

TO: TOWN COUNCIL

FROM: TOWN MANAGER

RE: CONSENT ITEM

REQUEST FOR DONATIONS – MILITARY HONOR DANCE AND JAPANESE
AMERICAN VETERANS MEMORIAL

ISSUE

Camelot Costume asks for a donation to conduct a dance in September 2010 to honor people in the military, and the Placer County Japanese American Citizens League asks for a donation to construct a memorial honoring American Japanese veterans of WW II .

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize use of one of the Town's meeting times at the Blue Goose Shed for the military dance event.

Refer memorial donation to the 2010/11 budget for consideration in the Donations and Awards expenses.

CEQA

There are no CEQA issues because it is self evident that these kinds of donations will not impact the environment.

MONEY

Yearly budgets typically provide for Council Donations and Awards which are discretionary funds that Council allocates throughout the fiscal year. The budget will be set in May/June for the 2010/11 fiscal year. It is not known at this writing how much, if any, money will be available.

DISCUSSION

Sheila Lee, owner of Camelot Costumes asks that the Town allow the use of one of its free meeting dates at the Blue Goose Shed for the second annual dance to honor military people. She coordinated the last event in August 2009 (see attached letter). Council contributed \$500.00 at that time and waved the Depot use fees.

E. Ken Tokutomi, Chair of the Monument Fund Drive for the Placer County Japanese American Citizens League, asks for a donation to construct a monument to honor Japanese veterans who served in the US Military during WW II. There is no specific amount requested however a donor card notes amounts up to \$8,000. The cost of the monument is expected to be \$120,000.

Camelot Costumes
P. O. Box 1466
Loomis CA. 95650

On Sept 18th we will honoring our military both past and present by holding the 2ed annual Red white and blue dance. This year we will be having wounded Warriors and a local veterans group as our charities. Last year our event was held in the depot area. Although our event was successful there were too many challenges to use this spot again. People entering the dance without paying, a business closed early do to the fact alcohol was served, there were no table and chairs for the patrons to use were a few of our problems. This year our committee has decided to use the Blue Goose for our event.

As well as honoring our military bring new people to the down town Loomis area are the main goals of the dance. Last year half of the patrons were not from Loomis. The Blue Gooses is not only an excellent venue but it shows both the past and present of Loomis.

It is our understanding that the city council is allowed to use the Blue Goose free of charge several times a year. We would like to ask the city council for the use of one of those times.

Putting on this event is costly. Hiring a band (cost \$500 to \$1,000) advertising (last year \$300) decorating supplies (last year \$200) to name a few of our expenses. With the economy as it is we would like to keep our entrance fee the same as last year \$25 per couple \$15 single. We believe at this price our veterans can afford to come. If we have to pay for all of the expenses we will not be able to keep the price at that price.

Thank you for you attention on this matter.

Red White and Blue Dance Committee
Giner Abahail
Sheila Lee

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A MONUMENT TO HONOR

JAPANESE AMERICAN WW II VETERANS

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Placer County Japanese American Citizens League

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December 21, 2009

TOWN OF LOOMIS

Perry Beck
6140 Horseshoe Bar Road, Suite K
Loomis, CA 95650

Dear Perry Beck,

The Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) Placer County chapter and the County of Placer have partnered to create a memorial commemorating the Americans of Japanese ancestry who served in the U. S. military during World War II — heroic soldiers who volunteered to fight for our country even though some of them and their families were interned.

This project is proceeding in two phases. On December 16, 2009, Placer County completed the site for this memorial and dedicated a roadway at the Santucci Center as "Go for Broke Road" to commemorate the unit's motto. Yamasaki Landscape Design of Auburn designed a 36-foot wide inlaid concrete compass and landscaping.

The County framed the space with two large granite boulders. One holds a bronze plaque with a dedication message from the Board of Supervisors; the other boulder holds a bronze plaque with the history of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team. The County also plans to include panels on an additional boulder where the names of each Placer County resident who served in the unit will be displayed. David Unruhe is working on the list of names and can be reached at (530) 906-5448.

In the second phase, Placer County JACL will install a bronze sculpture representing the role of the 442nd in the "Rescue of the Lost Battalion", designed by internationally acclaimed artist France Borcka. **This permanent monument to these heroes will be funded entirely through donations. We need to raise \$120,000 to complete the memorial.**

By creating this monument we honor all those who served from Northern California in the 442nd RCT/ 100th Battalion and the Military Intelligence Service. A group of individuals and businesses has generated over \$20,000 to sponsor our fundraising effort. Organizations committed to this project include the Placer Buddhist Church, the JACL Northern California/Western Nevada/Pacific (NCWNP) District, Nisei Post 8985 VFW in Sacramento and the Go for Broke National Education Center in Torrance.

We ask for your support of this project by making a tax-deductible donation to the monument fund at the Placer County JACL. For more information, to donate securely, or to sign up for e-mail updates — please visit our website at www.placerjacl.org.

Please help us honor these great American heroes!

Thank you for your help,

E. Ken Tokutomi, CPA
Chair, Monument Fund Drive

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A Monument To Honor Japanese American WW II Veterans

Yes, I support this project with my tax-deductible donation (payable to Placer County JACL).

Name(s) _____ Supporter \$ _____
Address _____ Donor \$ 300
City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Sponsor \$1,000
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Yes, you may use my name in literature and online *Please send me e-mail updates*

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