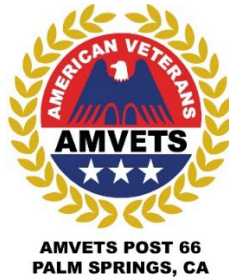


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TO PALM DESERT CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS
March 28, 2024 Council Meeting

Dear City Council:

Frank Moulton American Veterans (AMVETS) Post 66 of Palm Springs is a not-for-profit veteran service organization chartered by Congress. We have honored many local Holocaust Survivors at our annual Memorial Day Awards Luncheons. We sponsor the annual Veterans Day ceremony in Cathedral City. We present awards each year on September 21 which is International Day of Peace.

We wish to install and dedicate a Peace Pole at the city Memorial Rose Garden. We believe this will be the first Peace Pole in Palm Desert. The Peace Pole will be a symbol of our desire for world peace.

Peace Poles are the most widely known symbol of world peace and are located in over 180 countries around the world. The Peace Pole is vinyl and eight foot tall and says "May Peace Prevail on Earth" in four languages. Those languages are English, Spanish, Hebrew and Arabic. There will be a brass braille plate.

We have previously dedicated Peace Poles outside of the Cathedral City Library. Also, at Saul Martinez Elementary School in Meca, Desert Mirage High School in Thermal, Desert Hot Springs High School, Shea's Veteran Center in Desert Hot Springs, Turtle Island Joshua Tree and Congressional Cemetery in Washington D.C.

There will be a brass dedication plate on the Peace Pole. It will say the following:

PEACE POLE
PALM DESERT COMMUNITY ROSE GARDEN
DEDICATED ON ____ (Date) BY AMVETS POST 66

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Sincerely,

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