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**Journeyman** — Tribal member and Marine Corps Veteran Steve Bobb will walk from Table Rock in southern Oregon to Grand Ronde to raise awareness and money for a planned Veterans' Memorial in Grand Ronde. Bobb, who walks nearly five miles daily on his lunch hour, is the artist for the memorial that will honor all Veterans (Tribal members and member's of the community) from the three communities of Grand Ronde, Willamina and Sheridan. Bobb will begin his journey on February 23 with the hopes of reaching Grand Ronde 14 days later.

## Moon Over The Meadows



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**Yellow Moon** — This full moon rising over the Tribe's Grand Meadows housing community cast a bright glow on a recent crisp, winter night in Grand Ronde.

## Marine Veteran Will Walk For Honor And To Raise Awareness

■ Tribal member Steve Bobb will walk 265 miles from Table Rock to Grand Ronde to raise money for a planned Veterans' Memorial.

*"Many people nowadays live in a series of interiors — home, car, gym, office, shops — disconnected from each other. On foot everything stays connected, for while walking one occupies the spaces between those interiors in the same way one occupies those interiors. One lives in the whole world rather than in interiors built up against it."*

Rebecca Solnit  
*Wanderlust: A History of Walking* (2000)  
Penguin Putnam, Inc.

By Chris Mercier

**W**e all walk, some more than others. Our feet carry us to the mailbox everyday. The phone rings and boom! We walk, maybe run to answer. I personally walk down the hall to refill my coffee mug.

You'd never think walking could play such an integral part in our lives. Like breathing, we walk almost arbitrarily.

Peter Jenkins in his pre-network days hiked across the country, chronicling the adventure in *A Walk across America*. Paul Theroux trudged around Britain in *The Kingdom by the Sea*. Aborigines from Down Under used to engage in the walkabouts, in many ways paralleling the vision quests of many North American Natives.

To many people walking has always entailed something signifi-

cant, nothing mundane. For Tribal member Steve Bobb, walking means everything. And when he and *Smoke Signals* Editor Brent Merrill set out February 23 to walk from Table Rock in southern Oregon to Grand Ronde, you'll know something special is about to unfold. It will be a walk for Tribal members, a walk for Veterans, and above all, a walk for himself.

Steve Bobb began life in 1949, born to Wilson Bobb, Jr. and Faye Riggs of Grand Ronde. He grew up around Willamina and Grand Ronde, not getting into too much trouble. But he had a date with fate, so to speak, in 1968 when a small Southeast Asia country formerly called French Indochina dragged America into the war on communism.

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