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Iron Range Veterans Memorial miniature statue to be dedicated at State Capitol

The 175-pound miniature model of *Shoulder to shoulder, even the fallen stand tall*, will be dedicated Thursday, May 16, at 11 a.m. in the Governor's Office at the State Capitol in St. Paul. Governor Mark Dayton, Senators Tom Bakk and Dave Tomassoni, St. Louis County Commissioner Keith Nelson, Tom and Lori Berrigan of the Iron Range Veterans Memorial Committee, members of the Iron Mining Association and others are expected to take part in the dedication ceremony.

The macquette was the model used to create the full size, 27-foot long sculpture that now stands in Virginia's Veterans Memorial Park. It shows an eagle with its wings wrapped protectively around eight service men and women.

A \$50,000 donation from the Iron Mining Association last month to the Iron Range Veterans Memorial Committee helped pay off the final costs associated with creating the memorial and made it possible for the miniature model to be delivered to the State Capitol. It will be displayed in the governor's reception area 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.

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