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## Next Meeting:

**March 18th, 2009**

Wednesday @ 6:00 PM

Whistler's Restaurant Tonasket WA

Please plan to attend if you can.

## New Officers Elected

President - Michael Stewart  
 Vice President - Dale White  
 Secretary - Karen Schimpf  
 Treasurer - Bill Ogilvie

Board of Directors

George Frank  
 Roger Castelda  
 Darrel Hickman

## Help Wanted - Grant Writing

Do you have experience in researching and preparing grants? Our project could use your skills. If interested, please contact us at:

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## Duckworth Tapped for VA Assistant Secretary

WASHINGTON (Feb. 3, 2009) - President Barack Obama has announced his intent to nominate L. Tammy Duckworth, director of the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs, to be the Assistant Secretary of Public and Intergovernmental Affairs for the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). "Effective communications with Veterans and VA's stakeholders is key to improving our services and ensuring Veterans receive the benefits they deserve," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki. "Tammy Duckworth brings significant talent, leadership and personal experience to this important work."

As assistant secretary, Duckworth will direct VA's public affairs, internal communications and intergovernmental relations. She also will oversee programs for homeless Veterans, consumer affairs and special rehabilitative events.

Duckworth was appointed director of the state Veterans office in Illinois in 2006. In previous testimony before Congress, she expressed her commitment to Veterans and the need for transformation of the Department. "The VA system faces new challenges as a result of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan." She also noted "the patient profiles changing. More wounded soldiers are surviving very serious injuries." She is serving as a major in the Illinois National Guard and was previously deployed to Operation Iraqi Freedom where, as a captain, she was assistant operations officer for a 500-soldier aviation task force. She also served as a logistics officer and company commander. As a helicopter pilot flying combat missions in 2004, she suffered grave injuries when her helicopter was struck by a rocket-propelled grenade, losing both legs and partial use of one arm.

Her previous managerial experience includes coordinating the Center for Nursing Research at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, and working for Rotary

## 2008 Progress

The Legacy Project Site underwent many improvements during the past year. Basalt pillars were erected along with 4 of the 8 plaque walls. Utility connections for water, sewer and power were also added.

## 2009 Planned Improvements

- \* Install the 4 remaining plaque walls
- \* Sidewalks
- \* Footings and foundation for the service officer and library building
- \* Placement of the Flag Pole and Star
- \* Installation of Individual plaques honoring service members on the plaque walls.



## Veteran Related Item in Stimulus Bill

Providing Aid to Seniors, Disabled Veterans, and SSI Recipients:

*Provides a payment of \$250 to retirees, disabled individuals and SSI recipients receiving benefits from the Social Security Administration, Railroad Retirement beneficiaries, and disabled veterans receiving benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs*



Over 230 have been purchased by Legacy members, veterans and families of veterans. 4 of 8 walls have been constructed and will display the plaques commemorating men and women of our armed forces

## Help Support the Legacy Project

- Become a member. Annual dues are \$20.00. Rates for Lifetime memberships are also available
- Sponsor a plaque. Honor your veteran with a plaque bearing his/her name that will be on the wall at the site. Cost is \$100.00.
- Donate time, equipment or materials to help with the construction.
- Sponsor a pillar. Please contact the Legacy for more information.
- Make a monetary donation.

The United States Armed Forces Legacy Project is a 501(C)3 organization so your contributions are tax deductible.

If you'd like more information or are ready to help, please click here ---->



Please send our web address on to people you know who may be interested in learning more about the Legacy Project.

Web: [www.veteranlegacyproject.org](http://www.veteranlegacyproject.org)

Email: [usaflp@comcast.net](mailto:usaflp@comcast.net)

**Want email updates about the Project?**

Send us your email address and we'll keep you in the loop.

**From the National Archives:** An American infantryman is consoled by another soldier, as a corpsman fills out a casualty tag in Haktong-ni, Korea, on Aug. 28, 1950.

International's Asia-Pacific region from 2002 to 2004.

Duckworth earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Hawaii and a master's degree from George Washington University in Washington, D.C. Born in Thailand, she is the daughter of a U.S. Marine who fought in Vietnam. She is married to Iraq war Veteran and National Guard officer, Major Bryan Bowlsbey.

**GEN GEORGE S. PATTON, JR. Quotes:**

"If everybody is thinking alike, then somebody isn't thinking."

"No good decision was ever made in a swivel chair."

"No sane man is unafraid in battle, but discipline produces in him a form of vicarious courage."

## The Past

The United States Armed Forces Legacy Project was established to honor men and women of our armed forces. The Project site had to undergo extensive ground preparation before the first basalt pillars could be placed.



veterans Affairs.

**Did You Know:** The average length of active-duty by U.S. military personnel during WWII was 33 months.



**Did You Know:** The estimated number of women in 2002 who were WWII veterans was 210,000 or 4.4% of WWII vets.



## The Present



The basalt pillars that will support the walls of plaques are set along with the ring of 5 pillars that represent each of the armed services.

4 of the 8 Plaque walls have been installed.



### WWII Posters



## The Future



This model depicts how the Legacy Project will look when fully constructed.

The service office building will have a research library. A qualified service officer will be available to help veterans obtain benefits such as medical coverage.

Your donations and support help us get closer to completion each day.



*Many thanks to all for your time and donations in support of the project during 2008.*