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## **Lincoln City to Hold “Celebration of Honor” September 23-27, 2009**

LINCOLN CITY, OR, August 13, 2009 –To honor all veterans of the armed forces, active duty personnel and their families, a small patriotic town on Oregon’s Central Coast, Lincoln City, will host a city-wide “Celebration of Honor” September 23-27, 2009.

Over the past several years, Lincoln City has established itself as a welcoming community for veterans and their families; a fun place for a weekend getaway or to vacation for several days. With open arms, the community has welcomed veterans by hosting the traveling Vietnam Wall in 2004 & 2008, by organizing a welcome home celebration for the Oregon Army National Guard in 2005, by holding an annual rededication of the Veterans’ Memorial at Chinook Winds Casino Resort, by honoring military personnel who were preparing for deployment with a special dinner sponsored by Mo’s Restaurant, by hosting “The Field of Flags” on the grounds of Chinook Winds Casino Resort in 2007, by conducting the Oregon Veterans Medal Presentation in September 2007 & 2008 at Chinook Winds Casino Resort, and by offering ongoing Veterans discounts by many of the city’s hotels through the Lincoln City Visitor and Convention Bureau.

Events during the September 23-27 Celebration of Honor will be held city-wide by civic and charitable organizations, merchants associations, the Lincoln City Visitor and Convention Center, the Lincoln City Parks and Recreation Department and Chinook Winds Casino Resort. These events are designed to appeal to veterans and their families with many activities for both children and adults.

The weekend-long celebration includes displays of military equipment across town, courtesy of the Oregon Army National Guard. Firefighting and rescue equipment courtesy of North Lincoln Fire and Rescue will also be on display, and Chinook Winds Casino Resort is proud to again host the Veterans of Oregon “Field of Honor” featuring 1,000 American flags on display on the resort grounds Wednesday through Sunday, September 23-27.

Friday at 1pm, there will be an opening ceremony held at Chinook Winds Casino Resort .

Presentation ceremonies of the Oregon Veterans Medal will take place on Friday, September 25, at 6pm and Saturday, September 26 at 1pm and 6pm in the Chinook Winds Casino Resort Convention Center. The Oregon Veterans Medal is a custom designed, engraved medal signifying appreciation for the service and sacrifice of veterans who reside in the state of Oregon. To qualify for the medal, an application form must be completed in advance of the ceremony, with proof of military service attached. Forms will be available at Chinook Winds Casino Resort one week prior to the presentation. Application forms are also available online at [www.veteransoforegon.com](http://www.veteransoforegon.com).

The annual rededication of the Veterans’ Memorial at the entrance to Chinook Winds Casino Resort will take place at 2pm on Sunday.

Enjoy FREE live concerts featuring the singing duo, *Blue Eyed Soul*. Recording Artist Michelle Dellafave and Actress Lindsay Bloom, former members of Dean Martin’s *Golddiggers and Ding-a-Lings*, will take the stage during the weekend’s festivities at Chinook Winds Casino Resort. You won’t want to miss these two amazing ladies singing songs that will bring back many memories of a time gone by.

Red, white, and blue glass floats will be carefully placed along the beach by Lincoln City Visitor & Convention Bureau volunteers for guests to the community to discover as part of the critically acclaimed “Finders Keepers” promotion.

“Adventures in Geocaching,” one of the latest crazes supported by global positioning system technology, an ongoing event sponsored by The Lincoln City Parks and Recreation Department, brings people from across the United States year round to participate. A special FREE geocaching event will take place on Saturday at 2pm. Saturday will also be “free admission day” at the Lincoln City Community Center, offering recreational swims, lap swims, use of the workout room and open gym.

At the historic Delake School, now known as the Lincoln City Cultural Center, motorcycle enthusiasts club, The Round a Bouts, will be sponsoring a barbeque & vendors fair with raffles, live music and a poker run on Saturday, September 26 only from 9am-8pm. Sign up for the Poker Run from 9-11am. Patriotic creations by Summer Art Camp Students will be on display all weekend.

Also, on Saturday, Henry’s Lighthouse Donuts, located in Lighthouse Square on the north end of Lincoln City, will be holding an S.O.S. Breakfast from 7-11am. A plate is just \$5, and proceeds go to the Oregon Coast Veterans Association.

Free popcorn will be offered to all veterans with the purchase of a ticket at the historic Bijou Theatre in the Oceanlake District of Lincoln City throughout the weekend.

Tanger Outlet Mall will offer free coupon books upon presentation of a military I.D. They will be available at the Tanger business office.

The Pioneer Cemetery Association will be flying American flags in honor of the veterans buried Pioneer Cemetery, and the Lions Club International will be lining the streets with American flags in honor of the event.

More events will be found across Lincoln City, a community that offers a weekend of fun and relaxation to honor our veterans.

Lincoln City Mayor Lori Hollingsworth has proclaimed the fourth weekend in September to annually be Lincoln City’s Celebration of Honor for United States military veterans and active duty personnel.

For more information contact Teresa Simmons at 541-996-5815 , e-mail [TeresaS@CWCResort.com](mailto:TeresaS@CWCResort.com) or check the Chinook Winds web site at [www.chinookwindscasino.com](http://www.chinookwindscasino.com). Updated information can be found at [www.oregoncoasttoday.com](http://www.oregoncoasttoday.com), or by contacting the Lincoln City Visitor & Convention Bureau at 1-800-452-2151 or at [www.oregoncoast.org](http://www.oregoncoast.org). For more information and to apply for the Veterans of Oregon Honorable Service Medal visit [www.veteransoforegon.com](http://www.veteransoforegon.com).

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# **Celebration of Honor**

(An Event to Honor Active Duty Personnel & Military Veterans)  
September 23-28, 2009 - Lincoln City, Oregon

## **Schedule of Events**

### **Wednesday, September 23 – Sunday, September 27**

**Field of 1,000 Flags & military equipment displays** - Chinook Winds Casino

#### **Friday, September 25**

**1pm: Opening Ceremony for Celebration of Honor** – Chinook Winds Casino

**6pm: Veterans of Oregon Medal Ceremony** - Chinook Winds Casino

#### **Saturday, September 26**

**7-11am: SOS Breakfast**, Henry's Lighthouse Donuts, \$5, proceeds go to Oregon Coast Vets.

**8:30am-9:30pm: Free admission Community Center** - recreational swims, lap swims, workout room, open gym

**9am-8pm: Roundabouts Coastal Capes Run & Veteran's Appreciation Festival** - LC Cultural Center, Barbeque, Live Entertainment, Vendors, Military Memorabilia Display, Poker Run (open to all motorcycles), Raffles (win an Alaskan Cruise), Beer Garden

**1pm: Veterans of Oregon Medal Ceremony** – Chinook Winds Casino

**2pm: FREE Geocaching event** –Lincoln City Community Center

**4pm: Blue Eyed Soul Concert** – FREE – Chinook Winds Casino

**6pm: Veterans of Oregon Medal Ceremony** – Chinook Winds Casino

**7pm: FREE Spanish guitar concert**, SW 51<sup>st</sup> Street

#### **Sunday, September 27**

**2pm: Veterans Memorial Rededication & Oregon Veterans Medal Ceremony** – Casino

### **Around Town - Saturday & Sunday:**

**Taft Pioneer Cemetery** – Flag display

**The Historic Bijou Theater** - free popcorn to veterans with a ticket purchase.

**Tanger Outlet Mall** - free coupon book with military ID

**Cultural Center** - Patriotic Creations by Summer Art Camp Students

**Connie Hanson Garden** - Free admission & tour for veterans and their families.

**Displays of Military & Firefighting Equipment** around town & Casino

**40 red, white & blue glass floats** on the beach for visitors to find

For More Information:

Chinook Winds Casino Resort: [www.chinookwindscasino.com](http://www.chinookwindscasino.com)

Lincoln City Visitor & Convention Bureau: [www.oregoncoast.org](http://www.oregoncoast.org)

Lincoln City Cultural Center: [www.lincolncityculturalcenter.com](http://www.lincolncityculturalcenter.com)

Oregon Veteran's Medal: [www.veteransoforegon.com](http://www.veteransoforegon.com)