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Northglenn American Legion Contributes to Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall Event
Donation Continues Post 22's Commitment to Honoring Veterans

THORNTON, Colorado – Northglenn American Legion Post 22, one of the north metro area's premier veteran service organizations, presented the Thornton Veterans Memorial Foundation with a \$1,000.00 contribution. This contribution will be used to help the Foundation bring the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall to the city and put on a premier event during the annual Independence Day celebration.

Of all the war memorials, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial - *the Wall* - arguably invokes the strongest emotional reaction of any and it is the single most visited memorial in the country. The Foundation, working in conjunction with the city of Thornton, has arranged to bring a 3/5 scale version of the memorial to the city from July 3 to July 7, 2008. The Wall will be available for public viewing 24 hours a day on those dates at the multipurpose fields at the Margaret W. Carpenter Recreation Center (11151 Colorado Boulevard, Thornton, CO 80233).

This event would not be possible but for the generous contribution of American Legion Post 22, and other area businesses and organizations. The members of Post 22 have long served as examples of extraordinary service not only to their country in the military, but also in their community. As a "Two Star Sponsor" of the event, Post 22 continues to demonstrate their commitment to not only the Northglenn and Thornton community but also to all servicemen and women and veterans.

The Foundation thanks the Legionnaires of Post 22 for their charitable gift to this event. We look forward to working with them and other area businesses, organizations and citizens on this extraordinary event.



**The Vietnam Traveling Memorial
Wall Will Be Coming to Thornton,
July 3 – 7, 2008**

Photo courtesy Welsh Photography

About the American Legion

The American Legion was chartered by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic, mutual-help, war-time veterans organization. A community-service organization which now numbers nearly 3 million members - men and women - in nearly 15,000 American Legion Posts worldwide. These posts are organized into 55 departments - one each for the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, France, Mexico, and the Philippines.

Northglenn American Legion Post 22 is one of the area's oldest fraternal organizations and is currently commanded by Commander Rick Reeser. With nearly 500 members, the Post is active in not only veterans' affairs but the north metro community in general. Post 22 is located at 11081 Irma Drive, Northglenn, CO 80233.

About the Thornton Veterans Memorial Foundation

Founded in 2005, the Thornton Veterans Memorial Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization established by citizens of Thornton, Colorado with the sole purpose of building and maintaining a veterans memorial. Our nation's veterans have served and protected the United States for 230 years. They have made sacrifices small and large, all to ensure the freedom of this great nation. A fitting and proper tribute within our city is a small way of showing our appreciation for their service. Privately funded and created, the Foundation endeavors to make this memorial a reality for the city, its citizens and all veterans.

The memorial will pay tribute to all veterans of the past, present and future. Located near the Thornton Recreation Center at 108th Avenue and Colorado Boulevard, the memorial will be centrally located and easily accessible from anywhere in the north metro area. The design, based on a five point star with each point representing each branch of military service, will be over 150 feet in diameter. A pentagon and five-sided obelisk will be in the center of the memorial with individual monuments for the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard surrounding it.

To learn more about the Foundation and the memorial project, please visit our website at <http://www.thorntonveteransmemorial.org>.