

Vietnam War Memorial Fund

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“Let Us Honor Our Warriors and Remember the Fallen”

Oregon State Legislature
Capitol Building
Salem, Oregon

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Reference: Senate Bill 1542

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 Salem Chapter 271.

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 created and populated.

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

The Steering Committee has been meeting on a regular basis since January, 2018. During these meetings, the Steering Committee reviewed and adopted concepts for the memorial and in December, 2018 appointed a Landscape Architect to layout these concepts into an overall design.

On July 31, 2019, the Steering Committee approved and adopted an overall design which is currently under review by the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department and the Oregon Office of Historic Preservation.

The 2020 Officers and Steering Committee Members are listed on the following page. Endorsements of this project have been received from around our great state and are listed on the pages thereafter.

Senate Bill 1542 establishes space on the Capitol Grounds for a Vietnam War Memorial. We ask for passage of SB1542 to enable the VWMF to achieve its sole purpose.

Respectfully submitted,



Stephen L. Bates
President

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2020 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:

LTC Trent Klug, US Army
Past Commander Val Shaull, DAV Chapter #1, Portland
Representative Rick Lewis, Oregon House District 18
Senator Betsy Johnson, Oregon Senate District 16
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, 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, Combat Vets Motorcycle Association
Rich Kelber, Vietnam Veteran
Ben Adams, Oregon Elks Association
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
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
Mark Sherman, Mark Sherman Consulting
Carol McAlice Currie, Publicist

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Endorsements

We have been honored with the following endorsements:

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](#)

- [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 American Veterans, 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
- [Tillamook County Board of Commissioners](#)
- [Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 147 - Rogue Valley](#)
- American Legion Post #58 - Stayton

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
- The late Robert D. "Bob" Maxwell, Medal of Honor Recipient
- 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
- 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
- The late 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
- Mayor Ted Wheeler, City of Portland
- Mayor Russ Axelrod, City of West Linn
- Representative David Brock Smith, Oregon House District 1
- Representative Duane Stark, Oregon House District 4