

CITY OF YUBA CITY  
STAFF REPORT

**Date:** November 5, 2019  
**To:** Honorable Mayor & Members of the City Council  
**From:** Administration  
**Presentation By:** Terrel Locke, Assistant to the City Manager

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Summary

**Subject:** Veterans Memorial Park  
**Recommendation:** Adopt a Resolution renaming the Veterans Memorial Park to the Bob Barkhouse Veterans Memorial Park  
**Fiscal Impact:** None.

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Purpose:

To recognize and honor former Mayor Bob Barkhouse and the service he provided to the City of Yuba City and the Yuba-Sutter Region.

Background:Veterans Memorial Park

The Veterans Memorial Park is a 0.65-acre park located south of the 5th Street Bridge, on the east side of 2nd Street and the west side of Bridge Street.

The park was originally dedicated in 1922 in the memory of eleven Sutter County heroes who perished in World War I. A monument was likewise erected in honor of the unknown dead from the war as well as a bronze plaque with the names of the eleven young men who died. In 1958, a flag pole was added to the park during bridge construction after the 1955 flood. A Veterans Memorial Monument was located at the base of the flagpole and re-dedicated in 2004, with Mayor Barkhouse's name listed as a member of the City Council.

Mayor Bob Barkhouse:

Mayor Barkhouse was first elected in 1990 and served on the Council for twelve years. He served as Mayor three times: 1991-1992, 1998-1999, and 2002-2003.

“When he first got onto the City Council, he pushed for a third bridge because of the growing traffic problems. When that wasn't going to happen, he started pushing to get a bigger Fifth Street Bridge. He also helped with the Plumas Street revitalization project,” said Gayle Barkhouse. “We didn't think we'd be alive to see the Fifth Street Bridge completed, so he was really proud to be there and cut the ribbon during the opening ceremony.”

Mayor Barkhouse enlisted in the Navy in 1949 and served during the Korean War on a radar-equipped destroyer in the Sea of Japan. He received two medals in relation to his service: the Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation Commemorative Medal and the U.S. Department of Defense Korean War Service Medal.

Mayor Barkhouse passed away on September 21, 2019.

**Analysis:**

Other notable facilities named after former Mayors include:

- Mossberg Loop; named after Perry Mossberg (Mayor 1947-1948)
- Gauche Aquatic Park; named after Glenn Gauche (Mayor 1954-1956)

**Fiscal Impact:**

None to rename the Park. If in the future, the City decides to update the Park Sign to read the Bob Barkhouse Veterans Memorial Park, the estimated cost to fund a monument sign similar to signs at other City facilities is approximately \$8,000 - \$12,000.

**Alternatives:**

1. Direct staff to bring back a policy for the naming of parks, facilities, and streets

**Recommendation:**

Adopt a resolution renaming the Veterans Memorial Park to the Bob Barkhouse Veterans Memorial Park.

Attachment:

- Resolution
- Photos of plaques and monuments at the Park

Prepared By:

*/s/ Terrel Locke*

Terrel Locke  
Assistant to the City Manager

Submitted By:

*/s/ Michael Rock*

Michael Rock  
City Manager

Reviewed by:

City Attorney

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# ATTACHMENT 1

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YUBA CITY  
RENAMING VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK TO  
BOB BARKHOUSE VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK**

**WHEREAS**, the Veterans Memorial Park is a 0.65 acre park located south of the 5<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge, on the east side of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and the west side of Bridge Street; and

**WHEREAS**, the Park was originally dedicated in 1922 in the memory of eleven Sutter County heroes who perished in World War I; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1958, a flag pole was added to the park during the reconstruction of the 5<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge after the 1958 flood; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2004, the City Council ordered the restoration and rededication of the Veterans Memorial Park in the desire that the brave and heroic actions of those we honor will be remembered for generations to come; and

**WHEREAS**, Bob Barkhouse was first elected in 1990 and served on the Council for twelve years. He served as Mayor three times: 1991-1992, 1998-1999, and 2002-2003; and

**WHEREAS**, Mayor Barkhouse enlisted in the Navy in 1949 and served during the Korean War on A radar-equipped destroyer in the Sea of Japan. He received two medals in relation to his service: the Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation Commemorative Medal and the U.S. Department of Defense Korean War Service Medal; and

**WHEREAS**, Bob Barkhouse was instrumental in bringing the new 5<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge Reconstruction project to the region which is where the Veterans Memorial Park is located.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council of the City of Yuba City does hereby rename the Veterans Memorial Park to the Bob Barkhouse Veterans Memorial Park.

The foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly introduced, passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Yuba City at a regular meeting thereof held on November 5, 2019 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

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Patricia Buckland, City Clerk

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Shon Harris, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
COUNSEL FOR YUBA CITY

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Shannon Chaffin, City Attorney  
Aleshire & Wynder, LLP

## ATTACHMENT 2













CITY OF YUBA CITY, CA  
VETERANS MEMORIAL MONUMENT

ON MEMORIAL DAY, MAY 30, 1922, THE VETERANS MEMORIAL MONUMENT WAS DEDICATED TO HONOR BUTTE COUNTY SERVICE VETERANS WHO HAD PAID THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE DURING THE GREAT WAR OF 1914 - 1918. THE ORIGINAL MEMORIAL MONUMENT WAS MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF DR. & MRS. J. A. BARR, C. C. CLINE, H. H. WOLFSKILL AND EDWARD VON GELDERN.

OVER TIME DUE TO LEVEE RECONSTRUCTION AND PARK MODIFICATIONS THE ORIGINAL VETERANS MEMORIAL MONUMENT DETERIORATED. ALL THAT REMAINED INTACT WAS A BRONZE PLAQUE MOUNTED ON THE STONE WALL BEARING THE NAMES OF THE HONOREES AND A STAIRWAY ON THE LEVEE SIDE WHICH WAS RECONSTRUCTED BY THE UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS.

RECOGNIZING THE DETERIORATION OF THIS COMMUNITY TREASURE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YUBA CITY DIRECTED THAT A RESTORATION EFFORT BE UNDERTAKEN TO PROVIDE A FITTING MEMORIAL TO HONOR THOSE WHO DIED WITH HONOR AND DISTINCTION DURING THE GREAT WAR. PRIVATE FUNDING WAS ALSO MADE AVAILABLE DUE TO THE GENEROSITY OF SOME PRIVATE CITIZENS.

DURING NOVEMBER 2004, THE COMMUNITY OF YUBA CITY PROUDLY REDEDICATED A RESTORED VETERANS MEMORIAL AT THE CITY VETERANS PARK IN THE DESIRE THAT THE BRAVE AND HEROIC ACTIONS OF THOSE WE HONOR WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR GENERATIONS TO COME.

WE HONOR THE MEMORY AND SACRIFICE OF THESE VETERANS

CITY COUNCIL CITY OF YUBA CITY  
THAT DIRECTED RESTORATION  
Bob Barkhouse  
David Doolittle  
Eric Hellberg  
Sandra Hilliard  
Lee Welch, Former Council Member

RESTORATION FUND DONORS  
Ted Dress  
Gregory Scandalis  
Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 2563  
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