



General Patton Memorial Museum

Celebrating 20 Years

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**LOCAL SOLDIERS WHO DIED IN IRAQ/AFGHANISTAN WAR
SALUTED AT GENERAL PATTON MEMORIAL MUSEUM
*Families Recognized at Veterans Day/20th Anniversary Celebrations***

Chiriaco Summit, CA. – (Nov 9 2008) The General Patton Memorial Museum celebrated its 20th Anniversary and Veteran's Day on Saturday, Nov. 8 as State Senator-elect John Benoit (right, at podium) and Rear Admiral Ben Montoya (Ret.) acknowledged the families of Marine Corp. Jesus A. Gonzalez of Indio who was killed in Iraq, April 2003; Marine 1st Lt. Joshua M. Palmer of Banning, who fell in Iraq, April 2004; Army Sgt. Norman R. Taylor, III of Blythe, killed in Iraq in October 2006; Army Pvt. Ming Sun of Cathedral City, killed in Iraq in January, 2007; and Navy Corpsman Marc Retmier of Hemet, who fell in Afghanistan, June, 2008. Accepting proclamations for Ming Sun's family was Lee Wilson (third, left), Sun's former US World History teacher at Cathedral City High School; Randy and Jackie Palmer Kennedy for Joshua Kennedy of Banning; Steve and Joy Retmier for Marc Retmier of Hemet. These and other soldiers' names were placed on the new Defenders of Freedom Wall at the museum which was unveiled at the ceremonies.

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