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Iron Mining Association donates \$50,000 to Veterans Memorial Gift announced at County Board meeting in Virginia

Two significant announcements regarding the Iron Range Veterans Memorial were made at this morning's St. Louis County Board meeting in Virginia. First, the Iron Mining Association presented a \$50,000 check to the Iron Range Veterans Memorial Committee. The amount is enough to cover all final costs associated with creating *Shoulder to shoulder, even the fallen stand tall*, the 27-foot long sculpture of an eagle with its wings wrapped protectively around eight service men and women that now stands in Virginia's Veterans Memorial Park.

Also announced: the 175-pound miniature model of the sculpture will soon go on permanent display at the Minnesota State Capitol. The sculpture will stand as a gift to all Minnesotans in honor of the men and women of the armed forces as well as the state's iron miners whose hard work and sacrifices contributed to the Allied victories in two World Wars and subsequent wars in the 20th century.

Tom Berrigan, chair of the Iron Range Veterans Memorial Committee, spoke at today's Board Meeting detailing the 14-year effort to raise funds to make the memorial a reality. His presentation was part of the year-long initiative *St. Louis County History: People and Places* segment.

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