Veterans remember the meaning of freedom

A "confused nation" wrongfully forgot the sacrifices of those who fought in Korea and in Vietnam, where soldiers fought "an elusive, and hard to find enemy," Morgan said.

ia. "They (Vietnam vets) also fought "Treey (Victinative test) also lought the sting of criticism from their own countrymen who were safely at home," Morgan sald. "That seems inconsistent, paradoxical, doesn't it, the conflicting attitudes that have greeted our warriors who returned from four different battlefields?"

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On one hand, these issues seem to polarize and divide the Ameri-can people, Morgan said. But he added that Americans provide a different face to the world.

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It is in that regard, that Morgon finds American conformity and consistency. "We lift up the vanquished foo," he said. "We will survive as a government while others are failing in ruins. Freedom exacts the highest price that mankind can afford to pay."

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In 1988, Mayor Shirley Richard-son said she served on the Veterans Memorial Committee to set forth the structure on Grand River around which the crowd gathered for the Memorial Day speeches.

"Today, 22 years later, I have the distinct pleasure to be standing here to pay tribute to the men and wenne who made great sacrifices of life for a part of their life so that we, as a nation, may enjoy peace, freedom, equality and justice for all," Richardson said. "May we re-member the many heroes of our wars, not just today, but everyday. God bless America, let freedom reign."

Richardson also thanked the American Legion Groves-Walker Post 346 in Farmington.

"In these past six months, an ex-plosion of freedom has erupted in eastern Europe," said Farmington Hills Mayor Jean Fox. "Man is so constituted that no matter where he may be, he has had an eternal yearning to be free."

Fox drew the crowd's attention to the black POW-MIA flag that flow underneath the American flag at the Veterans Memorial on Grand River, just west of Farming-ton Road. She then enthuslastically recited, from memory, the peem, "Fland-

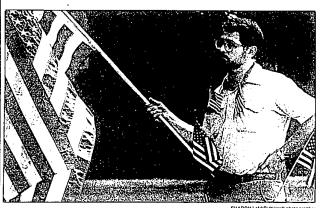
from memory, the poem, "Fland-ers Field," which she later said she learned and never forgot from grade school.

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"I thought Morgan's remarks were very appropriate for the day," said Lecanne Stenson, a Farmington resident. "Thy helped us to remember what the cost of freedom reality is. You pass down your patriotism to your children and grandchildren the same way you pass down your faith." Youth sometimes take things for granted, said VI Bridges, a Farmington Hills resident. "These boys had to fight for our freedom to be where we are today, to have the things that we have today."



Leonard Kawecki of Farmington Hills holds his veteran hat at his heart during the invocation at the Veterans Memorial.



Hills is not a war veteran but he said he has a friend who fought in the Vietnam War.

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Donning several American flags at the Veterans Memorial, Thaddeus Boruta of Farmington

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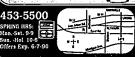
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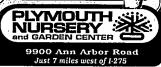
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