

Hills man honored guest at dedication

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There were red eyes aplenty at the dedication of the Oakland County Veterans Memorial. Even those who kept their emotions harnessed let loose when retired Navy bugler James Doan blew taps to conclude the hour-long ceremony.

Some 300 people gathered Saturday under blue skies before the 20-foot high brushed stainless steel rendering by the late Don Snyder.

Men wearing garrison caps of their veterans organizations tried valiantly to be stern and tough during speeches that touched on valor, patriotism, loyalty and sacrifice.

They failed.



Proud: Farmington Hills resident Robert Simanek (at left), who won the Medal of Honor in Korea for jumping on a grenade, chats with retired Air Force fighter pilot Lt. Col. Donald "Digger" O'Dell, who was a prisoner of war in Vietnam.

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