

SUBMITTED BY: Xenia Gonzalez, Neighborhood Resources & Grants Director

MANAGEMENT TEAM REVIEW: Ana Urquijo, City Manager

FOCUS AREA: Other / NA

ORGANIZATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS: N/A

SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION NO. 22-1516**, a Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Douglas, Cochise County, Arizona, amending Resolution No. 22-1503 **NAMING VETERAN'S PARK PLAYGROUND** as **KOREAN WAR HERO PLAYGROUND** in **HONOR** of American Service Members born in Douglas, Arizona, killed during the Korean War, and were or still are missing in action.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Staff and the community recently learned that the remains of Private Felix M. Yanez, one of the other "missing three" Douglas, Arizona natives who served in the Korean War, were identified on July 13, 2022 through dental and DNA analysis. Mr. Yanez was laid to rest in Tucson, AZ on September 3, 2022.

BACKGROUND:

On June 8, 2022, Mayor & Council Approved Resolution No. 22-1503, a citizen request to name a city facility after US Army SGT Frank G. Vejar. Prior to the meeting at which that approval happened, City Manager was approached by family members of Sgt Vejar, requesting to honor three others who were friends of Sgt Vejar and still missing in action. (PV2 Felix M. Yanez, Cpl Gerardo R. Aldaña and Sgt. Richard C. Encinas)

DISCUSSION:

Due to the identification of PV2 Yanez's remains, City staff would still like to honor SFC Vejar, PV2 Yanez and the still missing soldiers from Douglas, AZ by appropriately naming the Veterans Park Playground. Staff recommends the change from "SFC Frank G. Vejar and the missing three" to "Korean War Heroes Memorial"

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

Fiscal Year: 2022/2023

Amount Requested: \$

Budgeted: Y / N

Account (s):

“...I MOVE THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 22-1516.”