



*Office of the*  
**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY  
ADMINISTRATOR**

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John A. Titkanich, Jr., County Administrator  
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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Members of the Board of County Commissioners

**FROM:** John A. Titkanich, Jr., ICMA-CM, AICP, County Administrator

**DATE:** November 1, 2023

**SUBJECT:** WWII Tribute – Request for County Funding

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**Background & Discussion**

The WWII Tribute Team has undertaken a project to honor and pay tribute to World War II veterans, especially the 42 Indian River County residents killed during the war and those who served. The project will be located at Veterans Memorial Island Sanctuary and will include a permanent stage and serve as a gathering place for veteran ceremonies and patriotic events.

The WWII Tribute Team has been working with the Cultural Council of Indian River County and other veteran, community, and private groups and foundations to raise funds in support of the WWII Tribute. Military and veteran organizations include the Military Officers Association of Indian River County, The American Legion Post 39, Vietnam Veterans of Indian River County, the Next Generation of Veterans of IRC, the Vero Beach Veterans, Gold Star Mothers of Indian River County, Wreaths Across America IRCE, and the Veteran's Council of Indian River County.

The WWII Tribute project requires the installation of twenty-six helical piers at a cost of \$33,750. The helical piers will support the structure for the WWII Tribute Project. Colonel Tony Young, USA, Retired, has requested Indian River County's support of the project by funding the costs of the helical piers.

**Funding**

If the Board is in favor of supporting the project, funding in the amount of \$33,750 will be made available via budget amendment from General Fund/Reserve for Contingency account number 00119981-099910.

**Staff Recommendation**

Staff is requesting direction from the Board of County Commissioners.