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on display to enhance the viewer's understanding of the artifacts and the person who donated the item.

Throughout the year, OCCM presents military-themed events for the purpose of recognizing the contributions made by veterans in the community to all Americans. The next event seeks

to honor all of Oregon's veterans. The museum will be presenting the Oregon Memorial Traveling Wall Project on Pearl Harbor Day, Friday, Dec. 7. Applebee is pleased the OCCM is able to bring the Wall Project to Florence. Sponsored at the museum by Three Rivers Casino Resort, the memorial wall is a project of Umpqua Valley Chapter 805 of the Vietnam Veterans of America. The Wall contains six panels which are engraved with the names of fallen Oregonian military personnel. Created to resemble the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C., the black center panels display the names of those from the state lost in Vietnam and on the USS Pueblo. There are also panels on both sides of the display with the names of Oregonians lost in Panama, the bombing of Beirut, Desert Storm, Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom. "If someone has ever heard, or recalls, how our nation's Vietnam Vets were treated when they returned home, its long over-due to honor them now with more respect," Applebee said. "Even though we're displaying this on Pearl Harbor Day, the



The 2018 Festival of Trees featured Christmas trees, tabletop trees and wreaths hand-decorated by community groups.

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day that launched our nation into World War II, it helps punctuate the fact that our focus at the museum is to honor all eras of military heritage and all disciplines of military service. We're bringing two iconic elements of that heritage together." The Oregon Memorial Traveling Wall is a living Memorial that will annually be updated with the names of our fallen in any future conflict. The Oregon Memorial Traveling Wall will be available for viewing from noon to 4 p.m. on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 7, 8 and 9, at OCCM, 2145

Kingwood St. in Florence. Admission will be free of charge on all three days to all who attend. For more info, visit oregoncoastmilitarymuseum.com.



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