

## Cowlitz Tribe donates \$10,000 to Korean War Memorial

The Cowlitz Indian Tribe donated \$10,000 to help build the Korean War Wall of Remembrance in Washington, D.C. Ed Barnes, a retired business manager of IBEW Local 48, has been raising funds for the wall ever since a bill was passed by Congress in October 2016 and signed by President Barack Obama. Barnes, a Korean War veteran, wants the wall to remember the 36,574 men and women who lost their lives fighting for the people of South Korea and the rest of the world. The Congressional bill passed with no money attached, so it has to be built with private donations. Barnes has been raising money ever since.



Ed Barnes, left, receives a check from Jeff Groll of the Cowlitz Tribe.

With the Cowlitz donation, Barnes has raised nearly \$64,000. His story was featured in the Korean War Veterans magazine. Nationwide, about \$5 million of the needed \$15 million has been raised. You can send donations via the Northwest Oregon Labor Council, 9955 SE Washington, St., Suite 305, Portland, Oregon, 97218. Make checks payable to The Korean War Memorial. Any amount is welcome.

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Labor Day is once again upon us. It is a time to reflect on the historic victories of women and men who fought to establish minimum wage, five-day work weeks and to ban the use of child labor.

It is also a time to celebrate America's tradespeople — bus operators, rail operators, maintenance workers, dispatchers and the list goes on. Let's take a moment to reflect on and honor those who do the work to make our lives better through their service. Thank you for working every day, regardless of the holiday, to keep us safe.

Please join your labor brothers and sisters at the Annual Labor Day Picnic at Oaks Amusement Park on Monday, September 2nd.