

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Stores Donate To Memorial

COVENTRY — Connecticut ShopRite store owners and PriceRite Supermarkets representatives have donated \$10,000 to support the Connecticut Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

The donation was made Wednesday during a ceremony to honor Jean Risley, director and

committee chairwoman of the memorial, which honors the 612 Connecticut soldiers who lost their lives during the Vietnam War.

In 2001, inspired by their teacher Thomas Dzicek, the students of the Captain Nathan Hale Middle School decided not only to identify, but to find out more about each of the Connecticut servicemen who died in that war.

The 18-month project produced a book titled "612," a listing and biography of every Connecticut service member who died in the war. The list included Robert Tillquist, a combat medic and recipient of the Distinguished Service Cross who died on Nov. 4, 1965.

Risley, his sister, then led the drive to create a memorial, which was unveiled in May on the town green.