

10th Annual Celebration of Honor features flags, medals and tributes during weekend of events in Lincoln City

For the past 10 years, Chinook Winds Casino Resort has led the annual Celebration of Honor, a public event that honors active duty personnel, military veterans and their families. This year's event is scheduled for Sept. 19-22.

The American Veterans Traveling Tribute (AVTT) Wall and Cost of Freedom Tribute is back for viewing Sept. 20-22.

Individuals, families, youth groups, businesses and organizations can become involved with the Celebration of Honor in a variety of ways. A fundraiser for a veteran's group; a special or discount at your business for veterans and their families; red, white and blue decorations at your store; flying red, white and blue kites; displaying the American flag at your home or place of business; shaking the hand of a veteran or active duty personnel and offering a "welcome home" or "thank you"; or planning an event are just a few ways you can become part of this year's celebration.

Whether it's a big event or a small fundraiser, every effort contributes to making the 10th Celebration of Honor more meaningful and personal.

This weekend-long tribute begins with opening ceremonies at the AVTT Wall in the southeast parking area of Chinook Winds at 6 p.m. An opening day ceremony on Sept. 21 at noon kicks off with the Ride of Honor led by the Oregon Coast Veterans Association.

Volunteers are needed and can sign up to help locate names on the wall from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. each day. To sign up, contact Roger Robertson at 541-921-8809.

The Lincoln City Cultural Center hosts Vintage Military Uniform and Weapon Displays on Sept. 19-20, featuring author Steve Sparks, who will speak

about post-traumatic stress disorder at a time to be determined.

The Oregon Veterans Medal Presentation Ceremonies will be held on the Field of Flags at 2 p.m. on Sept. 20-21. Many friends and family members of service men and women killed in action will post flags on behalf of their fallen heroes at the opening of the ceremony.

The Oregon Veteran's Medal is a custom-designed medal that signifies our appreciation for the service and sacrifice of veterans. To qualify for this medal, an application form must be completed in advance of the ceremony with proof of military service attached. Forms are available at Chinook Winds just outside the showroom entrance starting at noon on Sept. 17. For more information, visit veteransoforegon.com.

On Sept. 19 at 11 a.m., All-Ways Traveling hosts a free showing of *Wind-talkers* for military personnel and their families at the historic Bijou Theatre on Highway 101.

Starring Nicolas Cage and Christian Slater, the movie follows the true-life tale of a World War II corporal as he returns to active duty. His entire squad was killed in action and he is nearly deaf from an enemy's grenade explosion. His new assignment becomes the protection of a Navajo Code Talker, Private Ben Yahzee (Adam Beach), earning him the rank of sergeant.

In the film, Sergeant Ox Anderson (Christian Slater) receives a parallel assignment to protect another Navajo Code Talker, Private Charlie Whitehorse (Roger Willie). The stellar movie event is free for all military and their family members and only \$5 for all others who wish to attend.

Your casual stroll on the beach could provide a hidden treasure in the form of

a red, white or blue glass float carefully placed among the miles of sand, shells and driftwood by Lincoln City Visitor and Convention Bureau volunteers. This treasure-discovering promotion is part of the critically acclaimed Finders Keepers community program.

In addition to the North Lincoln County Historical Museum's permanent WWII exhibit, it will showcase the documentary *Wounded in Action: Legacy of Heroes* during this year's Celebration of Honor.

This film honors the heroism, dedication and sacrifices of the 600,000 military medical men and women who served during WWII. It highlights the contributions that orthopedic surgeons have made to advancements in care for trauma-related injuries.

Surgeons recall how they faced the terrible responsibility of saving the lives of so many wounded men. These personal recollections are brief snatches of a past lifetime, moments still indelibly etched in the minds of those who leave their quiet heroism as a legacy for us today.

On Sept. 22, the rededication of the Veterans Memorial takes place in front of the casino at 2 p.m. The Siletz Tribal Honor Guard and Tribal drummers will start the dedication.

Also on Sept. 22, veterans and active duty personnel eat free at the Siletz Bay Buffet. They must stop by the Winners Circle to register and show proof of military service (DD-214 or other military ID) to receive this benefit.

Your participation is welcomed. Contact Heather Hatton at 541-996-5766 or heatherh@CWCResort.com for inclusion in our schedule of events and future press releases.

To the editor:

The Siletz Valley School Board and administration would like to acknowledge the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians for their charitable contribution.

The Siletz Valley Charter School (K-8) and Siletz Valley Early College Academy (9-12) received \$268,530 in donations through the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund from the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians. This generous donation helped support classroom instruction, technology services, athletics, special community events and college preparation and career readiness for our students.

Since we opened the Siletz Valley Early College Academy in 2006, 103 students have graduated with their high school diploma. This could not have been realized without the generosity of the Siletz Tribal charitable funds.

All of us at Siletz Valley School and the greater Siletz community say "thank you," Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund, for making this possible.

Siletz Valley School administration

Emergency dental visits available

Contact the Siletz Community Dental Clinic if you experience dental pain or a dental emergency. The staff will do everything possible to see you as soon as reasonably possible.

Check-in time is Monday-Thursday from 8:30-9 a.m. and Friday from 10-10:30 a.m. Afternoon check-in time is Monday-Friday from 1-1:30 p.m.

Beauties at the Beach golf, national pillow fighting event coming to coast

Chinook Winds Casino Resort will host the ultimate golf weekend on Sept. 13-15.

The weekend festivities include the National Bikini Pillow Fighting Championships and Swimsuit Pageant on Sept. 13, a free event open to the public. Pillow fighting is followed by the Beauties at the Beach Golf Tournament on Sept. 14 at Chinook Winds Golf Resort.

Media is invited to interviews at the Welcoming Party starting at 6:30 p.m. on Sept. 13. For more information or to register for the golf tournament, call Heidi Cookson at 541-996-2404 or Eric Smileuske at 541-996-8735.

Battle of the Bikinis is the National Bikini Pillow Fighting Championships and Swimsuit Pageant. This event is free to the public and is held in the convention center at Chinook Winds Casino Resort. Doors open at 6 p.m.; the pillow fights start at 7 p.m.

Twelve models featured in *Playboy*, *Maxim*, *Bullz-Eye*, *Shirley of Hollywood* and *Hooters* will knock the feathers out of each other right after a swimsuit pageant.

The National Finals pits 2012 champion Jazmin Siquenza against Oregon's own Anastacia Lane from Astoria, Ore., the 2011 champion.

The four-person scramble on Sept. 14 is \$150 per person or \$500 per team. All proceeds from this event will go to the Siletz Tribal Arts and Heritage Society.

To register for the golf tournament, visit Player Services at the casino or call Heidi Cookson at 541-996-2404. To inquire about sponsorship opportunities, please contact Eric Smileuske at 541-996-8735.

Other events during the weekend include deep sea fishing, a wine tasting tour, a crabbing brunch and a 5K fun run. Call 760-808-1699 and ask for package pricing on all the available adventures.

The weekend is hosted by Myste Wright and her Glamour Global models. Wright is an actress, model, writer, TV host of *Myste Buzzed on Paradise* and CEO of Glamour Global. She will join NBA stars and other pro athletes to be announced.

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