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Hmong Veterans Honored

Linda, Ca.

On May 23, 2014 at 10:00 A.M. the Hmong Veterans will be honored in a ribbon cutting ceremony at the Museum of the Forgotten Warriors, 5865 A Road in Linda, off BEALE Rd. near the Base.

The Wall of Fame of the Forgotten Hmong Warriors is a tribute to those who fought alongside the United States during the Vietnam War. Veterans will be recognized for Vietnam-era service with the pinning of the 50th anniversary Vietnam War medals and citations for the commemorative group by Assemblyman Dan Logue. Other speakers include: Yuba County Supervisor Andy Vasquez, Lt. Song K. Thao (Paratrooper in Laos),

Col. Chong Shoua Lor (POW), Captain Dang Neng Thao (rescued two U.S. pilots) and special guests from Beale AFB.

A special medal will be presented by American Legion Post 807.

CBS news reported in April 2014 that Congressman Jim Costa has co-authored a bill to allow Hmong veterans to be buried in national military cemeteries such as those in Santa Nella and Tehachapi. Some call it a chance to repay a debt of gratitude.

Chi Neng Vang spends most of his days educating people about the role his father, General Vang Pao, played during the Vietnam War. The late general led CIA-trained Hmong and Lao troops which support-



ed US forces.

Chi Neng said of the efforts to honor Hmong veterans, "It

means a lot. It has great value in it because their involvement during that time was part of

a secret war that was never disclosed or never made public up until '96."