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Groundbreaking ceremony is Tuesday for Isle of Valor project

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MENASHA — A groundbreaking ceremony will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday for the Isle of Valor Memorial Plaza and Bridge project at Smith Park.

The Common Council has approved plans for the \$250,000 project that will be built on a small Fox River island behind the Memorial Building.

The centerpiece will be a 10-foot monument flanked by memorials to two Menasha natives, the late Elmer Burr and Ken Stumpf, who received the Medal of Honor, the highest award for valor in action bestowed on any U.S. soldier.

The Isle of Valor will pay tribute to any Menasha Joint School District resident who exhibited bravery or valor in military or civilian circumstances. A bridge to the island will have plaques mounted on its inside walls to honor district residents killed in action during their military service.

Construction is slated for the summer, with plans for a September grand opening. Two firms, Miron Construction Co. and Martenson & Eisele Inc., are spearheading the project and making significant in-kind contributions.

To make a tax-deductible contribution, send a check to VFW Post 2126 P.O. Box 312, Menasha, 54952, with a note designating the money for the Isle of Valor project.