

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 24-394

Adopt a resolution recognizing James Edward Silva for his distinguished service to Veterans)
of Monterey County and to the Monterey County Vietnam Veterans Memorial Park.....)

WHEREAS, James Edward Silva is a native of Monterey County, and is in the family farming industry; and
WHEREAS, James Edward Silva is a Vietnam veteran and enlisted in the United States Army in 1968 and
separated in 1970; and

WHEREAS, James Edward Silva was sent to basic training in Fort Lewis, Washington, after graduation
from Basic Training and was sent to Triger Land Fort Polk, Louisiana. He was trained as an 11C mortarman.
Out of a company of around 200 plus he scored the second highest on the mortar qualifying test; and

WHEREAS, James Edward Silva was given orders to be deployed to the Vietnam War, and he arrived in
country on September 1, 1968. He was assigned to the 4th Battalion, 39th Infantry, Company A, 9th Infantry
Division; and

WHEREAS, James Edward Silva was seriously wounded in an ambush on May 17, 1969. He had two
operations in Vietnam, spent one week in Japan, and another 3 weeks at Letterman Hospital in San Francisco.
After being released from the hospital he was sent to Fort Ord to complete the last 10 months of his two- year
draft duty; and

WHEREAS, James Edward Silva was a Platoon Sergeant in Advanced Infantry Training, he trained 3 cycles
of trainees in 10 months, 2 of the 3 cycles got deployed to Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, James Edward Silva was awarded 6 Bronze Star medals w/v, SOLC, 4 Army Commendation
Medals, 3OLC, Air Medal, Purple Heart, Good Conduct Medal, Combat Infantry Badge, Expert Rifle and
Expert Mortar; and

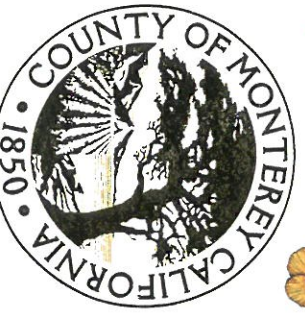
WHEREAS, James Edward Silva has been volunteering selflessly as the primary caretaker of the beautiful
Monterey County Vietnam Veterans Memorial Park in Salinas for over 20 years and assists in organizing
annual ceremonies there during Memorial Day Weekend; and

WHEREAS, To honor his fallen comrades, every Memorial Day and Veterans Day, during the Monterey
County Vietnam Veterans Memorial Ceremony James Edward Silva displays a poster he created with the
names of 78 men from Monterey County who were killed in action in the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, James Edward Silva continues to serve his fellow veterans and takes pride in taking care of the
Monterey County Vietnam Memorial Park for those who lost sons, brothers, cousins, friends and those who
served and paid the ultimate sacrifice.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors, on behalf of
the County and all residents thereof, honors James Edward Silva and commends him for his selfless hard
work and dedication to the Monterey County Vietnam Veterans Memorial and his continued dedicated service
to all veterans, active duty servicemembers, and their families in the County of Monterey.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 12th day of November 2024



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