



To honor those who have sacrificed for us all

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O'Meara Ford Contributes to Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall Event
Donation to Help Foundation Put on Premier Event

THORNTON, Colorado – O'Meara Ford, Colorado's Oldest Independently Owned & Operated Exclusive Ford Dealer, presented the Thornton Veterans Memorial Foundation with a \$500.00 contribution. 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 O'Meara Ford and other area businesses and organizations. As a "One Star Sponsor" of the event, O'Meara Ford continues to demonstrate their commitment to not only the community but also to all servicemen and women and veterans.

The Foundation thanks O'Meara for their generous contribution 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 O'Meara Ford

Purchasing or servicing a vehicle at O'Meara Ford Center can be a fun and stimulating adventure for you and your entire family! Enjoy the Colorado Experience, a 22 acre landscape celebrating all that is Colorado -- bronzed wildlife sculptures, native grasses, 23 varieties of wildflowers and an electric golf cart from which to take in the sights.

Inside the showroom is a gazebo outfitted to resemble a Rocky Mountain ski lodge featuring two fireplaces, authentic Colorado artwork and bronzed sculptures. There is an abundance of comfortable seating from which to work on your laptop, using the free wireless network. Enjoy food from Heidi's Restaurant, or a latte while you shop for a vehicle or are in for service repairs. The kids can play in our monitored playroom complete with computer games, coloring books and Lego table. The 450 gallon salt water fish tank is a real crowd pleaser, filled with all manner of exotic fishes, eels and sea urchins. Should you need a birthday gift or card, shop the Cool Stuff Store for American Greetings cards, NASCAR jackets and hat, Ford memorabilia and various other special novelties.

Serving Colorado for 94 years, since 1913, O'Meara is family owned and operated, represented by 4th generation leadership. Brian O'Meara is president and general manager and has two sons currently working the dealership. The modern facility is 100,000 square feet and houses the largest Service Department of its kind in the country, with 84 repair bays, 45 technicians and state-of-the-art equipment. The Parts Department is rated 18th out of 5000 in the US and boasts more than 30,000 different parts in inventory. O'Meara services local and out of state automobile dealers, as well as individual customers.

You can learn more about O'Meara Ford on their website at www.omearaford.com.

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>.