



## Legislation Text

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**SUBJECT:** Blue Star Memorial

### REPORT IN BRIEF

Approve request from Merced Garden Club to locate Blue Star Memorial in Applegate Park.

### RECOMMENDATION

**City Council** - Adopt a motion approving the request from the Merced Garden Club to locate the Blue Star Memorial in Applegate Park, and authorizing the City Manager to execute the necessary documents.

### ALTERNATIVES

1. Approve, as recommended by staff; or,
2. Approve, subject to other than recommended by staff (identify specific findings and/or conditions amended to be addressed in the motion); or,
3. Deny; or,
4. Refer to staff for consideration of specific items (specific items to be addressed in the motion); or,
5. Continue to a future meeting (date and time to be specified in the motion).

### AUTHORITY

Charter of the City of Merced, Section 200.

### CITY COUNCIL PRIORITIES

As provided for in the 2015-16 Adopted Budget.

### DISCUSSION

Blue Star Memorials, a program through the National Garden Clubs, are erected across the United States as tributes to those presently serving and those who will serve in the Armed Forces. A marker had been placed in Joe Herb Park a number of years ago in the back section close to Golden Valley high School. Over the years it had been forgotten and was damaged.

The marker was recently located and the Merced Garden Club would like to replace it and relocate the new marker to the base of the flagpole at Applegate Park. There is a fence surrounding the flagpole that would provide a measure of security to prevent its theft. Mary Brooks said the Merced Garden Club would pay for the new marker. The Public Works Department would do the installation. Mary Brooks said the Garden Club had consulted with Sarah Lim, the Museum Director and Archivist at the Merced County Courthouse Museum, on the best location for the marker.

## **IMPACT ON CITY RESOURCES**

No appropriation of funds is needed.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. The Blue Star Memorial Program
2. Blue Star Memorial Highways & Byways