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Hillside Memorial vigil honors those who served

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As the sun went down Nov. 11, members of the community joined together beneath the imposing swath of crosses at the Lafayette Hillside Memorial to hold a vigil marking Veterans Day with poetry, music and reflection.

Amongst those in attendance were Lafayette Mayor Mike Anderson, County Supervisor Candace Andersen, and a representative from the office of Congressman Mark DeSaulnier who all thanked veterans for their service and noted the price those men and women have paid.

Formerly known as the Crosses of Lafayette, the Lafayette Hillside Memorial is preserved by a recently formed nonprofit organization, with a board of directors and an advisory group comprised of a diverse group of community members. They describe the memorial as "A sacred place of reflection and remembrance; a protest

Photo Pippa Fisher

against forgetting. It is a place to recognize, honor, and commemorate individual national service contributions. The memorial is also a place that encourages individual and public reflection on those contributions, and the otherwise unintended, unseen, and unexamined costs of war."

More information on the memorial can be found at http://www.lafayettehillsidememorial.org/

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