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# National POW/MIA Flag Flies Hi

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On the 20<sup>th</sup> of September 2003 the National POW/MIA Flag flew for the first time in

California at the Memorial Park in Salinas with a crowd of approximately 250 to 300 people attending.

This event was a fundraiser sponsored by the American Legions Rider group from District 28 of Seaside to help

with the Vietnam memorial site at the hill. The flag, which over 150 pounds, staggering 30 by 6 hands were needed to raise the size and the weight of the flag was raised.

The event included speakers from the community as well as Veteran organizations. A table set up with a white setting, all in white, for the fallen or missing from the Navy, Marines, Coast Guard, Army and three special items from the local Fire Department for fallen firefighters: a Cap from the Salinas Department for the fallen Astronaut NASA program who perished over the year.

There were moving when taps was played approximately 800 were released each in a fallen or missing category.

Everyone that took part from their busy schedules to attend was rewarded time with fellow comrades. A memory the will last. Those that failed to attend were present in spirit. I wish that they had a hearing their fellow discuss the event.

After the activities at Memorial Park the Legion Post #31 had a dinner in their Post Laurel Drive. A r



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