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CONGRESSMAN PATRICK MURPHY VISITS CONSTRUCTION SITE OF NATIONAL MEMORIAL TO HONOR DISABLED VETERANS

American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial on Target for October 2014 Dedication



Pictured from left: Emily Janka, Project Manager, Architect of the Capitol; Congressman Patrick Murphy; Barry Owenby, Disabled Veterans' LIFE Memorial Foundation Project Executive; Rick Fenstermacher, Disabled Veterans' LIFE Memorial Foundation Chief Operating Officer

WASHINGTON D.C. -- May 20, 2013 – Congressman Patrick Murphy, who represents the 18th District of Florida, paid a visit to the construction site of The American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial recently along with Emily Janka, project manager, Architect of the Capitol, and two representatives of the Disabled Veterans' LIFE Memorial Foundation, the organization responsible for the fundraising and construction supervision of the Memorial.

Upon touring the construction site, Murphy said, "As we prepare to honor and pay tribute to our fallen heroes this Memorial Day, it is also important to pause and remember our brave service men and women who have been disabled in service to our country. This long-anticipated Memorial to disabled veterans from throughout our nation's history will soon take its place among Washington's beloved memorials. I look forward to watching the construction of this beautiful Memorial and to attending its dedication ceremony in October 2014."

The Memorial site is located at Washington Avenue and Second Street SW within full view of the United States Capitol. The 2.4-acre site is adjacent to the National Mall and across Independence Avenue from the U.S. Botanic Garden.

The mission of The American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial is to celebrate those men and women who may be broken in body—but never in spirit. Transcending conflicts, service branches and generations, the Memorial will express America's lasting gratitude to the men and women whose lives were forever changed in service to our country. As these veterans face a life for which no one can prepare, so must their families and friends. The American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial will also honor veterans' loved ones and caregivers – individuals whose heroic devotion is a source of strength for those striving to heal.

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About the Disabled Veterans' LIFE Memorial Foundation, Inc.

The Foundation was created in 1998 through the combined efforts of philanthropist Lois Pope, Foundation Chair; Arthur Wilson, Foundation President and National Adjutant of the Disabled American Veterans; and the late Jesse Brown, former Secretary of Veteran Affairs. Formed as a 501(c)3 non-profit, the Foundation was authorized by Congress to establish a national memorial dedicated to America's living and deceased disabled veterans. The Foundation's mission is to raise the private funds necessary to establish the memorial and to complete its design and construction. For more information, visit www.avdlm.org or call toll-free 800-331-7590.

Editor's Note: Images of the Memorial scale model are available by contacting The Murry Agency at (305) 531-5720.