

Letter from Howard Yale VVA

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"I Hope this issue has been brought up before. Where are the memorials to all the other allies that have fought by our side? Are we setting a precedence that would further damage our foreign relations with other countries? And with the Internet, it is beyond a doubt that this will be all over the world as I know of no other place in the United States that a foreign memorial co exists along with American memorials. The Vietnamese who fought by our side, should be honored, but in a setting that is of their own making, and befitting of their culture. True, they are NOW Americans, but they were not so during the time of this conflict. At that to me is the heart of the matter. These grounds were consecrated to those AMERICANS who fought and died in the conflicts represented in the Veteran's Park. The only retro action ever done is to add a name of a veteran who went missing and whose remains were later recovered. Are we now going to retro this to people who later became Americans? Are we now going to have to fly the Vietnamese Flag on Memorial Day?

I feel that an area even adjoining but divided from the American area would be acceptable, but most definitely a separate area is called for in the traditions of the American people.

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