

Coventry woman seeks to build state's first memorial to Vietnam War

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(Coventry-AP) _ A Coventry woman is trying to raise money to build Connecticut's first Vietnam War memorial.

Jean Risley says she is inspired by her brother's wartime service.

American Legion motorcycle riders, veterans, families and well-wishers who have helped raise nearly half the 24 thousand dollars for the black South African granite for the memorial, which is designed to reflect the national Vietnam War Memorial in Washington.

Risley's Connecticut Vietnam Memorial Inc. recently received tax-exempt status and has widespread support from veterans' groups. The Coventry Town Council has voted unanimously to place the memorial on the Memorial Green across from Patriots Park where Coventry dead from several wars are honored