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LEGION HELPS PROJECT — Raising funds for a bronze plaque that will list the names of the more than 170 veterans buried at Richmond Union Cemetery is a project Salem Township Trustees have undertaken and received a boost for thanks to a \$1,000 donation from the Richmond American Legion Post 740, Honored Seven. Trustees estimate the plaque and engraving will cost \$3,000. Donations now total \$1,450. The plaque will be added to a veterans marker donated by Everhart-Bove Funeral Home in Richmond and Bergholz and unveiled Memorial Day. On hand for the \$1,000 check presentation were, seated, from left, Wayne Everhart, co-owner of Everhart-Bove Funeral Home; Dan Vojvodich, Legion commander; trustees Terry Bell and Jim Mills; and standing, Paul Blackburn, Legion treasurer; Dan Bove, co-owner of Everhart-Bove Funeral Home; Tom McConnell, trustee; Mark Blackburn, Legion adjutant; and Judy Greer, township fiscal officer.

Richmond marker gets boost from Legion

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RICHMOND — An effort to purchase a bronze plaque listing the more than 170 veterans buried at Richmond

Union Cemetery moved a step closer toward reality thanks to a \$1,000 donation made to the Salem Township trustees, the project's organizers.

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The Richmond American Legion Post 740, Honored Seven, presented a check to trustees Terry Bell, Jim Mills

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and Tom McConnell and fiscal officer Judy Greer during a recent township trustees' meeting where plans also were finalized for the township's community day appreciation celebration planned for Saturday at the Glenn Mills Senior/Community Center.

Legion representatives on hand included Dan Vojvodich, commander; Paul Blackburn, treasurer; and Mark Blackburn, adjutant.

"We try to help the community out," Vojvodich said of the donation. "We donated to help defer some of the cost they are going to have, and we would appreciate if anybody else could help them out to do so," he added, noting the Legion also recently donated \$1,000 to the village of Richmond to help construct the ark playground equipment at the old college campus grounds that was destroyed in an arson fire.

"The idea of the American Legion is to also help out unfortunate people in our area," the post commander said.

Also attending the check presentation were Wayne Everhart and Dan Bove, co-owners of Everhart-Bove Funeral Home in Richmond and Bergholz, which donated a marker honoring the memory of the veterans buried there. The marker was unveiled at the cemetery during the community's Memorial Day services.

It was announced then that an effort would begin to raise the estimated \$3,000 to have a bronze plaque for it that would bear the veterans' names. In line with that, a list of the veterans' names is posted at the Salem Township garage on state Route 43 for people to check for name spelling and any omissions. It also will be available for viewing at the community day celebration.

Inquiries about the project or list can be directed to Bell at (740) 765-4974.

The trustees expressed appreciation for the Legion's donation. "Thank you, thank you, thank you," Bell said. "This is the only way the township can do

FYI:

■ To make a donation toward the bronze marker listing the names of veterans buried at Richmond Union Cemetery, checks can be made payable to Salem Township trustees and noted for the "monument fund." They can be mailed to the attention of Judy Greer, fiscal officer, 205 Westfall Lane, Richmond, OH 43944.

this. We basically feel it's just a way to pay tribute to the 170 some plus veterans that are buried in that cemetery, which is a large number."

Bell also thanked Everhart-Bove Funeral Home for the monument donation.

Everhart said he was honored to help. "For one thing it's a wonderful community of wonderful people. Secondly, these are the people (the veterans) that gave us the finest 50 years of America in my opinion, and I have been privileged to live through them and be part of it. They deserve something nice to honor their service," Everhart said.

The trustees hope additional donations will make the project possible.

"I would like for this to be in place for Memorial Day next year," McConnell said of the plaque.

To make a donation toward the bronze marker, checks can be made payable to Salem Township trustees and noted for the "monument fund." They can be mailed to the attention of Judy Greer, fiscal officer, 205 Westfall Lane, Richmond, OH 43944. Donations are tax-deductible.

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