

# Vietnam memorial under way

Gone, but not forgotten, are those San Dieguito High graduates who fell in combat during the Vietnam War.

Cardiff's **David Gonzales** tells me he has launched a



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special war memorial project in coastal North County to honor San Dieguito alums killed during that era. David, who is a

1959 SDHS grad, has formed the San Dieguito Vietnam Memorial Project along with Encinitas' **Sam Hernandez** and Ocean-side's **Bill Roebuck**, a retired Solana Beach fire chief.

"I have started a campaign to raise money to establish the San Dieguito Vietnam Memorial in memory of the students from San Dieguito High School who were killed in the Vietnam War," David told me.

"So far we've identified five men."

They are: Marine 1st Lt. **James M. Mitchell** of Encinitas; Navy Lt. j.g. **Michael R. Zerbe** of Del Mar; Marine 1st Lt. **Charles B. Henricks**, Army Spc.4 **Victor Lopez**, and Army Pfc. **Thomas L. Mericantante**, all of Solana Beach.

There will be a benefit golf tournament Saturday at Oceanside's Center City Golf Course. Cost is \$50 per player, which includes cart, green fees and a Saturday luncheon at Tony's Jacal restaurant in Solana Beach.

"Very few people know about this project," said David. "Ironically, our fund-raiser's awards ceremony at Tony's in Solana Beach on Saturday is the U.S. Marine Corps' 226th birthday."

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