

# THE FLAME OF LIBERTY BURNS BRIGHT

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HONORING U.S. MILITARY, FIRST RESPONDERS & LOCAL 9/11 HEROES

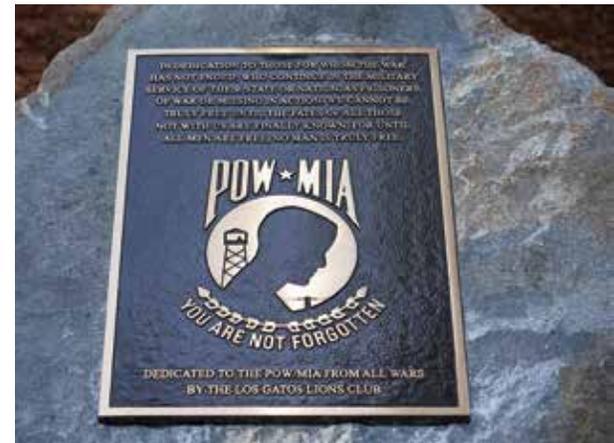


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On June 15, 2020, the Veterans Memorial & Support Foundation honored the courage and sacrifice of all U.S. military service members, veterans, first responders, and two local 9/11 heroes – Mark Bingham and Todd Beamer, as they marked the anniversary of the dedication of The Flame of Liberty. The memorial honors those who are responsible for defending America’s freedom and security. As the Foundation celebrates the first anniversary, they remember the spirit of service and solidarity that so many of America’s citizens showed during the conflicts that plagued our country over time and following the terrorist attacks of 9/11. The examples of heroism are especially inspiring and vital right now when considering the many U.S. service members and first responders who have placed their own lives on the line and are confronting COVID with courage.

Today, Silicon Valley is fortunate to have The Flame of Liberty enlighten us to the fact that our community members now have the chance to celebrate all of those on the front line of battle, on the front line of natural disasters, on the front line of American law and order, on the front line of COVID-19, and on the front line of American values and freedom.



A GRATEFUL NATION HONORS THE COURAGE AND SACRIFICE OF ALL VETERANS WHO SERVED TO ENSURE OUR LIBERTY



The work of the Veterans Memorial & Support Foundation is far from complete. The members of the Foundation relish the fact that eight years of planning and securing Town support for The Flame of Liberty is behind them as a result of their efforts, a beautiful world-class memorial stands in Silicon Valley at the Los Gatos Civic Center. Today, the members of the Foundation continue to secure funds for their capital campaign and plan steps towards accomplishing their next mission of delivering support and improving the lives of veterans, service members, and their families. See [www.honoravet.org](http://www.honoravet.org) for more information about the Veterans Memorial and Support Foundation of Los Gatos or how you can be part of this important community endeavor.