

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



FROM: Supervisor Jeff Stone **SUBMITTAL DATE:** June 26, 2007

SUBJECT: Memorial To Riverside County's Active Duty Deaths

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the design of the Memorial to Riverside County's Active Duty Deaths.
2. Contract with the Patrician Group to build and install the memorial described and outlined in the attached proposal.
3. Allocate \$30,000 from each Supervisor's 2007-08 Community Improvement Funds, with the balance of the construction and installation costs to come from the General Fund at the direction of the Executive Office.

BACKGROUND:

Available records document that 800+ men and women from Riverside County have died while serving on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States ("Killed In Action", or KIA) since the County's incorporation on May 9, 1893. It is proposed that these active duty deaths - past, present and future - be forever memorialized by a beautiful and patriotic memorial entitled "Eagle and Lights", designed by the Patrician Group of Riverside, CA.

The life of each KIA will be symbolically captured forever by LEDs suspended in specially designed tubes which will hang from the ceiling of the Atrium area of the lobby of the County Administrative Center, with a separate component projecting the actual names of every local hero lost in the line of duty. The project will be a perpetual memorial in that additional LEDs and projected names can be added to accommodate for future losses. The collective impact will be a moving and visually stunning tribute to the men and women who paid the ultimate sacrifice as they answered their county's call to defend liberty and freedom worldwide.

The total budget for this project is approximately \$150,000. With the Board's consideration and approval today, it is anticipated that the memorial can be unveiled by the Chairman and Board of Supervisors on Veterans' Day 2007.



Jeff Stone, Third District Supervisor