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Northglenn / Thornton Rotary Contributes to Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall Event
Donation to Help Foundation Put on Premier Event, Rotary Members Volunteer to Help

THORNTON, Colorado – The Northglenn / Thornton Rotary Club presented the Thornton Veterans Memorial Foundation with a \$500.00 contribution and are volunteering many hours of their personal time to assist at 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 the Northglenn / Thornton Rotary and other area businesses and organizations. As a “One Star Sponsor” of the event, the Rotary continues to demonstrate their commitment to not only the community but also to all servicemen and women and veterans.

The Foundation thanks the Northglenn / Thornton Rotary 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 the Northglenn / Thornton Rotary Club

Rotary International is the world's first service club organization. Its more than 1.2 million members volunteer their time and talent to further the Rotary motto, Service Above Self.

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

FIRST. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

SECOND. High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

THIRD. The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

FOURTH. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

You can learn more about the Northglenn / Thornton Rotary on their website at www.northglennthorntonrotary.org and about Rotary International at www.rotary.org.

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>.