

Vietnam War Memorial Fund

P O Box 1448
Boring, Oregon 97009
503-663-6271

VietnamWarMem@aol.com
www.VietnamWarMemorialFund.org

“Let Us Honor Our Warriors and Remember the Fallen”

Oregon State Legislature
Capitol Building
Salem, Oregon

February 15, 2019

Reference: HB2195 - Exhibits

To whom it may concern,

In 2017, the Vietnam War Memorial Fund was founded by the Committee on Memorials and Remembrance, a committee of the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 271 in Salem.

This non-profit corporation was established for the sole purpose of designing and building a Vietnam War Memorial on the Oregon State Capitol Grounds. Officers were elected and a Steering Committee was established.

The VWMF received its 501(c)3 tax exempt determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service in January, 2018.

The Steering Committee met during 2018 and reviewed various concepts for the proposed memorial. In December, 2018, the Steering Committee completed the review process and by consensus adopted concepts for the memorial. Monthly meetings have been scheduled during 2019 to review the Design Management progress of the contracted landscape architect and review additional details of the memorial.

The 2019 Officers and Steering Committee Members are listed on the following page. Endorsements received for establishing a Vietnam War Memorial on the Oregon State Capitol Grounds are listed thereafter.

House Bill 2195 establishes space on the Capitol Grounds for a Vietnam War Memorial. We respectfully ask for the passage of HB2195 with the -1 amendment to enable the Vietnam War Memorial Fund to achieve its sole objective.

Sincerely yours,



Stephen L. Bates
President

The Fund for a Vietnam Memorial on the Oregon State Capitol Grounds
The Vietnam War Memorial Fund is a non-profit charitable organization
Tax ID Number: 82-2492302

Vietnam War Memorial Fund

P O Box 1448
Boring, Oregon 97009
503-663-6271
VietnamWarMem@aol.com
www.VietnamWarMemorialFund.org

“Let Us Honor Our Warriors and Remember the Fallen”

2019 Officers, Directors & Steering Committee Members

President – Stephen L. Bates Treasurer – Bert W. Key Secretary – Steve M. Wiley
Associate Directors – Steve Carr, Stan Pulliam, Jack Snook
Advisors – Richard Tobiason

Steering Committee Members:

Past Commander Val Shaull, DAV Chapter #1, Portland
Representative Rick Lewis, Oregon House District 18
Gary Wilhelms, Oregon State Capitol Foundation
Representative Jeff Reardon, Oregon House District 48
Past Commander Jim Willis, American Legion Department of Oregon
Major Peggy Boquist, US Army (Retired)
Director Kelly Fitzpatrick, Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs
Nancy Menagh, Vice President – Gold Star Wives of America
Jeanne Barnes, Daughters of the American Revolution Oregon Society
Marc Snook, Benefits, Inc.
Councilor Brad Nanke, City of Salem
Gary Grange, Military Order of the Purple Heart
Kevin Strandberg, Oregon Parks & Recreation Department
Dick Lovegren, National League of POW-MIA Families
Ty Raddue, Striking Graphics & Embroidery
Rich Kelber, Vietnam Veteran
Sheronne Blasi, Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs
Judi Van Cleave, Gold Star Wives of America
Sarah Steele, Oregon Parks & Recreation Department
Chris Havel, Oregon Parks & Recreation Department
Mitch Sparks, Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs
Tony Goiburn, OM Stone
Rip Caswell, Caswell Sculpture
Representative Paul Evans, Oregon House District 20
Senator Brian Boquist, Oregon Senate District 12
Libby Carruth, Form Sculpture
Mike Abbate, Abbate Designs, LLC

The Fund for a Vietnam Memorial on the Oregon State Capitol Grounds
The Vietnam War Memorial Fund is a non-profit charitable organization
Tax ID Number: 82-2492302

Vietnam War Memorial Fund

P O Box 1448

Boring, Oregon 97009

503-663-6271

VietnamWarMem@aol.com
www.VietnamWarMemorialFund.org

“Let Us Honor Our Warriors and Remember the Fallen”

Endorsements

As of February 15, 2019, we have been honored with the following endorsements for the Vietnam War Memorial on the Oregon State Capitol Grounds:

Individuals

- Senator James I. Manning, Oregon Senate District 7
- Former Representative Bill Kennemer and Cherie Kennemer
- Medal of Honor Recipient, Hershel "Woody" Williams
- Tony Molina, Tribal Veterans Representative for Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians of Oregon
- Medal of Honor Recipient, Robert D. "Bob" Maxwell
- Former Representative Jeffrey A. Helfrich, Oregon House District 52
- Representative E. Werner Reschke, Oregon House District 56
- Former Mayor Lori Chavez-DeRemer, City of Happy Valley
- Former Representative Deborah Boone, Oregon House District 32
- Senator Lee Beyer, Oregon Senate District 6
- Former Representative Julie Parrish, Oregon House District 37
- Commissioner Paul Savas, Clackamas County
- Representative Brad Witt, Oregon House District 31
- Representative Mike Nearman, Oregon House District 23
- Former Mayor Bill King, City of Sandy
- Senator Chuck Riley, Oregon Senate District 15
- Representative Jeff Barker, Oregon House District 28

Vietnam War Memorial Fund

P O Box 1448

Boring, Oregon 97009

503-663-6271

VietnamWarMem@aol.com

www.VietnamWarMemorialFund.org

“Let Us Honor Our Warriors and Remember the Fallen”

- Representative David Gomberg, Oregon House District 10
- Senator Alan Olsen, Oregon Senate District 20
- Representative Gary Leif, Oregon House District 2
- Representative Carla Piluso, Oregon House District 50
- Representative Karin Power, Oregon House District 41
- Representative Shari Malstrom, Oregon House District 27
- Mayor Tom Ellis, City of Happy Valley
- Senator Brian Boquist, Oregon Senate District 12
- Mayor Dan Holladay, City of Oregon City
- Former Representative Sal Esquivel, Oregon House District 6
- Senator Chuck Thomsen, Oregon Senate District 26
- Representative Anna Williams, Oregon House District 52
- Representative Jeff Reardon, Oregon House District 48
- Representative Christine Drazen, Oregon House District 39
- Mayor Stan Pulliam, City of Sandy
- Mayor Casey Ryan, City of Troutdale
- Oregon Secretary of State Dennis Richardson
- Mayor Chuck Bennett, City of Salem
- Mayor Joe Henry, City of Florence
- Mayor T. Scott Harden, City of Wood Village
- Mayor Brian Cooper, City of Fairview
- Mayor George Endicott, City of Redmond
- Mayor Shane Bemis, City of Gresham

Vietnam War Memorial Fund

P O Box 1448

Boring, Oregon 97009

503-663-6271

VietnamWarMem@aol.com

www.VietnamWarMemorialFund.org

“Let Us Honor Our Warriors and Remember the Fallen”

Organizations

- [Vietnam Veterans of America, Oregon State Council](#)
- [Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 392 - Portland](#)
- [Hershel "Woody" Williams Medal of Honor Foundation](#)
- Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 411 - Newport
- Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 732 - Siletz
- [Bend Heroes Foundation](#)
- Disabled American Veterans Chapter 6 - Salem
- [Boring, Oregon Foundation](#)
- [National League of POW/MIA Families](#)
- [Boring Community Planning Organization](#)
- [Board of County Commissioners, Clackamas County](#)
- [Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States-Department of Oregon](#)
- American Legion Post #7 - Silverton
- [Board of County Commissioners, Deschutes County](#)
- [Harney County Court](#)
- [Lincoln County Board of Commissioners](#)
- [Jackson County Board of Commissioners](#)
- [Curry County Board of Commissioners](#)
- [Columbia County Board of Commissioners](#)
- [Yamhill County Board of Commissioners](#)
- [Coos County Board of Commissioners](#)
- [Oregon Coast Military Museum](#)
- [Jefferson County Board of Commissioners](#)
- [Military Officers Association of America, Willamette Chapter](#)
- [Polk County Board of Commissioners](#)

Vietnam War Memorial Fund

P O Box 1448

Boring, Oregon 97009

503-663-6271

VietnamWarMem@aol.com

www.VietnamWarMemorialFund.org

“Let Us Honor Our Warriors and Remember the Fallen”

- [Benton County Board of Commissioners](#)
- [Marion County Board of Commissioners](#)
- [Gilliam County Court](#)
- [Wasco County Board of Commissioners](#)
- [Lane County Board of Commissioners](#)
- [Grant County Court](#)
- Disabled Veterans of America, Department of Oregon
- [Gold Star Wives of America, Inc., Willamette Valley Chapter](#)
- [Veterans of Foreign Wars, Three Rivers Post 1324 - Oregon City](#)
- Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter #72 - Portland
- Military Order of the Purple Heart, Chapter 551 - Redmond