



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, September 15, 2021

SUBJECT: Consideration of Deschutes County's Support of the Vietnam War Memorial on the Oregon State Capitol Grounds

The Governor signed Senate Bill 319 that establishes a Vietnam War Memorial on the Oregon State Capitol Grounds to the south of the World War II Memorial. The Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission approved the design for the project. The location in the arboretum provides a serene setting for reflection. The memorial also includes several symbolic components; a bosque of pear trees at the entrance symbolizes life and sacredness; water elements in the Garden of Solace signify life, purity, and hope.

A request has been made of each Oregon County to honor their Vietnam Veterans and their families by contributing to the Vietnam War Memorial Fund. The Vietnam War Memorial Fund is a charitable organization with the expressed purpose to generate funds through cash and in-kind donations for the design and construction of a Vietnam War Memorial on the Oregon State Capitol Grounds that will provide education opportunities for future generations.

Contributions can be made to the Vietnam War Memorial Fund at <http://vietnamwarmemorialfund.org/howtohelp.html>