

## **Our Mission & Facts**

**OUR MISSION is** To preserve, honor and protect our Veterans Memorial Park for memorials that honor men and women who have served in the United States Armed Forces.

America owes no debt of gratitude to the South Vietnamese Army. And while, philosophically, we can appreciate and respect what they did for their own country; they did not fight for our freedoms, our country, or our way of life.

The Vietnamese Community claims that the purpose of their memorial is to express their appreciation and gratitude to the American Soldiers who came to fight and die for them in Vietnam.

Even though the Vietnamese Community knows that the majority of Veterans feel an intense disrespect and anger in the insistence that soldiers pledged to a foreign government should be honored in our Veterans Memorial Park, the Vietnamese Community has not withdrawn their demand.

Their disregard for Veteran's traditions and opinions shows profound disrespect for the same people who risked their lives for them in South Vietnam.

- **The FACTS are as follow and you can follow on your hand out**
- **The John Stevens Veterans Memorial Park was conceived as a park to honor Veterans of the United States Armed Forces.**
- **The only memorials that exist in the Park now are to men and women who served in the United States Military.**
- **The Park has limited space and many Americans remain to be commemorated.**
- **There is already a Vietnam Memorial in the Park.**
- **The proposed memorial has wording that honors foreign soldiers who were pledged to a foreign government**
- **The Veterans' objections to the memorial are not related to race or national origin. The American Armed Forces is the ultimate "multi-cultural" organization and our memorials are to Americans of all races, creeds, and national origins.**
- **The right to be memorialized in the Veteran's Memorial Park is earned by honorable service in the United States Military, and by nothing else.**

***OUR POSITION is this:***

Veterans Memorial Park is sacred ground dedicated to the memory of American military men and women who served our county in the American uniform

**We call on each of you** to serve your country and fellow veterans.  
You have a voice as a citizen. Make your opinions known.

**Contact your mayor and city council men and women** by email, phone, mail or in person.

**Call City Hall at 316-**

**Sign the Petition** for Reserving Veterans Memorial Park for to the memory of Veterans who were serving in the United States Armed Forces at the time of their service. Petitions are available on the tables

**Attend the City Council Meeting on July 14, 2009 at 9:00 am** when this issue will be voted on.

Dennis Scuffham