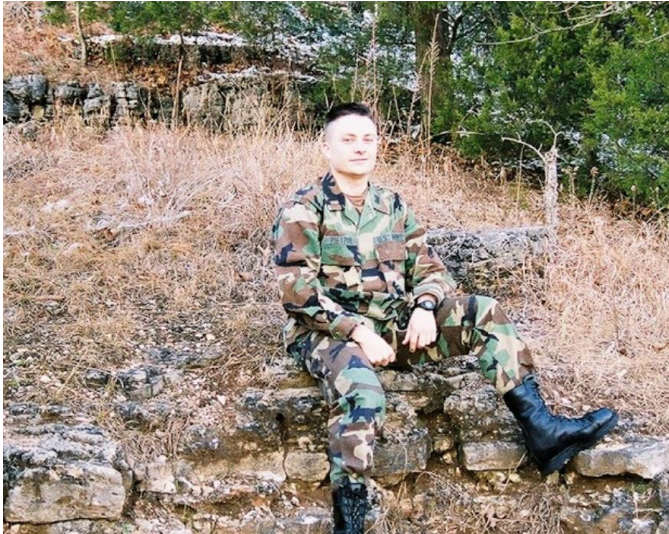


# **Roots of Resilience: Veterans' Quest for Healing and Purpose in Rural Oregon**

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# Rogue Cell and Together with Veterans Northwest Oregon

**Mission** - Rogue Cell provides media and promotes community with the aim of reducing veteran suicide.

**Vision** - The completion of a feature documentary and podcast episodes will allow our message to be distributed to those in need via streaming platforms. We intend to be the sign someone is looking for not to kill themselves.

**Purpose** - Oregon veteran suicide rates are about 1.5 times higher than the national general population. These numbers climb even more in rural communities. Rogue Cell intends to lower these numbers.

# Tactics

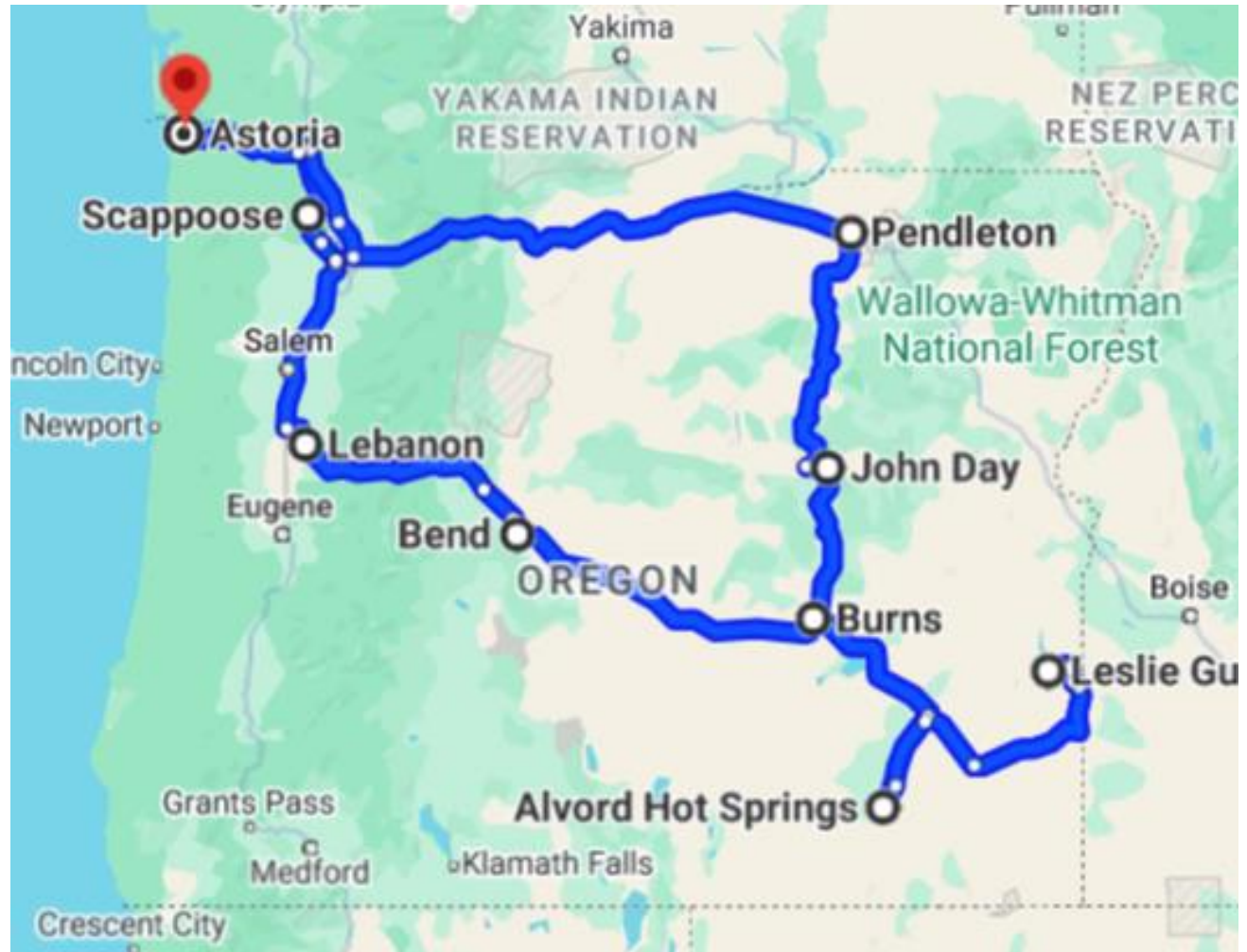
Showing: Documentary and Podcast

Leading: By Example

Community: Involvement and Sharing of Opportunities

The Road Trip  
Approximately  
1500 miles  
through rural  
Oregon.

When the  
documentary is  
complete we will  
follow the same  
route to show it  
in those rural  
towns.









# Initial Takeaways

We need to connect the vets with the opportunities.

Veterans are still an untapped resource in rural Oregon.

When veterans are involved in their communities both the veteran and the community can benefit.

# Examples of Veterans stepping up in their communities



# After Action Report

While we may not have 22 veterans a day kill themselves anymore, that is only because there are fewer veterans. The truth is a higher percentage of veterans are killing themselves, and Oregon is one of the highest states in the nation for veterans suicide in rural areas. We can put a dent in these numbers by getting out there and showing them that there are ways to survive and thrive. They can have meaningful and important roles in their communities. They can find healing in the natural beauty of our great state. It is possible to lower those suicide numbers, but it will take a concerted action to complete this mission. That's why we're here. We want to do whatever we can to help you, this committee, and the ODVA. Use us. Because we're not just a couple guys on a mission to help others. This, doing this, helps us as well, because if it wasn't for opportunities like this, Brad and I would be part of those statistics. Thank you for your time and consideration.