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Subj: Request for Distinguished Citizen Medal – Bronze (Level B; C; and D Detachment, Department and Division Award), and Distinguished Citizen Award Certificate; case of Robert (Bob) E. Johnson

Ref: 2025 NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ENCLOSURE (4),
4a. Distinguished Citizen Medal- Bronze (Current) (See Note 1), and
CERTIFICATES 1. Distinguished Citizen Award Certificate

Encl: (a) Garrett Airesearch, Allied-Signal Aerospace Company, Airesearch, Los Angeles, Division, Company History Mural, created by Robert (Bob) E. Johnson
(b) Sutherlin, Oregon, 100 Year Anniversary, presents The Wall American Veterans Traveling Tribute, 2-Sided Advertising Card, artwork by Robert (Bob) E. Johnson
(c) Poster Created by Robert (Bob) E. Johnson, for signing and selling to raise funds for Sutherlin's sponsorship of The Wall
(d) Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 805, Roseburg, Oregon, Oregon Memorial Traveling Wall, Wall Tri-Fold and Trailer
(e) Veterans of Foreign Wars Remembrance Wall, Post 2468, 2-Sided Advertising Card

- (f) Battlefield Cross, Artwork done by Robert (Bob) E. Johnson, submitted to Washington, DC for approval for placement at the VA Medical Center, Roseburg, Oregon; outside Building Number 1
- (g) Singleton Park Project, New Design created by Robert (Bob) E. Johnson, Project Tri-Fold Brochure
- (h) Tommy Lowell Tucker Bronze Statue, Madras, Oregon, Framed Drawing done by Robert (Bob) E. Johnson, and presented to the Mayor of Madras

1. Gentlemen, I was put in contact with a Marine Veteran of the Korean War. This Marine veteran, Robert (Bob) E. Johnson, is 100% service-connected disabled and relies upon his wife Carol to take care of him. While talking with Bob and Carol, I became aware of the many projects he has worked on following his Marine Corps service. With his love of art/drawing/ and design, he became a design engineer.

2. Bob went to work for Garrett Airesearch spending 25 plus years working on many projects like the one shown in reference (a). His work entailed having a Secret Clearance, given project conceptual ideas and turning those ideas into actual drawings. The mural shown in reference (a) was a project the company asked him to create to show the company's history. This company went on to be known as Honeywell.

3. After retiring to the area between Sutherlin, Oregon and Elkton, Oregon, Bob donated his talents to create the artwork shown in reference (b). Also to assist with this project, Bob created the poster shown in reference (c). Bob signed and sold these posters to raise money for the City of Sutherlin to cover the cost of sponsoring The Wall as part of the city's 100 Anniversary, and to Honor those veterans displayed on the traveling wall.

4. Reference (d) shows the Oregon Memorial Traveling Wall. This memorial is for those Oregonians that served and died in the service of their country. The wall and trailer art were created by Bob. He signed and sold posters, that are shown in reference (c), to help raise the money for this project.

5. Reference (e) shows VFW Post 2468, Roseburg, Oregon is the proud host of one of the first QR code driven remembrance walls. The wall was designed by Bob, and he was able to provide the VFW Commander the name of Victory Builders, in California. This company was associated with building aspects of Disneyland. Victory Builders built the wall.

6. Reference (f) is the Battlefield Cross. Bob created the design/artwork that was sent to Washington, DC for approval to be placed in the VA Cemetery, Roseburg, Oregon. However, with the rifle depicted in the design, it was not approved for placement in the

Cemetery but was approved for placement on the VA Medical Center property and is proudly displayed in front of Building One.

7. Reference (g) is the Singleton Park Project to redesign an old fishing accessibility area to make it safer and more efficient. Bob designed the project, as shown on the drawings, and he also sat on the Board of Directors of Oregon Accessible Recreation.

8. Reference (h) is Bob presenting his drawing of the Tommy Lowell Tucker Bronze memorial statue in Madras, Oregon. Not only did Bob do the drawing, he had it framed but travelled to Madras to present it to the City of Madras. Bob is presenting it to the Mayor of Madras.

9. Bob has participated, as a passenger, during a Patriot Guard Riders event that traveled from Portland, to Medford, and then on to Bend, Oregon.

10. This Marine Corps veteran has donated his time, and design talents to these many projects. He signed and sold his posters to raise money to cover costs of projects. All of this over many years. He has never received any formal recognition for his efforts. Our detachment believes recognition of this Marine's efforts are Long Overdue. As such, we believe his actions warrant consideration for the Distinguished Citizen Medal at the Detachment, Department and Division levels of the Marine Corps League. We believe that he should be considered for the Distinguished Citizen Award Certificate at the Detachment, Department and Division levels of the Marine Corps League.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul A. Grinde". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "P" and "G".

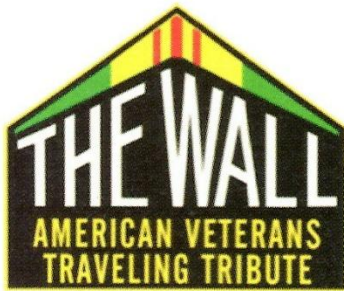
Paul A. Grinde
Junior Vice Commandant

The prime authority of the League is derived from its Congressional charter and from its annual National Convention. It is a not-for-profit organization within the provisions of the Internal Revenue Service Code 501(c) (4), with a special group exemption letter which allows for contributions to the Marine Corps League, its Auxiliary and subsidiary units, to be tax deductible by the donor. The Emerald Empire Detachment #917 provided you with no goods, services, or benefits for your contribution. Emerald Empire Detachment is a subsidiary unit of the Marine Corps League; Emerald Empire Detachment # 917 Tax ID #: 93-1176477

Reference (a)



Reference (b)



*Join us in
Sutherlin, OR
July 27-31, 2011*

AVTT is a traveling memorial to "Honor, Respect, Remember" those who served, especially those who gave their lives in defense of the freedoms we value so highly, including Law Enforcement personnel and Firefighters.

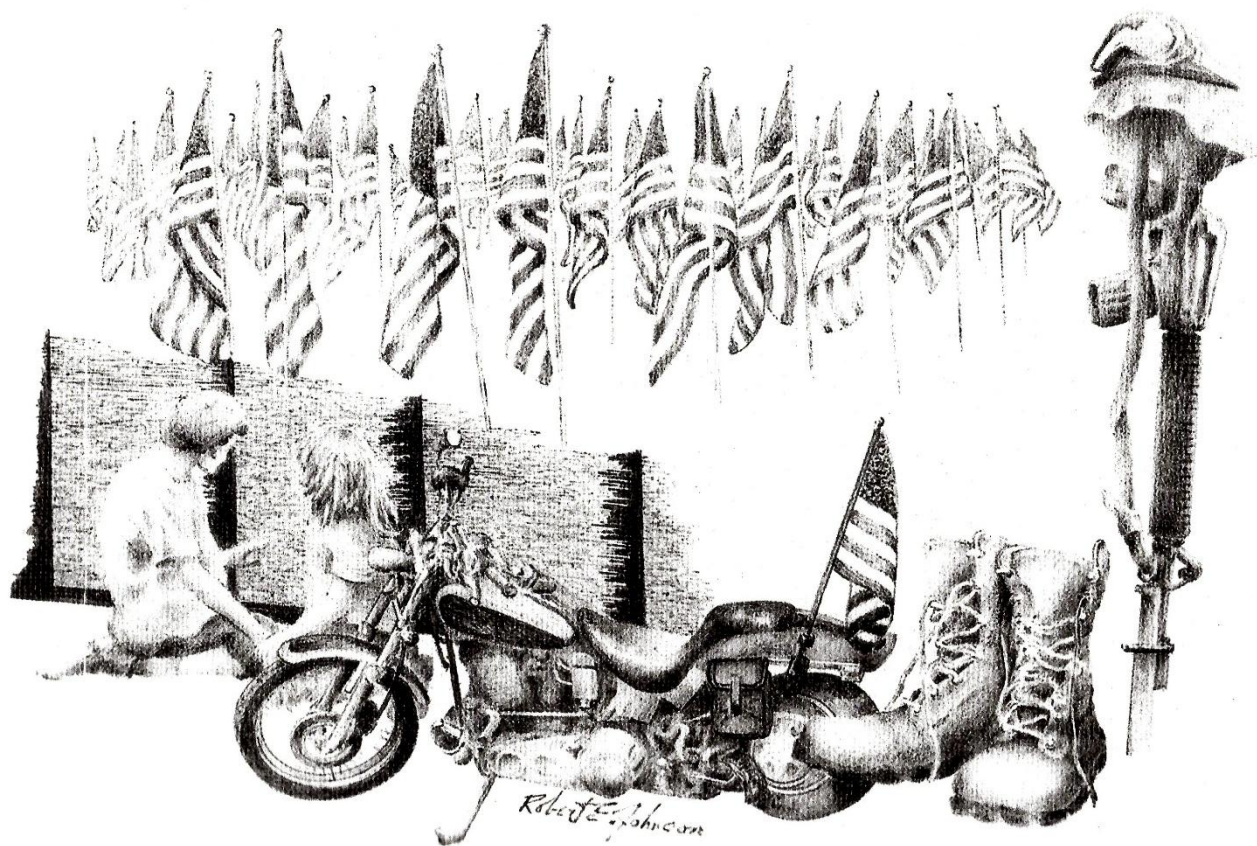
Sutherlin Salutes America's Heroes is our birthday gift to Douglas County and Beyond as we commemorate Sutherlin's Centennial



We Serve

for more information visit our website @
www.sutherlintributewall.com

Reference (c)



Reference (d)



As with the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington DC, rubbings are provided by our Volunteers for all who ask.



Our trailer housing the 6 panel memorial allows us to bring it to any community in Oregon. If you would like more information on the memorial coming to your community call 541-229-3456.



VVA Umpqua Chapter 805

Monthly meeting is at Roseburg VAHS,
Building #16, Auditorium

First Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

Office

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Roseburg, OR 97470

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Together Always

AVVA Umpqua Chapter 805

Monthly meeting is at China Palace
968 NE Stephens St., Roseburg, OR 97470

Fourth Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m.

Contact Linda Mooney at 541-817-7646 for
information.

Oregon Memorial Traveling Wall

The Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) Chapter 805 of Roseburg Oregon brought the Oregon Memorial Traveling Wall Project to our Communities' attention at the 2012 Douglas County Fair. The striking 8' x 20' red, white, and blue trailer that houses and provides the transportation for the Memorial Wall represents the first stage of the Project. The graphics are unmistakable outlining the purpose of the Memorial to honor our fallen, give a healing opportunity to our communities, and to teach our youth. The Wall containing six 8 foot panels is engraved with the names of our fallen Oregonian Heroes. It is able to be broken down and transported to the communities of Oregon. The Memorial is shaped in the likeness of the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington D.C. with the center panels in black containing the names of those lost in Vietnam and on the USS Pueblo. There are panels off both sides in sandstone color with the names of those lost in Panama, the bombing of Beirut, Desert Storm, Iraqi Freedom, and Enduring Freedom. This is a living Memorial that will annually be updated with the names of our fallen in any future conflict.

In sharing the purpose of the Memorial Wall many veterans come and share their experiences and needs as well as their donations to our Veterans Scholarship Fund.

The need for this Memorial became even more evident at the Douglas County Fair during our fund raising efforts to get it built. As younger veterans stepped forward some of the Vietnam veterans were able to help and comfort them. Many family members and veterans, some with memories from many years ago, some newly home from their last tour, and some getting ready to leave for boot camp have come to the Wall to share their stories. The Memorial has given us an opportunity to bring families, communities, and generations together to help one another get through difficult times.

As our communities come together to offer support and comfort to veterans, their families, and the families of those that have given so much for our freedom we now have this traveling Memorial to help with their journey.

In our continuing efforts to educate we have setup a scholarship program for veterans and are funding it with all the donations collected at the Memorial. As our returning Veterans come home to find their educational funding drying up and gone we will be able to help through our Scholarship Program. As stated in our motto: "Never Again Shall One Generation of Veterans Abandon Another" we feel that through helping those needing help getting their education to continue their lives after their Duty is completed is a debt we owe.

Contact Vietnam Veterans of America Umpqua Valley Chapter 805 with any questions.



Oregon Memorial Traveling Wall

Oregon Memorial Traveling Wall Scholarship Donation

Name _____ Phone # _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Amount of Donation _____

Your donation is tax deductible. Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 805 will send a receipt to the above address.



Reference (e)

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS REMEMBRANCE WALL

"HONORING THOSE WHO SO NOBLY SERVED THE CAUSE OF FREEDOM"



VFW REMEMBRANCE WALL
WWW.VFWREMEMBRANCEWALL.COM

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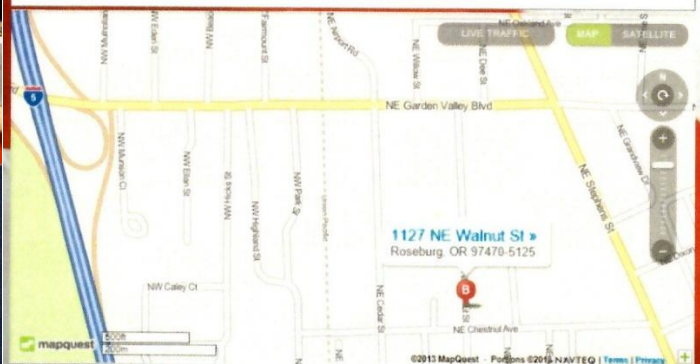
VFW Remembrance Wall

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2468 of Roseburg, Oregon Is proud to host one of the first QR code driven remembrance walls ever created.

Understanding that the small space allowed on a Veteran's Memorial Wall was not enough to show a Hero's full bio and accomplishments, we decided to build a state of the art memorial wall that integrated the latest technology of QR codes so that visitors to the wall would have access to the complete history of our Honored Veterans.

Up to 6,000 Veterans Names and Bio information can be placed on the wall on a laser etched plaque. A 4" by 8" plaque with Name, Branch of Service, Campaign, Veteran's Picture, and QR Code linking to the website with complete information of the veteran.

The wall is located next to The VFW Post 2468 at 1127 NE Walnut St Roseburg, Oregon 97470



Reference (f)



Reference (g)

About Oregon Accessible Recreation

Oregon Accessible Recreation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization established in 2013. Based in Roseburg, Oregon, our goal is to make outdoor recreation available to everyone, regardless of ability, by identifying and building accessible outdoor recreational opportunities.

We believe everyone should have access to the natural beauty of our area and enjoy the benefits of experiencing the great outdoors.

Our Board of Directors

Duane Cannon, Executive Director
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Laurie Gardner
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Opening up the outdoors
to everyone



Singleton Park Project

Oregon Accessible Recreation's first project is to improve fishing and recreation opportunities at Douglas County's Singleton Park. Once installed, the improvements will be enjoyed by generations to come.

Repair Concrete Pad



The current concrete pad is dangerous and in need of repair. We will repair the pad, and install safety railing to provide fishing access.



Robert Johnson, Artist

Improve Overlook



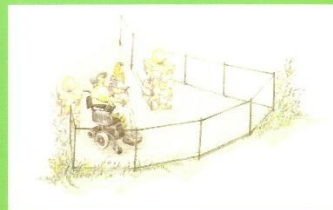
We will clear away vegetation to improve the view, pave the overlook, and install safety railing.



Improve Trail



The trail leading to the concrete pad is unsafe and not easily used by a person in a wheelchair. We will redesign and pave a new trail that is fully accessible.



Reference (h)

