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which is given to those who particularly exemplify the best qualities of service and dedication to country. He was also selected as the Northwest Division winner, representing Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Wyoming, Montana and Alaska.

Sapp is currently a successful local realtor and a principal broker as well as founding member of TR Hunter Real Estate. His influence in the community and among his fellow veterans is understandably high and many point to Sapp as a prime example of how an individual can continue to serve, even after leaving office.

The years Sapp served in

Vietnam, 1966-69, were tumultuous at home in the U.S. and particularly deadly in Southeast Asia. Fortunately, Sapp survived his injuries and has continued to serve his community in many ways since returning from the conflict.

Jacquie Beveridge, Regent for the local DAR chapter, coordinated the event for Sapp.

During the award ceremony, her comments were brief, but she spoke with great appreciation for what Sapp endured overseas and for what he has meant to Florence in the many years since his return.

“Tim became the catalyst for our local Veterans Day Parade and was the driving force for the creation of this

museum to honor all veterans,” she said. “The museum was completed with 100 percent volunteer labor and materials and generates visitors from all over the country.”

In a longer, more in-depth letter to the Siuslaw News, Beveridge noted that, in addition to serving on many committees and boards, Sapp has donated a

great deal of financial support not only to these endeavors but also to many other local nonprofits, including the Boys and Girls Club of Western Lane County, Florence and Mapleton food shares, Siuslaw Alumni Association, the Pregnancy and Parenting Center, Give Hope Foundation, Soroptimist International of Florence, CROW, Florence Lions Club, Florence Kiwanis Club and Florence Area Chamber of Commerce.

Florence Mayor Joe Henry was also on hand for the presentation, as was DAR’s State



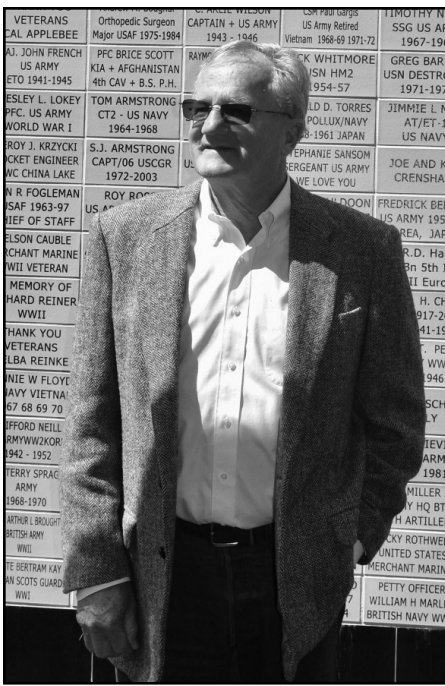
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Tim Sapp served as a U.S. Army Sergeant during the Vietnam War. The Daughters of the American Revolution honored his contributions on April 19 with the Oregon Outstanding Veteran Volunteer Award.

Chair for Service to Veterans, Jennie Barnitz, and the Oregon Dunes Service to Veterans Chair, Joanie Gualco.

Beveridge and Gualco submitted the application to the National DAR for the award to honor and recognize Sapp’s years of service, not only in the U.S. Army in Vietnam, but to the community since then.

“Tim’s life has never been about what you got but about what you got done,” Gualco said. “As a teenager, he spent



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one summer working, while living in a shack in eastern Oregon, just so he could buy his dad a special Garcia bit for his horse. When he and Pat married, the second half of their honeymoon was spent helping family move back to Oregon. As he served our country, his paychecks were sent home to pay tuition so two of his sisters could go to college.

“Like many other patriotic young Americans, 18-year-old Sapp shipped off to Vietnam in 1968 as an

Then the quiet veteran stepped away quickly from the spotlight, doing exactly what you would expect from a real hero.

Sapp’s time in military service was recognized with two Silver Stars, a Bronze Star with Valor, a Bronze Star, the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with 60 Device, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross, Combat Infantryman’s Badge and a Purple Heart.

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As case counts and hospitalizations increase and counties qualify for higher risk levels, increased safety measures for businesses and activities will resume.

“As we face more contagious variants and increased spread of COVID-19 in our communities, the best way to protect yourself and others is to get vaccinated,” said

Brown. “Until you, your family, your friends and your neighbors are fully vaccinated, it’s also critical that we all continue to wear masks, maintain physical distance and stay home when sick.”

Statewide hospitalization metrics for determining Extreme Risk

For counties to move to (or remain in) extreme risk, they must meet the county metrics for case rates and percent positivity, plus statewide hospitalization metrics. These include COVID-19 positive patients occupying 300 hospital beds or more, and a 15

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