

-- PRESS RELEASE --

**“FINAL” CONSTRUCTION PHASE OF
VETERANS’ MONUMENT UNDERWAY**

The San Dimas H.E.R.O.E.S. (Helping Establish a Remembrance Of Every Serviceperson) organization is proud to announce that construction is now underway to complete the Veterans’ Monument at Freedom Park.

Included in the final phase will be two additional smaller walls, which will be used to add more veterans’ names to the monument. A second entry walkway (at the south end) will also be added, along with additional pavers on the north and south side of the monument. Plans are to complete the project by mid-October 2013.

The first phase was dedicated on November 11, 2011, with the larger wall, flag poles, north walkway, and pavers. The five pointed star water feature was added later. During the past two years, the HEROES organization has been working hard to raise the necessary funds to complete the monument.

The President and Co-Founder of San Dimas Community Foundation/HEROES, Gary Enderle stated, “This is truly a community project, whereby all the money raised came from individuals and local businesses. No City funds were used to build the monument. All public schools in San Dimas raised money, as did many of the organizations and clubs in San Dimas. This monument wouldn’t have been possible if it wasn’t for the generosity of the people of San Dimas. My only regret is that HEROES’ Co-founder, Janie Graef, won’t be here to see the finished project.” Enderle added that Graef recently passed away.

If construction goes as planned, the HEROES will hold a dedication ceremony, celebrating the monument completion, on Veterans’ Day, November 11, 2013.