

Hmong Community Replaces Damaged Monument

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18 months have passed since the Hmong Monument at Point of Honor was mysteriously damaged.

Thursday, April 11, in a special Point of Honor ceremony, a new Hmong Monument was erected by City staff and Eternal Caskets and Monuments

Many folks have long forgotten the Southeast Asian War also called the Secret War over a half century ago.

US Air Force Colonel Craig Bradford, former longtime resident of Del Norte remembers and shared his thoughts on this day of recognition.

“ The Hmong Community in Del Norte and many U.S. Veterans of the Southeast Asia War who retired here are especially grateful for Crescent City Municipal management team, especially Jason Wiley and City Manager Eric Wier. For several years, both of these remarkable civil servants actively supported community efforts to create the Veterans “Point of Honor” Memorial array at the corner of Front St and Highway 101. All five U.S. military services, including the Hmong Army that fought so courageously against Communist forces along side American soldiers and airmen. Jason Wiley and City workers tried to put the desecrated obelisk but today a new Hmong Monument will replace it. Hmong families and Americans have much in common in terms of a driving desire for free agency. Hmong fighters joined American troops over a half century ago, risked their lives to ensure descendants are blessed with the mantle of liberty and justice.”

Point of Honor was dedicated at the corner of Front and Highway 101 South. Organizing the effort for Point of Honor was founding president of the Del Norte Point of Honor group / retired Chief of Police Doug Plack, succeeding president Harlan Ziegler and a Committee of local veterans.

The Hmong contributed in what was called The Secret War 1961-1975 incorporating volunteers from Laos and Cambodia in assisting American troops in the War effort.