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Coos County Veterans Services hosts Celebration of Heroes – Vietnam Traveling Tribute September 12-16, 2018

Coos County Veteran Services is pleased to announce ***A Celebration of Heroes***. This event brings an 80% replica of the Vietnam Memorial Wall to Coos County September 13-16, 2018. A schedule of events is attached. The ***Celebration of Heroes*** is the culmination of a multi-year project to honor the Vietnam Veterans in our communities.

The Celebration of Heroes event will begin September 12, 2018 with a motor escort of the truck bringing the Wall. The escort will start at the Coos County Fairgrounds in Myrtle Point. Citizens are invited to participate and should arrive by 3:00 pm. The escort will leave promptly at 4:00pm. No advertising or electioneering can be displayed during any wall events.

A large group of volunteers will erect the wall on 9/13/18 starting at 8:00 am. There will be an Opening Ceremony at 3:00 pm that day. The memorial will be open to visitors at the end of the Opening Ceremony and Dedication. Visitors can view the wall from dawn to dusk on Friday and Saturday and on Sunday morning

until noon. Then, volunteers will dismantle the memorial and load the truck that will leave the county that afternoon.

This beautiful display is an eighty percent replica of the memorial in Washington D.C. It is a moving tribute honoring Vietnam Veterans and those who made the ultimate sacrifice by giving their lives for our freedom. All members of the public are invited to view the wall and join in the planned events.

The Sawdust Theater has generously added a benefit show to help with this endeavor. Tickets are \$25 and will include a BBQ with live music after the show. Tickets may be purchased at the Coquille Chamber of Commerce (541-396-3414), Century 21 Best Realty Coquille (541-396-5387) or Fran Capehart (541 396-5357).

Coos County Veteran Services will host an information session for the press on Tuesday, August 28th at 2:00 in the Owens Building large conference room, 201 North Adams, Coquille, Oregon. Further information regarding the wall may be found at: <http://www.americanveteranstravelingtribute.com/>



Schedule of Events

September 12, 2018 – Motor Escort

3:00pm Coos County Fairgrounds
4:00 pm Escort truck to Sturdivant

September 14 and 15, 2018

Wall open all day
Activities for children:
Peace Rocks
Origami Peace Cranes
8:00 pm Taps

September 13, 2018 - Opening

3:00 pm Opening Ceremony
8:00 pm Taps

September 16, 2018

Wall open for visitors until noon
Noon to 3:00 pm – Deconstruct wall,
clean up park and wall departs

Assistance available to locate names and materials to make a rubbing of your loved one's name.

**A BENEFIT PERFORMANCE
FOR THE
VIETNAM TRAVELING WALL
*"A Celebration of Heroes"***

Sunday, Sept 9, 2018 2 PM

Sawdust Theatre

Coquille, OR

Doors Open at 1 PM. Show Begins at 2 PM.

No Reserved Seating.

**\$25 Includes BBQ After Show
with Music By "Back In Time"**

Tickets Available:

Chamber Office

Tuesday-Friday 10 am-2 pm 541-396-3414

Fran Capehart/Coquille VFW

541-396-5387

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541-396-5516

PROCEEDS BENEFIT US VIETNAM WAR COMMEMORATION/VIETNAM TRAVELING WALL