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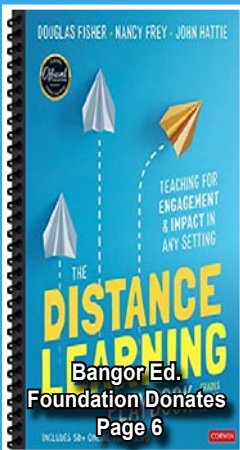
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Donation To The VA Office By The Post 611 American Legion



L-R G. Karelas, G. Vlahakis, N. Martino, A. Carrillo, S. Wandalowski and L. McClure.

By Becky Bartlett

EASTON - Lamont McClure, Director of Human Services Susan Wandalowski and Director of Veteran Affairs Alex Carrillo, accepted the donation of a wall monument recognizing those who served in the global war on terrorism from Post 611 American Legion and the Pennsylvania Chapter of the State Guard Association of the United States on February 16th in the Rotunda at the Government Center in Easton,

PA. Post 611 American Legion made the donation in appreciation for the many years of service from the Northampton County Veterans Affairs Office in helping veterans and providing veteran services and support.

Commander George Karelas and Manager George Vlahakis from American Legion Post 611 and Staff Sergeant Nick Martino from the Pennsylvania State Guard presented the wall monument at the ceremony.

It is constructed of metal with a silhouette of a soldier between the outlines of Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan and framed in wood. The monument will hang in the Veteran Affairs Office at the Department of Human Services building.

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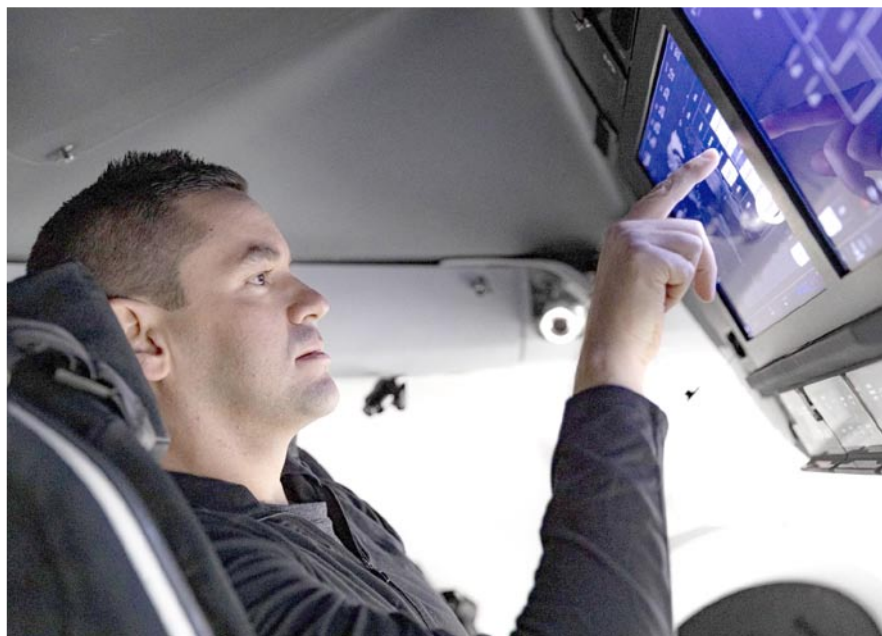
Lehigh Valley Business Owner Will Be Astronaut in SpaceX Mission

By Colin McEvoy

LEHIGH VALLEY - Jared Isaacman already had a pretty impressive list of accomplishments to his name.

The Palmer Township native started the company Shift4 Payments in his parents bedroom at age 16. He became a self-made billionaire. He's an accomplished jet pilot who holds several records and has flown in more than 100 air shows. What could be next?

How about going into space?



Jared Isaacman, CEO of the Lehigh Valley company Shift4 Payments, has been chosen to lead the Inspiration4 mission for SpaceX. (photo courtesy SpaceX)

Isaacman, 37, has been chosen to be commander of the four-man crew in Inspiration4, the world's first all-civilian, all-commercial astronaut mission to space. The expedition by Elon Musk's SpaceX is expected to launch as early as the fourth quarter of this year.

"Inspiration4 is the realization of a lifelong dream and a step towards a future in which anyone can venture out and explore the stars," Isaacman said. "I appreciate the tremendous responsibility that comes with commanding this mission and I want to use this historic moment to inspire humanity while helping to tackle childhood cancer here on Earth."

The announcement was made on Feb. 1 from SpaceX's headquarters in Hawthorne, Calif. Isaacman will undergo commercial astronaut training from SpaceX, and the mission will eventually launch from NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

The multi-day mission will see Isaacman and his crew orbit Earth every 90 minutes on a customized flight path, all while being carefully monitored at every step by SpaceX mission control, according to the organization.

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