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**U.S. HOUSE OF CONGRESS H2404 - HONORING CRAIG DURFEY FOR HIS
FIGHT AGAINST AUTISM ... Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California.**

<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/CREC-2003-03-27/pdf/CREC-2003-03-27.pdf>

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Dear City Clerk,

Please post this email along with the two attached as my Public Comments document for the June 09, 2020 City Council meeting. Thank you.

CITY OF GARDEN GROVE CA

Dear Mayor Jones, City Council members, and City staff,

Please place the following important public safety request(s) on the City Council's AGENDA for June 23, 2020 at the latest:

REQUEST MAYOR JONES TO DISCUSS THE RESTORING OUR PURPLE HEART CITY RECOGNITION TO OUR VETERANS/WAR DOGS.BELOW IS DOCUMENTS OF OUR AND OTHERS WITH CITY HISTORY AS WELL AS OVER ALL. I REQUEST WE CONTACT GGUSD BOARD TO PARTNERSHIP TO INCLUDE PACIFICA HIGH SCHOOL ROTC UNIT AS WELL THE ORANGE COUNTY VETERAN COMMITTEE TO ADDRESS OUR CITY NEEDS TO FOR A VETERANS COMMISSION SO AS MANY OTHER

CITIES HAVE AN APPOINTED BY THE COUNCIL TO GUIDE RESTORE OUR CITY NEEDED HISTORY. PLEASE SEE MY WEBSITE [SOCIALEMOTIONALPAWS.ORG](https://socialemotionalpaws.org/) <https://socialemotionalpaws.org/> THEN SEEK UNDER MORE TAP THEN TO THREE SECTIONS <https://socialemotionalpaws.org/g-g-concept-veteran-dog> <https://socialemotionalpaws.org/%232-about-history-veterans> <https://socialemotionalpaws.org/blog-post>.

MAYOR JONES I WAS REQUESTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL MEMBER BUI TO ASK AMERICAN LEGION POST 555 MIDWAY CITY A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR NAMING THE CURRENT BIKE/WALKING TRAIL ALONG THE OLD PE ELECTRIC RIGHT AWAY FROM NUTWOOD/STANDFORD TO BROOKURST. AFTER MEETING THE AMERICAN LEGION 555 MIDWAY CITY THEY VOTED IN SUPPORT A WAR DOG MEMORIAL TO HONOR THESE LIVE SAVING BRAVE PARTNERS SINCE WE ONLY TWO IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. I THEN SOUGHT A LETTER FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 716 LOS ALTAMITOS FOR SUPPORT WAR DOG MEMORIAL THEY AGREED. NEXT THE HONORABLE SHARON QUICK SILVA 65 FIFTH DISTRICT IN SUPPORT LETTER FOR A WAR DOG MEMORIAL FULL-SERVICE DOG PARK IN GARDEN GROVE CURRENT CONSTRUCTION BIKE/WALKING TRAIL. THE COMMANDER JEFF FROM AMERICAN LEGION POST 555 AGREED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE COUNCIL UNDER PUBLIC COMMENTS ON 33-12-2020 REQUESTING FOR A WAR DOG MEMORIAL. WE SPOKE ABOUT LOCATION FOR THE AREA TO HAVE THE WAR DOG MEMORIAL WE THEN AGREED BEST LOCATION WAS BROOKURST EAST SIDE THE END OF THE BIKE TRAIL.

MAYOR JONES I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK WITH A LT FROM THE GGPD K-NINE UNIT WE TALK ABOUT THE NAMING THE BIKE/WALKING TRAIL AS A WAR DOG MEMORIAL HE THEN EXPRESSED THAT HE WAS A VETERAN THAT HE WANTED A MEMORIAL FOR K-NINE DOG MONUMENT, MAYOR JONES I AGREE THAT WE NEED TO HONOR THEM .MANY POLICE OFFICER ALONG FIREMAN, VETERANS SUFFER FROM PDST ITS WELL NOTED

IN NEWSPAPER REPORTS. TRAINED SERVICE DOGS AS WELL FORMER WAR DOGS SAVE THOSE WITH PTSD FROM SUICIDE.

War dogs and a heroic horse from Camp Pendleton receive animal bravery medals at Capitol Hill .

<https://www.oregister.com/2019/11/15/war-dogs-and-a-heroic-horse-from-camp-pendleton-receive-animal-bravery-medals-at-capitol-hill/>.

MAYOR JONES MANY WAR DOGS RECEIVE ALSO PURPLE HEARTS AS WELL THEY ARE RANKED HIGHER THAN THEIR HANDLER THAT IM IN SUPPORT OF NAMING THE CURRENT JUNE 9TH 2020 CITY COUNCIL AGENDA 6C AS WAR DOG BIKE/WALKING PARK WITH ADDED WALL THOSE WHO RESIDENTS FOUGHT IN WARS DIED .FORMER MAYOR DALTON QUOTES ““These are people who put their lives on the line,” said Bill Dalton, the city’s outgoing mayor. “There’s nothing that we shouldn’t do for our veterans.”

<https://www.oregister.com/2012/12/06/gg-honors-the-war-wounded/>

GG honors the war-wounded

A national veterans group, Forty & Eight, named Garden Grove the city of the year this year. It stands as the county’s first Purple Heart City, in recognition of the 41 Purple Heart recipients who live in the Big Strawberry. And its staff and Police Chief Kevin Raney recently earned kudos from the California National Guard.

Garden Grove Named OC's First Purple Heart City

November 26, 2012 [Facebook](#) [Twitter](#) [Copy Link](#)

The City of Garden Grove has been designated as a Purple Heart City—the first in Orange County—by the Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH). The City will acknowledge this title by approving a proclamation at the November 27, 2012 City Council meeting, and presenting it to MOPH representatives in attendance.

The Purple Heart is the oldest U.S. military award, given in the name of the President to members of the U.S. armed forces who are wounded by an instrument of war, or posthumously awarded to the next of kin for those killed or who die of wounds received in action. With nearly 20 other California cities currently designated as Purple Heart cities, in April 2012, California became the first Purple Heart State in the nation.

Established in 1932, the MOPH is the only service organization comprised strictly of combat veterans. The organization serves to foster an environment of goodwill and camaraderie among combat wounded veterans; promote patriotism; support legislative initiatives; and provide services to all veterans and their families.

The City of Garden Grove has been a recognized supporter of America's military personnel and efforts, being recently

named “City of the Year” by the national veteran’s organization, Forty & Eight.

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Garden Grove Purple Heart City Mar 22, 2013 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SF_Kz5hoyCA&t=21s

OR https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SF_Kz5hoyCA

THE WOUNDED WARRIOR MINISTRY

Garden Grove Purple Heart City

<http://thewoundedwarriorministry.com/videos-dedications/garden-grove-purple-heart-city/>

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Nguyen: O.C. honors veterans by becoming a Purple Heart County

<https://www.ocregister.com/2013/11/14/nguyen-oc-honors-veterans-by-becoming-a-purple-heart-county/>

November 14, 2013 at 12:00 a.m.

On this Veterans Day, I am proud to announce the designation of the County of Orange as a “Purple Heart County.” This designation, approved this week by a resolution of the Orange County Board of Supervisors, is intended to pay tribute to Orange County’s Purple Heart Medal recipients and raises awareness of the heroic efforts of the unknown heroes living right here in Orange County.

In 1782, future President George Washington first established the Purple Heart Medal as a Badge of Military Merit to be awarded to any soldier who performed a singularly meritorious action. Today, the Purple Heart Medal

recognizes American soldiers wounded or killed in the line of duty. Orange County is home to more than four hundred living recipients of this honor.

The selfless display of bravery exhibited by Purple Heart Medal recipients is deserving of the utmost admiration of our community and is the motivation behind this County designation. With it, Orange County becomes the sixth County in California to be designated as a “Purple Heart County” following Shasta, Colusa, Ken, Riverside and Ventura counties.

As a member of a military family, whose father was a former member of the Vietnamese military and whose brother is a former U.S. Marine, I feel privileged to have worked alongside Chapter .252 of the Military Order of the Purple Heart to author the resolution that led to this designation.

I am also thankful to my colleagues on the Orange County Board of Supervisors for their support in honoring Orange County’s rich military history. Our County is full of admirable heroes both living and deceased; including more than 500 Civil War Veterans who are buried right here in the Santa Ana and Fairhaven Cemeteries.

As residents of this County, I invite all of you to join me in my effort to honor all veterans, the more than 400 Purple Heart Medal recipients and the more than 120,000 veterans living in Orange County. All veterans have made great sacrifices for us, having left jobs, educational opportunities and loved ones to

risk injury or death to secure the freedom of our nation.

This Veterans Day presents a great opportunity for us to exemplify our designation as a “Purple Heart County” by coming together to thank all heroes past, present and future who have made the United States of America, the State of California and the County of Orange a better, safer place for us to live and enjoy.

– Janet Nguyen is a member of the Orange County Board of Supervisors, First District, and represents the cities of Fountain Valley, Garden Grove, Santa Ana, Westminster and the unincorporated community of Midway City.

[Fighting’ Fifth Marine Regiment dedicates Purple...](https://www.ocregister.com/2017/02/23/fightin-fifth-marine-regiment-dedicates-purple-heart-monument-at-camp-pendleton/)

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A monument to Purple Heart recipients was unveiled in the 1/5 Memorial Garden on the Camp Pendleton Marine Corps base Wednesday afternoon. The commanding officer of the 5th Marine Regiment, Col. Kenneth Kassner, left, and Terry Rifkin, President and CEO of 5th Marine Regiment Support Group in Dana Point hug after pulling the cover off the

monument. (Photo by Sam Gangwer, Orange County Register/SCNG)

CAMP PENDLETON – Bob Bobst couldn't hold back tears as he glanced toward the newly unveiled Purple Heart monument at the 5th Marine Regiment headquarters.

“It brings back a lot of memories,” the 90-year-old World War II Navy veteran said. “A lot of men that were my friends died.”

Bobst, of San Clemente, served as a Navy corpsman from 1943 to 1946. He fought to save Marines in campaigns at Peleliu Island, Okinawa and New Britain and received a Purple Heart after being hit by a Japanese hand grenade in 1945.

On Wednesday, he was the first of six Purple Heart recipients to hang a flower lei on the new monument dedicated to those who bled in combat or died in the defense of the country.

CPL. Donald, J. Hogan, who served with the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines, was killed in Afghanistan on Aug. 26, 2009.

The others were Sgt. Major Marty Vasquez, who served in Korea and was wounded in Vietnam in 1966; Capt. Steve Colwell, wounded in Vietnam in 1967; 1st Sgt. Deandre Gillian, wounded in 2010 during combat in Operation Iraqi Freedom; 1st Sgt.

Brian Holloway, who was wounded during combat in Iraq in 2004 during Operation Enduring Freedom; and Gunnery Sgt. Jorge Delgado, who was wounded in Operation Enduring Freedom in 2010.

The Vermont granite monument – the idea of Col. Kenneth Kassner, commanding officer of the 5th Marine Regiment – was dedicated at the 5th Marines Memorial Park and Garden. The 5th Marine Regiment is the Marine Corp’s most decorated infantry regiment.

“There is no more appropriate place to commemorate the valor and self-sacrifice of our regiment’s combat fallen and wounded than here on these hallowed grounds of our Fightin’ 5th Memorial Park and Garden,” Kassner, a two-time Purple Heart recipient, said during the ceremony.

The Purple Heart is the nation’s oldest and most recognized award. It was first introduced as the Badge of Military Merit by Gen. George Washington in 1782, and reintroduced on Feb. 22, 1932 – the 200th anniversary of Washington’s birthday.

The dedication included dozens of veterans who received the valor award, their families and friends. Gold Star parents – Jim and Carla Hogan of San Clemente – were also recognized. The couple’s son, Lance J. Hogan, who served with the 1st Battalion,

5th Marines, was killed in Afghanistan on Aug. 26, 2009.

“We know a lot of combat-wounded, and it’s heartwarming to see them recognized for a sacrifice that lasts a lifetime,” said Carla Hogan.

The \$20,000 monument was paid for by the Dana Point 5th Marine Regiment Support Group and dedicated in the memorial park and garden created and maintained by the group. It has taken two years to complete it.

Kassner said it was on one of his visits to the garden that he realized the other two monuments there are dedicated only to the fallen.

“Whether the brutal beach landings across the Solomon or Gilbert Islands of the Pacific Ocean; the subzero temperatures of Yudam-ni and Haguru-ri in North Korea; or the often unforgiving arid regions of Iraq and Afghanistan, we recognize that all our veterans have given something of themselves to this country and some have given all by laying down their lives to defend the freedoms we as Americans hold so dear,” Kassner said.

The new monument is flanked by a monument to Operation Iraqi Freedom that was dedicated and sponsored by the Dana Point support group in 2009

and a monument to Operation Enduring Freedom unveiled in 2013 supported by the Dana Point group and the cities of Laguna Hills, Rancho Santa Margarita and San Clemente.

Kassner saluted the regiment's Vietnam veterans in attendance.

“Your generation of fighters has ensured that today's warriors, whether combat-wounded or not, receive the gratitude and support grossly absent during the years in which you faithfully served our great country,” he said.

He also reached out to families and friends of the wounded. “Our gratitude and respect for our regiment's combat casualties and their families must stand the test of time,” he said. “To that end, our Fighting 5th Purple Heart monument will forever serve as a powerful testament that ‘All gave some ... and some gave all.’”

MAYOR JONES FOR LAST YEAR SINCE I HAD MET A VETERAN WHO I HAD WHO TOLD ME WITH HIS PARTNERS RIDING BIKES FOR LONG DISTANCES AND ONE HAD COMMITTED SUICIDE. THEN I MENTION TO HIM OF A NEW BIKE/WALKING TRAIL THAT WE OUGHT TO NAME AFTER THOSE WHO SERVED OUR COUNTRY, HIS RESPONSE WAS THAT WOULD BE GREAT. THIS RESPONSE WAS THE STARTING POINT SINCE THE CITY HAD NO PLANS AT THAT TIME TO NAMING IT.FROM THERE ON WITH AMERICAN LEGION POST 555 GAVE THIS MISSION IN CHARGE OF THIS

PROJECT. AS I HAVE STATED IN PUBLIC COMMENTS OF MY FAMILY'S SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY FROM THE PURPLE HEART IN VIETNAM TO MY COUSIN IN THE U.S. NAVY FULL CAREER TO MY FATHER WAS IN THE U.S. MARINE CORPS THEN I WAS ON A DRAFT LIST FOR THE WAR IN VIETNAM. AS AN AUXILIARY UNDER THE TERMS OF VETERANS' FEDERAL STANDARDS TO BE LISTED AS AN AUXILIARY MEMBER.

MAYOR JONES FROM A NEWS STORY CALLED MILITARY WORKING DOG, HUMAN HANDLER BOND IN BAGHDAD FEB. 28 2017 BY ARMY SGT. ANNA PONG, 3RD INFANTRY REGIMENT A QUOTE FROM IT I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WHY WAR DOGS ARE A VITAL TO OUR COUNTRY. "THE CAPABILITY THEY [MILITARY WORKING DOGS] BRING TO THE FIGHT CANNOT BE REPLICATED BY MAN OR MACHINE. BY ALL MEASURES OF PERFORMANCE THEIR YIELD OUTPERFORMS ANY ASSET WE HAVE IN OUR INVENTORY" - - ARMY GEN. DAVID PETRAUS. Public Records Request
<CITYCLERK@GGCITY.ORG>

AS THE FOUNDER OF P.R.D.D.C. WITH THE THOUSANDS OF HOURS DONATED TO ISSUES OF HEALTH, SAFETY, EDUCATION, TRANSPORTATION, LEGISLATION CREATING TWO WEBSITES FOR THOSE WHO MAY FIND INFORMATION TO VERY BENEFICIAL INFORMATION TO IMPORTANT ISSUES TODAY. THE FUNDING LIKE A FOUNDATION WAS FROM OUR FAMILY POCKET, I WOULD LIKE NOW TO PROVIDE QUOTES.

FIRST QUOTE: "U.S. PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN THERE ARE NO EASY ANSWERS, BUT THERE ARE SIMPLE ANSWERS. WE MUST HAVE THE COURAGE TO DO WHAT WE

KNOW IS MORALLY RIGHT.

https://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/ronald_reagan_183976

A SECOND QUOTE " AT THE END OF THE DAY IT'S NOT ABOUT WHAT YOU HAVE OR EVEN WHAT YOU'VE ACCOMPLISHED...IT'S ABOUT WHO YOU'VE MADE BETTER.IT'S ABOUT WHAT YOU'VE GIVEN BACK." BY DENZEL

WASHINGTON <https://www.goodreads.com/quotes/413356-at-the-end-of-the-day-it-s-not-about-what>

A THIRD QUOTE: " LIFE IS AN ECHO. WHAT YOU SEND OUT,COMES BACK. WHAT YOU SOW, YOU REAP,WHAT YOU GIVE,YOU GET.WHAT YOU SEE IN OTHERS, EXISTS IN YOU." BY ZIG ZIGAR <https://fleurdelyz.com/2015/01/31/quotes-pay-it-forward/> .

FOURTH QUOTES FROM THE "U.S. PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN THAT WE MUST HAVE THE COURAGE TO DO WHAT WE KNOW IS MORALLY RIGHT.A SECOND QUOTE " AT THE END OF THE DAY IT'S NOT ABOUT WHAT YOU HAVE OR EVEN WHAT YOU'VE ACCOMPLISHED...IT'S ABOUT WHO YOU'VE MADE BETTER.IT'S ABOUT WHAT YOU'VE GIVEN BACK."

FIFTH QUOTE: IT IS A FINE THING TO BE HONEST, BUT IT IS ALSO VERY IMPORTANT TO BE RIGHT" BY

WINSTON CHURCHILL.

https://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/winston_churchill_156890

SIX QUOTES FROM THE “U.S. PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN

“Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it on to our children in the bloodstream. The only way they can inherit the freedom we have known is if we fight for it, protect it, defend it, and then hand it to them with the well fought lessons of how they in their lifetime must do the same. And if you and I don't do this, then you and I may well spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children”...

https://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/ronald_reagan_183965

THANK YOU

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