

Orange Memorial Park – Eternal Flame Memorial Sculpture

In 1967, a contest was held under the supervision of the city employee and WWII veteran, Roy Ghilardi. Working along with Roy was Mayor Patrick Ahern, and Anthony Valencia, Post 4105 Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. A \$50 award would be given for the best suggestion for the design and a \$25 award for the best text for the inscription. The inscription would be placed on the monument as a statement of declaration and acknowledgement of the contributions made by citizens of our community to their country while serving in the armed forces.



Memorial Dedication

On November 11, 1969, Mayor Frank Bertucelli dedicated the memorial at City Hall to all veterans of South San Francisco, those serving and those who will serve. Roy Ghilardi represented American Legion Post 355, and Anthony Valencia represented VFW Post 4105. Chuck Thompson was awarded a \$50 savings bond for designing the memorial and Colette Agresti received a \$25 savings bond for writing the words on the memorial.

Relocation

The memorial had its home on the City Hall grounds until 1984 when it was relocated to Orange Memorial Park. On November 14, 1984, another ceremony took place for its dedication. Congressman Thomas Lantos, Mrs. Lantos and civic leaders attended the Veterans Day ceremony for the rededication of the Eternal Flame Memorial.

South San Francisco citizens are very proud of the men and women who are serving our country. The names of all who have died for our country are listed opposite the Eternal Flame Memorial on the monument containing the flag that flies over the Veterans Section of Orange Memorial Park.