



[Royal Laos Veterans Stress National Need for Burial Honors](#)

The Lao Veterans of America is urging national support for Congressman Costa's efforts to honor Laotian and Hmong veterans who served in combat in the Kingdom of Laos battling Pathet Lao communist and North Vietnamese forces during the Vietnam War.

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The Center for Public Policy Analysis (CPPA), the Lao Veterans of America, Inc. (LVA), the Lao Veterans of America Institute and a coalition of Lao and Hmong non-profit and non-governmental organizations have urged national support for efforts by U.S. Congressman Jim Costa and twenty-two (22) Members of the U.S. House of Representatives to grant burial benefits to Lao and Hmong veterans at U.S. national cemeteries.

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The Lao Veterans of America Institute in cooperation with the CPPA have held national ceremonies and policy events at the Vietnam War Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery and the U.S. Congress in recent years urging support for veterans benefits for Laotian and Hmong veterans who served in combat against communist Pathet Lao insurgents and North Vietnamese forces during the Vietnam War.

<http://www.onlineprnews.com/news/10562-1257343579-us-congress-advances-laos-bill-to-help-combat-veterans.htm>

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank you Congressman Jim Costa for helping to take the leadership on the Lao and Hmong Veterans Burial Benefits legislation. I also want to thank you and the twenty-two (22) other Congresspersons for your crucial efforts and strong decision as original co-sponsors, said Colonel Wangyee Vang, National President and founder of the Lao Veterans of America, Inc. and Lao Veterans of America Institute.

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We are urging nation-wide support for this important effort, Vang said.

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This effort and legislation are very important for the Hmong, Khmu, Lao, Mien and other ethnic minorities who

served on behalf of the American people in the United States secret army in Laos during the Vietnam War, stated Wangyee Vang.

http://www.media-newswire.com/release_1123225.html

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Last week, House Resolutin 5879 (HR 5879) , was introduced by U.S. Representatives Jim Costa (D-CA), Devin Nunes (R-CA), George Radanovich (R-CA), Dennis Cardoza (D-CA), Thaddeus McCotter (R-MI), Frank Wolf (R-VA), Bill Delahunt (D-MA), Steve Kagen (D-WI), Tammy Baldwin (D-WI), Tim Holden (D-PA), Joesph Cao (R-LA), Jerry McNerney (D-CA), Dana Rohrabacher (R-CA), Patrick Kennedy (D-RI), Jim Langevin (D-RI), Mike Honda (D-CA), Sue Myrick (R-NC), Patrick McHenry (R-NC), Collin Peterson (D-MN), and others.

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Our Laotian and Hmong veterans and their refugee families across the United States are honored and deeply grateful for the potential oppportunity to be buried in U.S. National Cemeteries along with the American veterans we helped to defend and save during the Vietnam War; We fought side-by-side with American forces and clandestine troops of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) in defense of the Royal Kingdom of Laos and the United States.

<http://www.businesswire.com/news/home/20100728006607/en/Laos-Hmong-Veterans-Vietnam-War-Honored-Congr>

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Many paid the ultimate sacrifice Our nation owes a debt of gratitude to these patriotic individuals and their service should be honored with burial benefits in our National Cemeteries, U.S. Congressman Jim Costa said.

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Clearly, U.S. Congressman Jim Costas bipartisan leadership, along with his colleagues in the U.S. Congress, in support of the Lao and Hmong veterans and their families across America, gives hope and dignity to the plight of the Lao and Hmong community and the veterans who seek to be buried with honor in Americas National Veterans Cemeteries, said Philip Smith, Director of the Washington, D.C.-based CPPA.

<http://centerforpublicpolicyanalysis.org>

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National memorial and policy events were conducted at Arlington National Cemetery and the U.S. Congress by the Lao Veterans of America, Inc., Lao Veterans of America Institute, Counterparts, Inc., Center for Public Policy Analysis, Hmong Advance, Inc., Hmong Advancement, Inc. in cooperation with other organizations and Members of the U.S. Congress to discuss the plight of Lao and Hmong veterans and their refugee families in the United States, Thailand and Laos.

http://www.businesswire.com/portal/site/home/permalink/?ndmViewId=news_view&newsId=20100608007501&news
<http://www.pr-inside.com/laos-hmong-veterans-and-refugees-honored-r1893595.htm>

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