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## Veteran's Memorial

A moment of truth is present in Logan Heights. The truth is overt and observable in concepts of reason and feeling; relative to veterans and their endeavors to construct a visual memorial at Logan Heights Memorial Park. Towards that end, I share experience, insight and academic background.

I was raised in Logan Heights. I observe environment change but am aware that beating hearts remain the same. They sound notes for liberty, fair play and well being in the pursuit of happiness. The valiant efforts of veterans is a loud and clear note heard in Logan Heights.

In reference, I am a World War II veteran and a participant observer in Logan Heights.

Relatively, most of Logan Heights settlers and their descendants have deep roots in Baja California soil. At two years of age, 1920, my family and I migrated to San Diego. In my early years, I attended Sherman and Logan grammar schools, Memorial Junior High and graduated from San Diego High School in 1936.

Baja California ancestors constructed the San Diego Mission and numerous cities in California. In 1769, as soldiers under the command of Father Junipero Serra and Governor Gaspar de Portola, our ancestors marched from Loreto, B.C.S., then the Capital, to San Diego. In that trek, as always, they displayed courage and fortitude, behavior observed in battle fields at present.

Furthermore, Logan Heights veterans come from unconquerable warriors who fought for liberty and self worth, against great odds at Saguntum against the Carthaginians and at Numancia against the Romans. They fought until death did them part. Those actions are a hall mark in Spanish history.

To better understand veteran's needs, I touch on the concepts reason and feeling. Together these

perception and conception (reason, feeling) provide the source of conduct. If there is unity, there is well being for all. The altruistic endeavor of Logan Heights veterans ~~thus~~ will be rewarded.

Tempted by the annals of history, the cause of conflicts has been the extolment of reason and the neglect of feeling. Accompanying attitudes and behavior are featured by the status quo and its zone of influence in modern times.

Notwithstanding, To err is human. To forgive is divine. We forgive. We don't forget.

It is time to accept, approve, appreciate Logan Heights veterans and their families. Without doubt, their deserve, merit, a visual memorial at Chicano Park needed for self-esteem and well being.

We are one. We are many. We reason. We feel. A moment of truth is in contention in Logan Heights. your forgiveness is needed for proper action. La Martin Luther King and Peace Chorus  
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