

NATIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR HIGHWAY
ACROSS THE USA on US HWY 20

First Coast to Coast Veterans Highway
Named by Congress and a President

Started in Oregon

Oregon Senate and House Committees on Veterans

September 29, 30 2025

Dick Tobiason, LTC US Army, Ret
Chairman, Bend Heroes Foundation

A Promise Kept to Medal of Honor Recipients

- MOH Medal is highest award for Valor during combat, President presents
- Promised WWII Medal of Honor Recipient Robert D. “Bob” Maxwell
- Honor ALL 3,528 MOH recipients with 3,365 mile coast -to-coast National MOH Hwy: U.S. Hwy 20 longest hwy in USA
- Only 61 MOH recipients living now
- 2016 – 2018: Started with 451 mile Oregon MOH Hwy across Oregon
- Installed 12 Oregon Medal of Honor Hwy signs across Oregon
- 2018 - 2022 extended through 11 states to Boston, MA as MOH Hwy Across America: 94 signs dedicated
- ODOT Sign Engineer provided sign graphics to counterparts in 11 states
- Honors ~ 60% of ALL MOH recipients from ALL 50 states

Bob Maxwell WWII Medal of Honor Recipient Director, Bend Heroes Foundation



Bob Maxwell and Oregon Governor Kate Brown Signing Oregon Medal of Honor Highway HB 2100 in Bend, Oct. 20, 2017

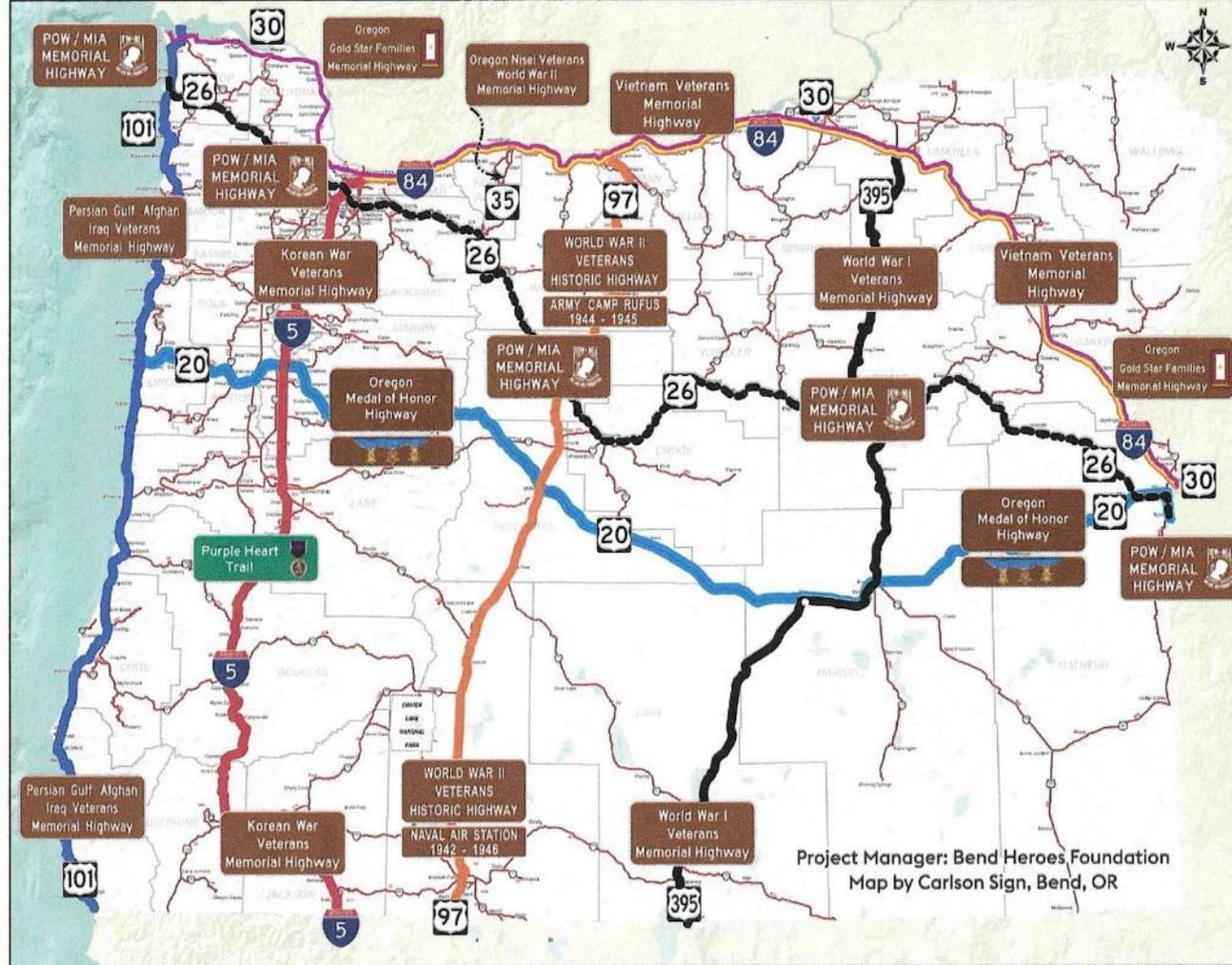


Oregon MOH Hwy HB 2100 2017 Session

“Whereas designating U.S. Highway 20 in Oregon ---- would set an example for creating the first American Medal of Honor Highway across America”



Oregon Veterans Memorial Highways



Bob Maxwell at Oregon MOH Hwy Sign Dedications Newport and Bend







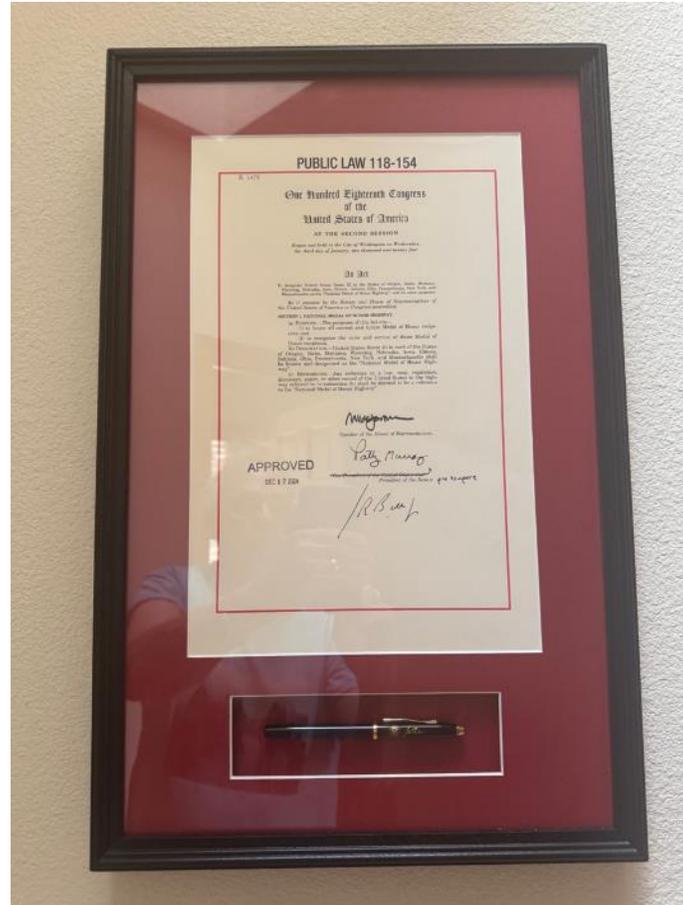
National Medal of Honor Highway U.S. Hwy 20 2023-2024

- Honor ALL 3,528 recipients from ALL 50 states, ALL future recipients
- Requested Oregon Sen. Ron Wyden to sponsor legislation – S.1478
- Requested Pennsylvania Rep. Mike Kelly to sponsor identical legislation – HB 3149
- Both bills introduced May 9, 2023
- Requested endorsements from American Legion, CMOHS, LoV, MOAA, MOPH, MOHHSUS, VFW, VVA

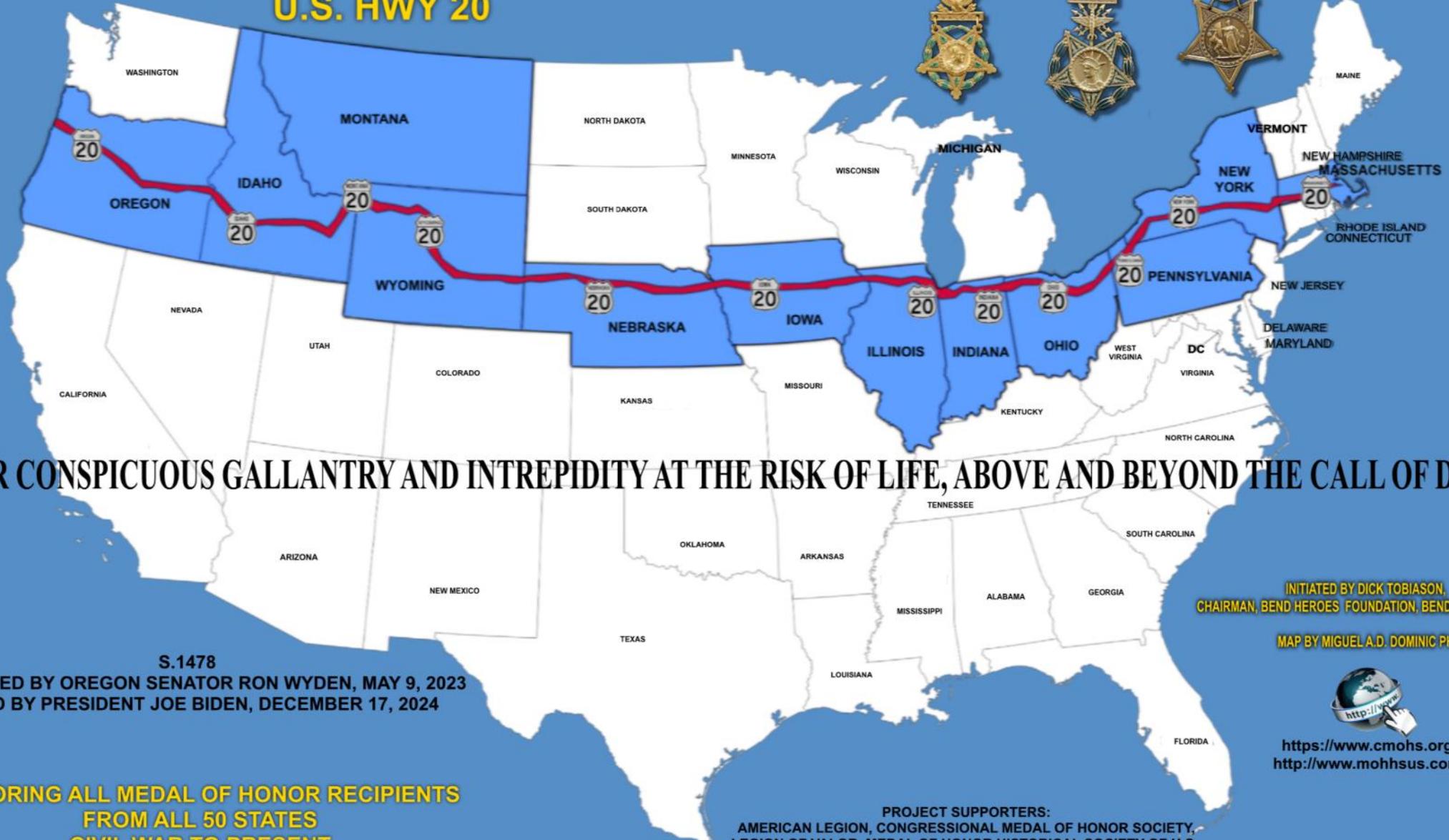
National Medal of Honor Hwy Cont'd

- Senate passed S.1478 by Unanimous Consent within 7 months
- House passed S.1478 by Suspension of Rules Dec. 9, 2024
- President Biden signed NMOH Hwy Act (PL 118-154) Dec. 17, 2024
- Briefed the Act to 20 MOH recipients in DC on National MOH Day 2025
- First coast to coast veterans' highway named by Congress and a President
- All because of Oregon Legislature and Governor

National Medal of Honor Highway Act Signed by Congress and President Biden Dec. 17, 2024 (PL 118-154)



NATIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR HIGHWAY 3,365 MILE COAST TO COAST U.S. HWY 20



"FOR CONSPICUOUS GALLANTRY AND INTREPIDITY AT THE RISK OF LIFE, ABOVE AND BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY"

INITIATED BY DICK TOBIASON,
CHAIRMAN, BEND HEROES FOUNDATION, BEND, OREGON, 2016

MAP BY MIGUEL A.D. DOMINIC PH



<https://www.cmohs.org>
<http://www.mohhsus.com>

S.1478
SPONSORED BY OREGON SENATOR RON WYDEN, MAY 9, 2023
SIGNED BY PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN, DECEMBER 17, 2024

HONORING ALL MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENTS
FROM ALL 50 STATES
CIVIL WAR TO PRESENT
OVER 3,500 AWARDS HAVE BEEN MADE SINCE 1863

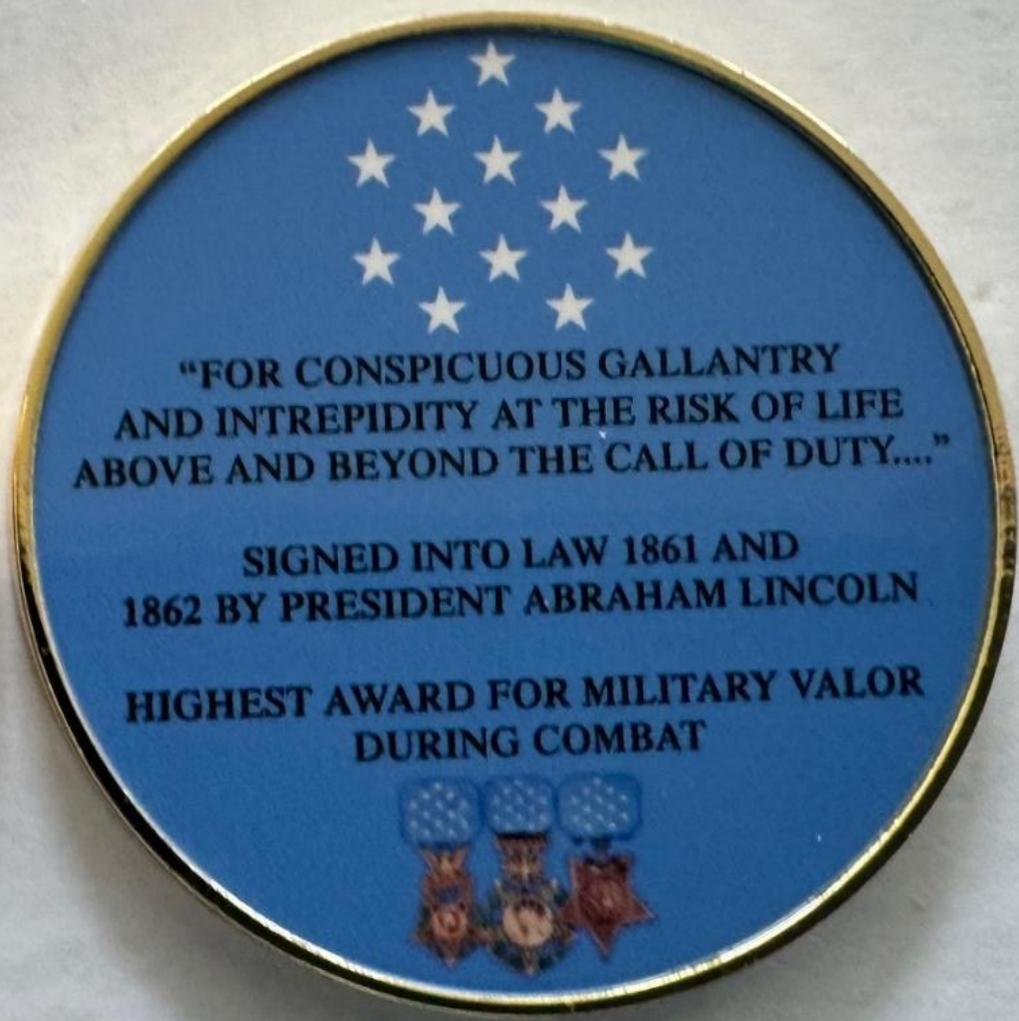
PROJECT SUPPORTERS:
AMERICAN LEGION, CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR SOCIETY,
LEGION OF VALOR, MEDAL OF HONOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF U.S.,
MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART,
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS, VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA

Oregon and National Medal of Honor Highway Signs Implement State and Federal Laws: 6 of each signs in Oregon



Dedicate National MOH Hwy June 4-14, 2026 250th Anniversary USA

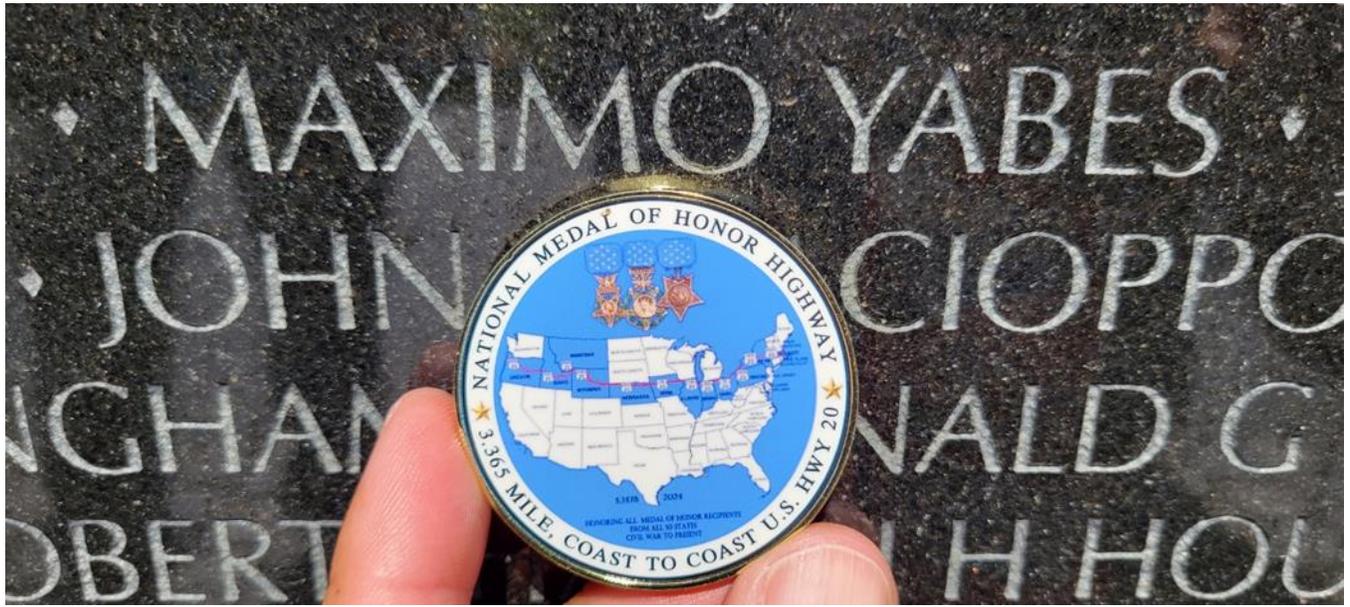
- Motorcycle ride across 3,365 NMOH Hwy
- Start in Boston on USS Constitution – “Old Ironsides”
- Bend Heroes Foundation leads entourage across Oregon June 13-14
- Ceremonies at Nyssa, Bend, Corvallis, Newport
- Present National MOH Hwy challenge coins
- Finish at Newport on U.S. Army’s 251st birthday and Flag Day
- All are invited



Visited Vietnam Wall on National Mall During Honor Flight Sept. 17-20

- Rubbed names of 4 Oregon MOH Recipients KIA during Act of Valor
- Displayed NMOH Hwy coin at each name
- Larry G. Dahl, KIA Feb. 23, 1971: Buried Willamette N.C., Portland
- John Noble Holcomb, KIA Dec. 3, 1968: Buried Richland, OR
- Gary W. Martini, KIA April 21, 1967: Buried Lewisburg, WV
- Maximo Yabes, KIA Feb. 26, 1967: Buried Denver, CO





Thank you for this opportunity and honoring
Oregon's 29 "Bravest of the Brave"

Questions?