

Lincoln City to Hold Annual Celebration of Honor Weekend in September

To honor all veterans of the Armed Forces, active duty personnel and their families, a small patriotic town on Oregon's Central Coast, Lincoln City, will host a city-wide "Celebration of Honor" on Sept. 22-26.

Over the past several years, Lincoln City has established itself as a welcoming community for veterans and their families, a fun place for a weekend getaway or to vacation for several days.

With open arms, the community has welcomed veterans by hosting the traveling Vietnam Wall in 2004 and 2008; organizing a welcome home celebration for the Oregon Army National Guard in 2005; holding an annual rededication of the Veterans' Memorial at Chinook Winds Casino Resort; honoring military personnel who were preparing for deployment with a special dinner sponsored by Mo's Restaurant; hosting the Field of Flags on the grounds of Chinook Winds in 2007 and 2009; conducting the Oregon Veterans Honorable Service Medal presentation in 2007, 2008 and 2009 at Chinook Winds; and offering ongoing veterans discounts by many of the city's hotels through the Lincoln City Visitor and Convention Bureau.

Events during this year's Celebration of Honor will be held by civic and charitable organizations, merchants associations, the Lincoln City VCB, the Lincoln City Parks and Recreation Department and Chinook Winds. They are designed to appeal to veterans and their families with many activities for both children and adults.

The weekend-long celebration includes displays of firefighting and rescue equipment courtesy of North Lincoln Fire & Rescue and Chinook Winds is proud to again host the Veterans of Oregon Field of Honor, featuring 1,000 American flags on display on the resort grounds.

On Sept. 24 at 1 p.m., an opening ceremony will take place at Chinook Winds.

Oregon Veterans Honorable Service Medal

Presentation ceremonies of the Oregon Veterans Honorable Service Medal will take place Sept. 24-25 at 6 p.m. in the convention center at Chinook Winds. The Oregon Veterans Medal is a custom-designed, engraved medal signifying appreciation for the service and sacrifice of veterans who reside in the state of Oregon.

To qualify for the medal, veterans and active duty personnel must complete an application form in advance of the ceremony, with proof of military service attached. Forms will be available at Chinook Winds one week prior to the presentation. Application forms also are available at www.veteransoforegon.com.

The annual rededication of the Veterans' Memorial at the entrance to Chinook Winds will take place at 2 p.m. on Sept. 26, followed by an Oregon Veterans Medal ceremony inside the casino.

Enjoy a free live concert featuring 4 Troops Concert will take the stage on Sept. 25 at 8 p.m. in the Chinook Winds showroom. You won't want to miss these four amazing former soldiers singing songs honoring our troops.

Events In Town

Sept. 25 also will be free admission day at the Lincoln City Community Center, offering recreational swims, lap swims, use of the workout room and open gym.

At the historic Delake School, now known as the Lincoln City Cultural Center, motorcycle enthusiasts' club The Round-a-Bouts will sponsor a barbeque and vendors fair with raffles, live music and a poker run on Sept. 25 **only** from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Sign up for the poker run from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Entries in the patriotic T-Shirt design contest created by youngsters 5-17 years old will be on display as well.

Also Sept. 25, Henry's Lighthouse Donuts, located in Lighthouse Square on the north end of Lincoln City, will offer an SOS breakfast from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. A plate is just \$5 and proceeds go to the Oregon Coast Veterans Association.

After a satisfying breakfast, take part in a 5K fun-run on the beach and through town. Register at the event. Then from noon to 5 p.m., visit the spaghetti feed benefit for Operation Care Package at the community center. Operation Care Package sends needed personal items to troops overseas).

Red, white and blue glass floats will be carefully placed along the beach by Lincoln City VCB volunteers for guests to the community to discover as part of the critically acclaimed Finders Keepers promotion.

Free popcorn will be offered to all veterans with the purchase of a ticket at the historic Bijou Theatre in the Oceanlake District throughout the weekend.

Tanger Outlet Center will offer free coupon books upon presentation of a military ID. They will be available at the Tanger business office.

The Taft Cemetery Association will fly American flags in honor of the veterans buried in Taft Pioneer Cemetery and the Lions Club International will line the streets with American flags in honor of the event.

More events can be found across Lincoln City, a community that offers a weekend of fun and relaxation to honor our veterans. Lincoln City Mayor Lori Hollingsworth has proclaimed the fourth weekend in September to annually be Lincoln City's Celebration of Honor for United States military veterans and active duty personnel.

For more information, contact Teresa Simmons at 541-996-5815, e-mail TeresaS@CWCResort.com or check the Chinook Winds website at www.chinook-windscasino.com.

Updated information can be found at www.oregoncoasttoday.com or by contacting the Lincoln City VCB at 800-452-2151 or www.oregoncoast.org.

Free Concert Featuring 4 TROOPS

Chinook Winds Casino Resort is proud to offer a free concert by 4 TROOPS on Sept. 25 as part of the Celebration of Honor.

The members of 4 TROOPS first made a name for themselves while in the military, singing pop and country songs for soldiers overseas in Iraq and Afghanistan. Now that they're all out of the service, they're also singing for veterans as well as recording an album. The proceeds will go to veterans' charity groups such as the Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America.

Capt. Meredith Melcher, Sgt. Daniel Jens, Staff Sgt. Ron Henry and Sgt. David Clemo met through Army programs such as *Operation Rising Star*, a military version of *American Idol*.

Their experiences in Iraq and Afghanistan are heavy influences on the music of 4 TROOPS. Though the songs are overwhelmingly patriotic, the group's members say they seek to highlight the personal struggles endured by soldiers and their families.

They recently have been seen on television shows, including *Good Morning America* and *Fox and Friends*.

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Oyster Cloyster Chefs of the Month:

Brenda Friedrich, Chinook Winds Resort & Casino

This month's featured Oyster Cloyster Chef is Brenda Friedrich, Chinook Winds Casino Resort Executive Sous Chef. Chef Friedrich is presenting Baja Oysters as an evening appetizer in the Rogue River Room. The tender oysters are dipped in flour and egg; then dredged in crushed tortilla shells to give them a tasty and delicate crunch. The pan fried oysters are served on a bed of shredded Napa cabbage and finished with tequila lime aioli.



Chinook Winds Casino Resort has generously donated \$1,000 to the Oregon Coast Community College Foundation for their participation as a featured Chef of the Month. The proceeds from the Oyster Chef of the Month benefit, leading up to the November 6 Oyster Cloyster event, are dedicated to the OCCC Aquarium Science Program. "We are thankful to Chinook Winds Resort for their dedication to the College and the Oyster Cloyster event for the past nine years—they have been great partners in making the event the success that it is. We are also very grateful to their

generosity towards the College and specifically for our Aquarium Science program—the signature program of the College," said A.T. Ronan, Foundation Executive Director.

Also featured in July will be Eric McElroy from the Shilo Restaurant in Newport. Justin Wills from Restaurant Beck in Depoe Bay will be featured in August with Ian Klayman and Jennifer Wilson chefs from Bay 839 in Newport for September. The chefs for October will be Tyson Sanchez from Mist at Surfclides in Lincoln City and Jason Roy from the Pelican Pub & Brewery in Pacific City. Chef Garnett Black of the Rogue Public House in Newport was recognized in May and Chefs Kate and Cliff Brown of La Maison Bakery and Café in Newport were recognized for the month for June.

Individuals who have dined at at least six of the participating restaurants from May through October will be able to be entered into a contest for a private BBQ dinner for 12, donated by Oregon Coast Catering Company plus other fabulous prizes. Diners must have the restaurant's initial the Year of the Oyster note card indicating that they have frequented the restaurant and then send the completed form to the OCCC Foundation at 400 SE College Way, Newport, OR 97366. They can also drop off the forms at the participating restaurants. The winning tickets will be drawn at the November 6 Oyster Cloyster event. (Participants in the contest do not have to be present to win.) Note cards are available at participating restaurants and other area restaurants and hotels.

In addition to recognizing an Oyster Cloyster chef each month, there will be a celebration on August 7 to commemorate the month as the Month of the Oyster. The celebration will be held at the Central County Campus in South Newport from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. The committee is busy planning many events for the day including, music, entertainment, games, fish printing, art projects, a BBQ, and a silent auction.

This will be the 10th Year of the Oyster Cloyster, which will again be held at the Oregon Coast Aquarium—a most fitting venue for the event. Because this is the tenth year and because this is the year that will mark the beginning of the construction of the new building for the OCCC Aquarium Science program, which receives the profit from the event, the Foundation Board of Directors made the decision to make this a distinctive year.

The Oyster Cloyster, a benefit for the OCCC Aquarium Science Program, has raised over \$100,000 for the program. The first OCCC Aquarium Science class started in 2003 with 19 students. Seven students just graduated with a two-year Associate Degree in Aquarium Science. Seven received Certificates in Aquarium Science—these students had already earned a four-year degree. 47 individuals have graduated with either a two-year Associate Degree or a one-year Certificate. More information about the program is available on line at www.oregoncoast.org. Contact A.T. Ronan at 541-867-8531 for more information about the August event or the November Oyster Cloyster.