Vietnam traveling memorial coming to Bend

The Deschutes Pioneer Association and the Deschutes County Historical Society invite the public to view the Oregon Vietnam Veteran's Traveling Memorial at the Deschutes Historical Museum on August 3-4.

Created by the Umpqua Valley Chapter of the Vietnam Veterans of America, the Oregon Memorial Traveling Wall is a 24-by-8-foot wall, evoking the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C. Black center panels list the names of those killed in Vietnam and on the USS Pueblo in 1968. Side panels list the names of those who died in Panama, the bombing of Beirut, Desert Storm, Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom. The memorial names are updated annually.

Viewing hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, August 3 and 10 a.m. to noon on Sunday, August 4. A short ceremony will take place at 10 a.m. Saturday, with Bend's Band of Brothers presenting the flagline.

In addition, Saturday features an all-inclusive high school alumni gathering for all Central-Oregon-area high schools from noon to 3 p.m. on the lawn of the museum. This gathering is free.

Jewkes takes reins for Deschutes Forest

Holly Jewkes is the new Forest Supervisor for the Deschutes National Forest, following the retirement of John Allen in late June.

Jewkes reports to the position on August 5. Shanda Dekome, currently the deputy forest supervisor, will continue serving as the acting forest supervisor until that time.

Forest Service's regional forester for the Pacific Northwest Region, Glenn Casamassa, announced Jewkes' role last week.

"Strong partnerships are the foundation of everything we do," he said. "Holly's experience, sound leadership, and commitment to this collaborative spirit will serve the Deschutes National Forest well and help advance the work we do in partnership with local communities."

Since 2015, Jewkes has been the deputy forest supervisor on the Willamette National Forest. Prior to that, she was the district ranger on the Crescent Ranger District of the Deschutes National Forest.

"I am excited to return to the landscapes and communities of Central Oregon," said Jewkes. "I look forward to maintaining the incredible relationships and successes of the employees, partners, and cooperators of the Deschutes National Forest."

During her time with the Forest Service she has had more than 14 years of leadership experience as a line officer, serving as assistant district ranger, district ranger, deputy forest supervisor, and acting forest supervisor in several regions. Her experience includes fire and fuels management, recreation management, partnerships, forest products, and timber management. She is an advanced agency administrator and led the region's centralized temporary hiring efforts for two years.

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Holly Jewkes takes over as Deschutes National Forest Supervisor after retirement of John Allen.

South American sounds...

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Rio Mara from Colombia and Ecuador filled Fir Street Park with Latin American sounds last Thursday. A large Sisters crowd danced their way into summer. The second free Sisters Folk Festival Summer Concert will feature bluegrass band Town Mountain on Thursday, August 1.

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