



Museum curator Dann Spear during the playing of the national anthem.

Ever since he became friends and began corresponding with some American soldiers serving in Vietnam, Dann Spear has wanted to show the veterans that "some of us remember."

Saturday, he realized that dream with the official opening of his "Museum of the Forgotten Warriors."

Spear has converted a garage at his Linda home into a small museum housing the extensive collection of artifacts he has gathered in the last few years. They include uniforms, patches, pins, pistols, rifles (including some handmade Vietnamese weapons), and other memorabilia from the conflict.

The museum opening was preceded by several short speeches and a flag-raising ceremony performed by an honor guard from Viet Vet House in Sacramento.

Once inside, veterans and their families wandered slowly through the narrow aisles, carefully examining the objects on display. "There's a lot of memories in there, my man" was one of the comments by an honor guard member leaving the museum.

For Spear, the gratitude he receives from veterans is payment enough — he does not accept monetary donations.



Roy Hicks, of the Viet Vet House in Sacramento, placed a wreath honoring the war's MIAs and POWs.

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