the Iraq and Afghanistan wars. This is an environmentally respectful, youth driven service-learning project focused on supporting Solano County's local military personnel and their loved ones, through the development of a 1/2 acre memorial and recreational park adjacent to the Fairfield Armory on Parker Road.

Upon its completion, Lawson Memorial Park will serve 170 military personnel and their 130 families attached to the 49th Military Police Brigade. A quiet grotto area will serve as the focal point of the park, elevated on a gentle hill. It will house the memorial statue honoring all fallen service personnel, a water feature, and benches with covered trellises for peaceful reflection. At the entrance to Lawson Memorial Park will be a ceremony staging area, to be used by up to 300 military personnel and their families. A small concrete V.I.P. seating area is planned with the Army National Guard Insignia etched into the concrete. Additional amenities planned for the park include a jogging path with exercise stations along the park perimeter; six victory garden boxes for use by Army National Guard family members; and a covered, built-in BBQ area to accommodate as many as 250 to 300 people. Phase I of the park is slated for completion by July 2011.

To make monetary, materials or labor donations, contact:

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