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**MetroNorth Newspapers Contributes to Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall Event**  
*Publisher Continues Dedication to Community*

THORNTON, Colorado – MetroNorth Newspapers, publisher of the Northglenn-Thornton Sentinel, Westminster Window and other community newspapers, has generously donated to the event. This contribution will be used to help the Foundation bring the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall to the city during the annual Independence Day event.

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 MetroNorth Newspapers and other area businesses and organizations. As a “Two Star Sponsor” of the event, MetroNorth continues to demonstrate their commitment to not only the communities in which they operate but also to all servicemen and women and veterans. Dean Link, Special Projects Director for the newspapers said, “We are glad to be sponsors for such a worthy cause.”

The Foundation thanks MetroNorth Newspapers for their generous contribution. 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 MetroNorth Newspapers**

MetroNorth Newspapers is the publisher of four community newspapers: Westminster Window, Northglenn-Thornton Sentinel, Westsider and Thornton Frontier. All strive to provide readers with the best and most thorough coverage of our communities. Their award winning staff provides some of the finest work in the state.

While award-winning work is one important part of their business, helping to make their communities stronger is another. MetroNorth employees volunteer hundreds of hours a year on various causes in the community. They work with schools, charities and cities, and donate space in their publications to encourage others to participate as well.

For more information, please visit MetroNorth Newspaper's website at <http://www.metronorthnews.com> or call (303) 426-6000.

## **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 108<sup>th</sup> 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>.