

MASON CONTINUES WORK ON NITRO VETERANS MEMORIAL

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The **Nitro** Veterans Memorial project at the corner of 21st Street and W.Va. 25 in **Nitro** began about 10 years ago as the idea of a local World War II veteran, said VFW member Robert Fields. The organization raised money to help fund the display dedicated to those who have served their country. The **Nitro** Senior Citizens gave about \$3,000 toward the project, while Tri-State Racetrack & Gaming Center contributed about \$10,000, Fields said. Work done in the project's first phase, which included excavation and the pouring of cement, was donated. The final stage will be the addition of a monument that will represent the five branches of the armed forces. Fields said the organization is still working to collect money to purchase the 6-foot-tall structure.

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Randy Rhodes of Rhodes Masonry cuts bricks for the **Nitro** Veterans Memorial on Friday morning. The project is now in its second stage, with the addition of the brick walkway and four marble benches. The final stage will include a five-sided monument that is expected to be 6 feet tall.

Rhodes lays pieces of cut brick. The circle of 13 flags stand for the 13 original colonies, while the memorial itself is dedicated to veterans of all wars.