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FROM AMERICAN LEGION POST 13:

The Mayotte-Viens Post 13 American Legion of Putnam CT recently donated \$10,000 to Putnam's Veterans Advisory Committee (VAC) for the Veterans Memorial Park upgrade project. The American Legion presented the check at the VAC's monthly meeting held on Tuesday evening, March 12th, 2024, at the Putnam Town Hall.

According to Post 13's Commander Michael Rocchetti: "Putnam's Veterans Memorial Park is very important to our local American Legion Post - we want to make sure that our veterans are not forgotten".

The VAC Committee Chairman Robert Challinor, Jr was very grateful and thanked the American Legion for their generous donation.

Commander Rocchetti also mentioned that the proceeds of their annual Mayotte-Viens Post 13 Golf Tournament (to be held on Monday Sept 16th, 2024 at Connecticut National Golf Course) will also be donated to the VAC for the Veterans Memorial Park upgrade project.

According to Putnam Mayor Barney Seney "the project is on a very tight budget and we are hoping that the sale of memorial paving bricks and other donations will pay for the work". The project will include new walkways, a new flagpole with a circular base paved with memorial bricks, there will be a new WWII monument, as well as new monuments for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. These will complement the existing monuments for WWI, Korea and Vietnam. There will also be new lighting, power, landscaping, park benches, and a concrete pad for ceremonial observances.



Photo courtesy of American Legion Post 13 Commander Michael Rocchetti

L-R: Robert Challinor Jr, David Gilbert, Jim Bradley, Michael Rocchetti, Michael Vassar, Alan Joslin

