

War memorial preserves our heritage

What do we want our children to learn when they go to school? Math, science and English are the typical answers.

But what about history — when history touches each and every student on campus? Isn't that important? This is the question being debated in the San Dieguito Union High School District, following a request by an alumnus to dedicate a memorial honoring those students at San Dieguito Academy who gave their lives for their country during the Vietnam War.

I was appalled to learn how quickly and flippantly the original request was dismissed. Contending students would not have a connection with those who made the ultimate sacrifice is just wrong.

I know how proud I am of the service I was privileged to render our great nation, especially my time at nearby Camp Pendleton. When I look at the youthful faces of today's Marines, I see the same pride and dedication to duty as they train for their missions.

So what is so terrible with remembering those who paid that price and did not return home? What better way to understand our history than honoring those who are part of it? On Dec. 13, the trustees are slated to discuss this issue.

Let there be a memorial for San Dieguito graduates whom are veterans of all con-

flicts, done with taste and approved by trustees, that salutes these heroes.

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