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EDITOR'S NOTES

Also: Sesquicentennial, Hmong recognition, and art festival tradition

Thumbs Up:

We're all glad that recognition has come from a few sources now for Hmong soldiers who fought along with U.S. military in Laos during the Vietnam War.

Appeal-Democrat photo editor Chris Kaufman reported last week that tears rolled down the face of Maj. Vang Thao as he received acknowledgement for his efforts.

Thao of Linda was one of 50 Hmong honored last week at the Museum of the Forgotten Warriors in Linda. Several soldiers from across the country attended along with about 50 family and friends supporting them. Vice Commander Joe Teruel of the Olivehurst Veterans of

Foreign Wars Post 4095 presented a flag to Henry Thao, another Hmong fighter.

"It's very important that we recognize what they did," he said. He spent a year in Vietnam, working on missions alongside Hmong soldiers.

Also dedicated was the Wall of Fame of the Forgotten Hmong Warriors. It features numerous images of prominent Hmong figures, military clothing and cultural artifacts.

Never forget.



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