



Happy 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday, Dreonna! We love you and we're so proud of you!  
Love, Mom and Dad



Happy Birthday to our Hayle Strong!  
Love, Dad and the Strong family



Happy Birthday to Amelia Linn Elsy Fox Betts!  
From your grandfather Art Betts – love you!

Sept. 4 was a special day seven years ago – you were born! Happy Birthday, Ayden! Mom, Gramma Trisha and the whole family love you to the moon and back!

For more information about the Siletz Tribal language program, please visit [siletzlanguage.org](http://siletzlanguage.org).

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- We do not have designated smoking areas.
- No smoking in the parking lot.
- No smoking in your car in the parking lot.
- No smoking behind the building.
- No littering of cigarette butts.

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## 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration of Honor features Field of Honor, medal ceremonies, free buffet, glass float drop and other activities throughout Lincoln City

For the past 12 years, Chinook Winds Casino Resort has spearheaded the annual Celebration of Honor, a public event that honors active duty personnel, military veterans and their families. This year's event, set for Sept. 23-27, includes the Field of Honor with 1,000 flags overlooking the ocean, the Oregon Memorial Wall and vendors on site to offer information to veterans and their families.

On Sept. 24, veterans and active duty personnel eat free during open hours at the Siletz Bay Buffet. Veterans and active duty personnel must stop by the Winners Circle to register and show proof of military service (DD-214 or other military ID) to receive this benefit. Only one free voucher per person.

The free comedy show is back this year on Sept. 24. Just show proof of military service for two free tickets to the show by Huck Flynn that starts at 8 p.m.

Don't miss the Ride of Honor led by the Oregon Coast Veterans Association (OCVA). It starts at SW 51<sup>st</sup> Street and will end at the Field of Honor just prior to opening ceremonies at approximately noon on Sept. 23.

Many vendors have joined the event this year to provide services and information to veterans and their families. Confirmed attendees include My Healthy Vet, Vet Center (readjustment counseling service), DAV & Vet Dogs, Vets Helping Vets HQ, Veterans Benefits Administration, Chapter 72 Purple Heart, Northwest Battle Buddies, Disabled Vets Outreach Program (Lincoln County), Goodwill Employment, Veterans Stress Project, Umpqua Valley Chapter 805, Returning Veterans Project and Oregon Coast Veterans Association.

The vendor tent will be located on the Field of Honor behind the casino. The tent will be open Sept. 24-27 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, contact Bill John at 541-996-5815.

This tribute to our service men and women begins with a soft opening at the Oregon Travelling Tribute Wall at 5 p.m. in front of the casino. Opening Ceremonies at the Field of Honor in the open field behind Chinook Winds take place on Sept. 25 at 6 p.m.

The Oregon Veterans Medal Presentation Ceremonies take place on Sept. 25 at 2 p.m. and Sept. 26 at 5 p.m. at the Field of Honor just behind the casino. Many friends and family members of service men and women killed in action will post flags on behalf of their fallen heroes at the beginning of the medal ceremony.

The Oregon Veterans Medal is a custom-designed medal that signifies Oregon's appreciation of the service and sacrifice of veterans. To qualify for this medal, an application form must be completed in advance with proof of military service attached.

Forms are available at the Field of Honor starting at noon on Sept. 23. For more information, visit [veteransoforegon.com](http://veteransoforegon.com) or call 503-936-4480.

The North Lincoln County Historical Museum will host *The Black Suitcase Mystery*. The mystery of the black suitcase, the letters it contained and the students who uncovered the mystery, is the subject of a new book and museum program by Gail Downs.

The story that unfolded from the letters written before and during World War II is incredibly poignant. It is a timeless tale of love and war, with interwoven threads throughout that are linked in unbelievable ways. What makes the mystery even more intriguing is the fact that it was solved by 10-year-old students over a four-year period.

On Sept. 26 at 1 p.m., Downs will discuss her experiences with the suitcase – how her students worked to solve the mysteries it held and the events that followed the initial project – at a museum program and book signing. For more information, contact Anne Hall at 541-996-6614.

Your casual stroll on the beach could provide a hidden treasure in the form of a red, white or blue glass float that was 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.

On Sept. 27, the rededication of the Desert Storm Memorial takes place in front of the casino at 2 p.m. The Siletz Tribal Honor Guard and Tribal drummers start the dedication. Tribal Chairman Delores Pigsley will open the ceremony and Jim Willis, former director of Veterans Affairs of Oregon, will be the keynote speaker.

Your participation is welcomed – contact Heather Hatton at 541-996-5766 or [heatherh@CWCResort.com](mailto:heatherh@CWCResort.com) or Bill John at 541-996-5815 or [williamj@cwresort.com](mailto:williamj@cwresort.com) for more information on how to get involved and volunteer for this annual event. By working together, we maintain our distinguished reputation and provide a successful city-wide event.

There are many ways for individuals, families, youth groups, businesses and organizations to become involved with the Celebration of Honor. A fundraiser for a veterans 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 business; shaking the hand of a veteran or active duty person 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 make the 12<sup>th</sup> Celebration of Honor more meaningful and personal.

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