



AGENDA REPORT
SAN CLEMENTE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
 Meeting Date: March 19, 2013

Agenda Item 11-13(1)
 Approvals: _____
 City Manager [Signature]
 Dept. Head _____
 Attorney _____
 Finance _____

Department: City Manager [Signature]
Prepared By: Laura Ferguson, Assistant to the City Manager/Public Information Officer
Subject: OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM MONUMENT

Summary: Fundraising for the Operation Enduring Freedom Monument is being spearheaded by the Dana Point 5th Marine Regiment Support Group. This 7'x 8', five-ton solid granite barrier shaped Monument will pay tribute to those killed in combat in Afghanistan from the 5th Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team Five (RCT-5/2011-2012) and other Marine Units who have made the ultimate sacrifice on our behalf to preserve freedom in America. This tribute will serve as a place for those to come and pay their respects to our fallen Marines and Sailors in the presence of the Monument at the 5th Marine Memorial Park.

The preparation of the 5th Marine Memorial Park, so that it may accept this tribute and the memorial itself, will cost approximately \$55,000.00. This includes the fabrication, shipping and installation of the Monument and the rehabilitation of the park. The Dana Point 5th Marine Regiment Support Group seeks to have the Monument erected by late May or early June with a dedication ceremony held around the same time. The City of San Clemente's adopted unit, the 2/4 Marines ("The Magnificent Bastards") is assigned to the 5th Marine Regiment and will have its fallen members included on the Monument. These four other Orange County cities also adopted units from the 5th Marine Regiment, and have shown support for the Operation Enduring Freedom Monument fundraising effort: Costa Mesa, Dana Point, Laguna Hills and Rancho Santa Margarita.

Recommended Action: Staff Recommends that the City Council: 1) determine if the City will provide a donation to support the Operation Enduring Freedom Monument at Camp Pendleton and, if so, the amount of the donation, and 2) transfer the appropriate amount from the Council Contingency Reserve Account #001-203-44900 to the Marine Unit Support Account #001-202-44756.

Fiscal Impact: Council Contingency Reserve Account #001-203-44900 will be reduced by \$5,000 leaving a remaining balance of \$28,000.

Attachments: Photo simulation of Monument

ification: Terry Rifkin, President, Dana Point 5th Marine Regiment Support Group



1/4 scale model of the proposed
OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM MONUMENT
 to be placed at the 5th Marine Regiment Memorial Garden, Camp Pendleton
PLEASE SUPPORT OUR FALLEN... DONATE ONLINE TODAY AT DANAPOINT5THMARINES.COM

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