



April 27, 2022

Mayor Huish and Councilmembers:

Placita on G Ave - 1st Priority

We the undersigned are requesting that a public facility (Veterans Park playground) be named/re-named and dedicated to Army Sergeant First Class Frank G. Vejar. SFC Frank Gonzales Vejar was born April 12, 1931 in Douglas to José Vejar and Elodia Gonzales Valdez. He lived in Douglas as a child and as a teenager he briefly worked for the Douglas Dispatch and Western Union before enlisting in the Army in 1947 at only 16 years old.

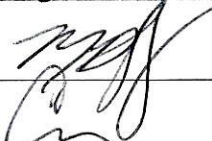

He was a member of Heavy Mortar Company, 31st Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division and was reported missing in action on Nov. 30, 1950 when his unit was attacked by Chinese Communist forces near the Chosin Reservoir, North Korea. He had been missing in action for 70 years.


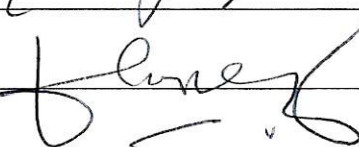

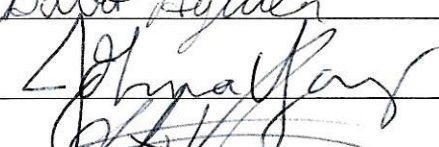
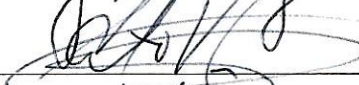
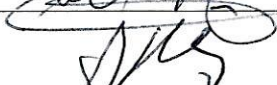
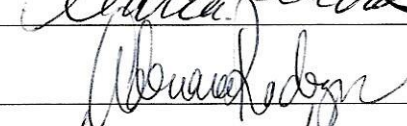


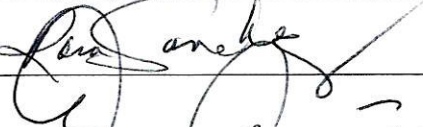

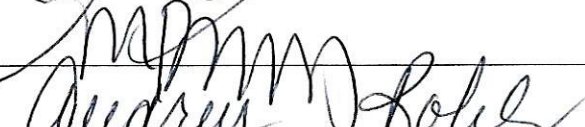
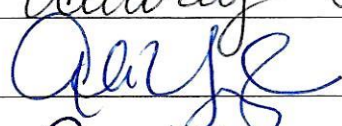

On July 27, 2018, North Korea turned over 55 boxes of remains of American service members killed during the Korean War and the remains arrived at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, on August 1, 2018. The remains were recorded into the POW/MIA Accounting Agency's laboratory for identification. To identify Vejar's remains, scientists used anthropological analysis and circumstantial evidence, along with DNA analysis from relatives. His remains were accounted for April 14, 2020 and he was laid to rest beside his parents in his hometown of Douglas, AZ on November 17, 2021.

He was posthumously awarded the purple heart, combat infantryman's badge, Korean service medal and Korean presidential unit citation, to name a few. We believe that his selfless service to our country, and having paid the ultimate price, is more than deserving of our request to name a public facility in his honor.

The family is overwhelmed by the outpouring of the community's love and support and support our efforts to have a public facility named after him.

Petition signatures on naming/renaming of Veterans Park Playground for SFC Vejar

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- 3. Anna D. Hill
- 4. Maria R. Velasco

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14. Alicia Cuevas
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16. Angelica Verdugo
17. Maria Sus
18. Oriol Zells
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22.  Asuna
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24. Audrey Koles
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26.  Albert

27. SA B. Hughes

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29. A. A. Young

30. B. O'Neil

31. M. Young

32. ~~SA B. Hughes~~

33. J. S. L. King

34. A. J. Young

35. J. A. Carter

36. J. M. Young

37. Arturo Davila

38. M. A. Young

39. J. M. Young

40. Carlos Chavez

41. Jay Lora Tapia

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