

Armed Forces Day
Ad Hoc City Council Committee
City Hall
Torrance, California

Members of the Committee:

SUBJECT: City Manager – Vietnam War 50th Anniversary Commemoration

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation of the City Manager that the Ad Hoc City Council Committee provide direction to City Council concerning the Vietnam War 50th Anniversary Commemoration.

BACKGROUND

At the request of the Mayor, the Armed Forces Day Ad Hoc City Council Committee was tasked to explore participating in the United States of America Vietnam War 50th Commemoration Commemorative Partner Program.

The Commemorative Partner Program is designed for federal, state and local communities, veterans' organizations and other nongovernmental organizations to assist a grateful nation in thanking and honoring our Vietnam Veterans and their families. Commemorative Partners are encouraged to participate in the Commemoration of the Vietnam War by planning and conducting events and activities that will recognize Vietnam Veterans and their families' service, valor, and sacrifice.

The Commemorative Partner Program recommends that events or activities should meet one or more of the Congressionally-mandated objectives of the program, and as a minimum, with an emphasis on objective one.

1. To thank and honor veterans of the Vietnam War, including personnel who were held as prisoners of war or listed as missing in action, for their service and sacrifice on behalf of the United States and to thank and honor the families of these veterans.
2. To highlight the service of the Armed Forces during the Vietnam War and the contributions of Federal agencies and governmental and non-governmental organizations that served with, or in support of, the Armed Forces.
3. To pay tribute to the contributions made on the home front by the people of the United States during the Vietnam War.
4. To highlight the advances in technology, science, and medicine related to military research conducted during the Vietnam War.
5. To recognize the contributions and sacrifices made by the allies of the United States during the Vietnam War.

Staff applied for the partnership program and The City's application for commemorative partnership was granted on May 11, 2015.

ANALYSIS

Staff has researched various partner events and developed a list of proposed events and activities that fit the criteria of the partnership program. The proposed list of events and activities can be implemented into a week-long commemoration. The commemoration also incorporates partnering with various community organizations to reach a broader audience.

The City Manager requests that the City Council Armed Forces Day Committee recommend to the City Council approval of the list of proposed events. With the City Council's approval, staff will develop a week-long Vietnam War 50th Anniversary Commemorative Program.

Respectfully submitted,

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City Manager

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City Manager

ATTACHMENT: List of proposed events

Vietnam War 50th Anniversary Commemoration Proposed Event and Activity List

eNewsletter Highlight

- Highlighting the advances in technology, science, and medicine related to military research conducted during the Vietnam War.
- Highlight upcoming events to recognize commemoration

Council Meeting Proclamation

- To recognize the contributions and sacrifices made by the allies of the United States during the Vietnam War.
- To pay tribute to the contributions made on the home front by the people of the United States during the Vietnam War.
- To thank and honor veterans of the Vietnam War, including personnel who were held as prisoners of war (POW), or listed as missing in action (MIA), for their service and sacrifice on behalf of the United States and to thank and honor the families of these veterans.

Veterans Commemoration Culmination

- Veterans Memorial Event on Veteran's Day
- Guest Speaker/Displays
- Thank your from the Mayor

Potential Partnerships

- Historical Society:
 - Movie showing
 - Feature display
- Western Museum of Flight
 - Lecture series
 - Feature display