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**Community Invited to Celebrate Art Installation
at the Vermont Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Randolph Center**

Randolph Center – The public is invited to celebrate a recently completed sculpture by Karen A. Petersen at the Vermont Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Randolph Center. Petersen, from Braintree, was commissioned through the Vermont Art in State Buildings program to create the site-specific work of art for the cemetery. The event is free and will take place Friday, October 19, at 1:00 p.m. in the Memorial Circle.

Working in collaboration with Bob Wright of Custom Castings of Vermont, Petersen created the bronze sculpture of a Morgan horse, which is bowing its head in honor and remembrance of a lost companion. She chose this animal because of its integral role in the military since ancient times; she chose this breed because it was developed by Justin Morgan, who lived with his family in Randolph.

Karen A. Petersen's work can be seen locally at the entrance of The Chandler Center for the Arts in Randolph. She has completed public commissions at a number of locations around the United States, including the Grounds for Sculpture Museum in Hamilton, New Jersey; the Greater Hartford Arts Council, Hartford, Connecticut; and the City of Escanaba, Michigan. Her work has been purchased by clients throughout the United States as well as in Canada, Turkey, China, Germany, Japan, Netherlands, England, and Ireland.

The Vermont Veterans Memorial Cemetery project is part of the Vermont Art in State Buildings Program administered by the Vermont Arts Council in partnership with the Vermont Department of Buildings and General Services. Funded by the Art in State Buildings Act, the program allows up to two capital construction projects to be selected each year.

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