

SAN JOSÉ VIETNAM WAR MEMORIAL FOUNDATION, INC

Dear Comrades,

On behalf of the San José Vietnam War Memorial Foundation our mission is to erect a monument in the city of San José, California, to honor, distinguish and remember the 143 “Sons of San José” servicemen, who gave the ultimate sacrifice during the Vietnam War. Officially on record, they are the KIA (Killed in Action) and MIA (Missing in Action) who registered in San José, California.

The Vietnam War Memorial Monument will serve as a tribute to the surviving Vietnam Veterans, who, upon their return home, did not receive our country’s traditional and patriotic hero’s welcome. It will also serve as an educational tool to remind past, present and future generations of the challenges and sacrifices that are necessary in order for all of us to live in a free country. We truly seek merit for those who gave their lives and to fill a need for acknowledgement.

The war memorial monument will also bring all of San José’s diverse communities together. It will become a tranquil gathering place for veterans and family members to share personal stories about comrades and loved ones, thus promoting comfort, healing, and quality of life.

San José is second to Los Angeles in the State of California with the most lives lost in combat during the Vietnam War. While other smaller cities in California have remembered their fallen sons, San José, which is the largest city in northern California, has yet to erect a monument in their honor. It is long overdue that San José recognizes our courageous men. This memorial monument will provide the much needed closure that families of our fallen comrades, now resting in hollowed grounds, need to declare their sons did not die in vain.

Please visit our website at www.sjwarmemorial.com and review the names of our fallen comrades, America’s youngest generation who served in America’s longest war.

The Board members of the San José Vietnam War Memorial Foundation are cordially asking for your support. A U.S. Congressman, State Assemblyman, Local City Council Members, local Latino professional groups and the AGIF State Commander have acknowledged full endorsement. We have a tall mountain to climb but we are extremely confident that together we will reach the top and leave no one behind.

In the Spirit of Influence,

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