

July 13, 2009

Mayor Carl Brewer

Re: Veterans Memorial Park

I stand in opposition to the placement of a memorial to South Vietnamese soldiers in Veterans Memorial Park. As with many in the so called 'greatest generation', I was honored to fight for my country, The United States of America, and believe memorials in our Veterans Memorial Park should be reserved to honor only United States servicemen and servicewomen. There are currently two honoring Americans who served in Vietnam. I would be just as opposed to memorials honoring French or British soldiers.

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