

# Storm the Hill!

## Support Senate Amendment 37



On May 20th, the Massachusetts Senate, passed Amendment 37, an important piece of legislation championed by State Senator Linda Darcena Forry. The Amendment would allocate \$150,000 of the state's budget toward funding the Massachusetts Fallen Heroes Memorial in Seaport Square. Additionally, the amendment would put the Massachusetts Fallen Heroes Memorial License Plate directly into production bypassing the Massachusetts Department of Transportation's 1500 minimum pre-order requirement. This is great news, however **we still need support for this bill so it will make it to Governor Baker's desk.**

### Contact Ways and Means

Please contact the Joint Committee on Ways and Means to voice your support for Amendment 37.

#### House

- Representative [Brian Dempsey](#), Haverhill - call 617 722-2990
- Representative [Stephen Kulik](#), Worthington - call 617 722-2380
- Representative [Todd Smola](#), (R) Warren - call 617 722-2100

#### Senate

- Senator [Karen Spilka](#), Ashland - call 617 722 1640
- Senator [Sal DiDomenico](#), Everett - call 617 722-1650
- Senator [Vinny DeMacedo](#), (R) Plymouth - call 617 722-1330

Last year, due to the fiscal crisis, the state cut \$250,000 from the budget that had been previously allocated toward the memorial. It is important that we show our legislators our support for the memorial and the license plate to ensure Massachusetts Fallen Heroes mission.

### **Why is the plate important?**

This is the *first* plate for non-veterans to support Veteran causes. So while Veteran and Gold Star plates are exclusive to those groups, the MFH memorial plate will be the first plate available for the general public to show gratitude to fallen heroes. The plate will provide the Massachusetts Fallen Heroes Memorial Fund with annual income through new registrations and biannual renewals so that once the memorial is built, we can continue to offer services to returning Veterans and Gold Star families.

### **What services and programs?**

Massachusetts Fallen Heroes has a [Veterans Edge](#) intake service, where we help fast track returning Veterans to necessary programs and services to help transition back to civilian life. We also run Gold Star family programs to develop grief support networks and events. We will soon be launching an educational campaign to bring to students from across the Commonwealth to the memorial. Income from the license plate will allow us to fully develop these and other programs, as well as support other Veteran organizations within the Commonwealth, such as the Disabled American Veterans Department of Massachusetts.

**Please call the Joint Committee on Ways and Means today!**

Sincerely,

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"Never throughout history has a man who lived a life of ease left a name

worth remembering." --Theodore Roosevelt



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