

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



FROM: Supervisor Jeffries and Supervisor Stone

SUBMITTAL DATE: July 10, 2013

SUBJECT: F.R.I.E.N.D.S (Flags Remembering Individually Every Nobly Deceased Soldier)

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors consider adopting "FRIENDS" and partnering with the Riverside National Cemetery in funding the "Flag For Every Hero" program with a C.I.D. allocation from each district

BACKGROUND: Supervisors Jeffries and Stone recently attended a March Joint Powers meeting on June 19th, and heard a presentation entitled "A Flag For Every Hero" by Brennan Leininger, Program Director for Honoring Our Fallen, Inc. The presentation represented a program to ensure that every soldier interned at Riverside National Cemetery has a United States Flag placed on their gravesite on Memorial Day and Veterans Day.

There are approximately 225,000 veterans interned at Riverside National Cemetery, but only approximately 100,000 flags are available to be placed and taken down by volunteers. Mr. Leininger's organization is a certified 501c(3) organization committed to raising funds to purchase more flags and ensure that every veteran interned at Riverside National Cemetery is honored with a United States Flag.

The flags are made in the United States and are reusable, and cost approximately .60 cents each. Supervisors Jeffries and Stone propose to allocate **\$5000** from each of their respective C.I.D. funds and request that the other Board members match the same allocation from each respective district. In addition, Supervisors Jeffries and Stone wish to make an appeal to the approximately 18,000 county employees to contribute a minimum of \$3.00 each to meet the overall funding goal for the flags.

Kevin Jeffries, First District Supervisor

Jeff Stone, Third District Supervisor