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## **Lincoln City to Hold Celebration of Honor September 24-28**

LINCOLN CITY, Oregon –To honor all veterans and their families, a small patriotic town on the Central Oregon Coast, Lincoln City, will host a city-wide “Celebration of Honor” September 24-28.

Over the past several years Lincoln City has established itself as a welcome safe haven for veterans and their families, a place for a weekend get-a-away or to vacation for several days. The community has welcomed veterans with open arms with the event of the traveling Vietnam Wall in 2004, a welcome home celebration for the Oregon Army National Guard in 2005, the annual rededication of the Veterans Memorial at Chinook Winds Casino, the dinner sponsored by Mo’s restaurant held at the Salem Pavilion on February 4, 2006 where they fed 900 Members of the Oregon Army National Guard before they deployed for Afghanistan, The Field of Flags & Oregon Veteran’s Medal Presentation in September 2007 at Chinook Winds and the ongoing veterans discounts offered by many of the city’s motels through the Lincoln City Visitor and Convention Bureau.

Events will be held city-wide by civic and charitable organizations, merchants associations, the Lincoln City Parks and Recreation Department and Chinook Winds Casino Resort. This event is designed to cater to veterans and their families with many activities for both children and adults. Many of the activities are still in the planning stages and will be announced in the upcoming months.

The Lincoln City Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring “Adventures in Geocaching”, an event that has been held several times receiving attention from across the United States. People interested in participating in geocaching need to arrive at the Lincoln City Community Center located at 2150 NE Oar Place and register by 2pm. At 2:15 the participants will be released to complete the Adventure. All participants need a GPS and a mode of transportation. There will be 10 places for the people to find and receive the mark for their passport. Prizes will be awarded to the winners.

In honor of the celebration of honor weekend, declared by proclamation by Mayor Hollingsworth to be observed annually on the 4<sup>th</sup> weekend of September each year, the Lincoln City VCB will be placing 400 red, white, and blue glass floats on the beach for visitors to find.

The Oregon Coast Community College will hold a revival of their annual MASH BASH at the Chinook Winds Casino Hotel banquet facility Saturday evening complete with dancing, raffle items, light hors d’ oeuvres and a no host bar. Dress the part to join in the costume contest! Admission is \$15 with proceeds going to the Oregon Coast Community College Foundation.

The traveling Vietnam Wall is returning to Chinook Winds Casino Resort. Standing eight feet high at the center and spanning 378 feet, The Wall is the centerpiece of the American Veteran’s Traveling Tribute. Like the memorial in Washington DC, the 58,235 names are engraved (not silk screened) and listed by casualty date. Volunteers will be on hand to assist with locating a particular name(s). It also has the most recently

updated list of names to match those added to the original. If you would like to volunteer as a guide or to stand guard at the wall during this event, contact Teresa Simmons at 1-541-996-5815.

As part of the annual rededication of the Veterans Memorial located in front of Chinook Winds Casino, a presentation of medals will be made to Oregon Veterans on Sunday afternoon at 2pm. A custom – designed, engraved medal in appreciation for the service and sacrifice of veterans from the state of Oregon will be presented to Oregon Veterans in attendance. To qualify for the medal, a form must be filled out in advance of the ceremony, with proof of military service attached. Forms will be on hand at Chinook Winds Casino one week prior to the presentation. To access the forms in advance, go to [www.veteransoforegon.com](http://www.veteransoforegon.com).

Chinook Winds' annual Run For The Wind Poker Run will also be part of the weekend's festivities.

These are just a few of the events that will be offered during the weekend.

Join Lincoln City in a welcome-home celebration to honor all veterans who have served selflessly in the Armed Services and all active duty personnel who are still working in service of our nation.

This event has been planned by the Community Marketing Committee, comprised of representatives from several different businesses and organizations in Lincoln City.

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