

... Barnes First Citizen

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Transportation Commissioner and was co-chair of the I-5 Corridor Committee. He served on several community boards, including the Ronald McDonald House and Open House Ministries Housing Project. He founded the Truman Elementary Parent Teacher Organization with his wife, and the couple worked together to help the Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Alcoa Little League.

“And those are just the highlights.”

In 2014 Barnes was appointed to fill a vacancy on the Clark County board of commissioners. He’s also a very strong supporter of the need to replace the Interstate 5 Bridge. In October he help shepherd through a resolution at the Northwest Oregon Labor Council supporting efforts to begin a new project development process for an I-5 replacement bridge.

He’s now busy trying to raise funds to build a “Wall of Remembrance” for the Korean War. The wall, which will be built in Washington, D.C., will

contain the names of the 36,574 soldiers who gave their lives during the war.

In 2016 Congress gave the okay to raise private funds to build and maintain the wall. The Korean War Memorial Foundation Inc. was formed and is currently trying to raise \$60 million. Barnes is reaching out to labor groups for donations.

“All Americans who make the supreme sacrifice serving our nation deserve to be publicly honored by name,” said Barnes. “Out of respect for our fallen American service members, we consider it our duty, our privilege, and our obligation to properly memorialize them.”

The final page of the First Citizen nomination form read: “Ed Barnes retired from his employment with the IBEW nearly two decades ago, but if you believe Ed Barnes has retired from supporting his IBEW local, organized labor nationally, his church or community, you just don’t know Ed Barnes.”

A ceremony honoring Barnes will take place April 9, 2019.



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