

District clarifies war memorial stand

I would like to take this opportunity to respond to Mr. Tom Morrow's Nov. 19 column, "Veterans at war with school district." Since Mr. Morrow did not have the chance to speak with Mr. Hall, whom he mentions, nor me, I want to clarify a few points.

Our major reservation with Mr. David Gonzalez's request to construct a memorial at San Dieguito High School Academy has been one of public access. How would the public have an opportunity to view a memorial at a school? Clearly, it is difficult to have people freely access the campus during school days. In a time of safety concerns, any visitor must report to the office, be checked in.

Mr. Hall has asked Mr. Gonzalez to put in writing what he wants to do, with a drawing of the proposed memorial. I am sure anyone responsible for a piece of property would ask the same.

In a voice-mail message from Mr. Gonzalez to Mr. Hall on Nov. 19, he indicated that he did not know Mr. Morrow was writing this particular column. He also indicated that before he would present a proposal, he wanted to speak to the families of the five men, perhaps to determine if this is where they want the memorial.

Thank you for the opportunity to share the position of the San Dieguito Union High School District.

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