

## NOTES &amp; QUOTES

## O'side man knew Vietnam vets at SDHS

The proposed Vietnam Memorial for San Dieguito Academy is of special interest to Oceanside's **Bill Kundinger**. He knew the five San Dieguito High School grads who died in combat during the Vietnam War. Bill was in the SDHS class of 1960, as well as a Vietnam alumna ('67-'68).

"I have been following the efforts of David Gonzales and other fellow classmates to install a memorial honoring San Dieguito graduates who gave their lives in the Vietnam War," Bill told me. "I'm equally impressed by the positive comments made by the students of San Dieguito Academy. ... Indeed, I would hope the entire San Dieguito community would

reflect their sentiments."

The memorial is quite personal to Bill.



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"As a Vietnam veteran and San Dieguito alumnus, I personally knew each of those classmates who did not make it home," he said. "When I safely returned, I was very proud, and still am, to have served my country. The sad thing is that it has taken us so long to place a lasting memorial to honor our local heroes."

The movement has generated such interest that expanding it to cover World War II and Korea now is being considered by the San Dieguito Union High School Board of Trustees.

"A suggestion made by a current school board member to possibly expand the

war memorial to include alumni killed in World War II and the Korean War makes even more sense," he concluded.

**HORN BLOWING** — North County Times readers have helped us deliver to New York City firefighters more than four miles of newsprint filled with best-wishes messages and signatures from across our circulation area. For three weeks, rolls of newsprint were available at schools, churches, retirement homes, community events, theaters and shopping centers for people to put their feelings on paper.

"The request for locations was overwhelming," said Kevin Leap, NCT associate publisher.

Originally called "Mile of Messages," the outpouring of thoughts was expected to collect up to one mile of messages to be spliced

into one roll and delivered to New York.

"We were amazed when all of the rolls were returned and we had more than four miles of messages rolled into three packages weighing more than 300 pounds," Leap said.

The messages were presented Thursday to **Al Roker** on NBC-TV's "Today Show." They will be delivered to the NYC Uniformed Firefighters Association.

**FROM MARS** — "I was thinking, if you're ever on your way to buy a lottery ticket and you get hit by lightning, you might as well forget it, because what are the odds?"

— *Neal Mars, Oceanside*

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