

# CENTRAL OREGON VETERANS COUNCIL

## CALENDAR of VETERANS EVENTS

1-18-17

JANUARY 18 – **VETERANS COUNCIL MEETING** at Hospice of Redmond. Guest speakers include Tessa Bailey, Veterans Advocate at Hospice of Redmond and Pam Mindt, (volunteer) Ranch Manager at C.O. Veterans Ranch.

JANUARY 25 – **POINT-In-TIME COUNT OF HOMELESS PEOPLE** in Central Oregon. **VETERAN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.** Homeless Leadership Coalition announces this event is a count of people who are homeless or in transitional housing in Deschutes, Crook, and Jefferson counties. The count is a part of a State and national effort to identify the number of people struggling to find appropriate and adequate housing. Veterans make up a significant portion of homeless folks, so Central Oregon Veterans Outreach (COVO) is co-Sponsor of this count and **needs 18-20 veteran volunteers.** Want to volunteer? Contact Tory Flory, Outreach Coordinator @ COVO, (541)797-3148 cell or (541)383-2793 ext.125, or: [tory.flory@covo-us.org](mailto:tory.flory@covo-us.org) More info: <http://bendchamber.org/community/homeless-leadership-coalition-announces-dates-2017-point-time-count-central-oregon/>

JANUARY 28 thru SEPT 4 2017 – **WWII HIGH DESERT HOMEFRONT EXHIBIT** at High Desert Museum in Bend. In commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the United States' entry into World War II, this exhibition explores contributions from the High Desert to the war effort and the war's lasting effect on the region. Exhibit runs January 28 through September 4, 2017. Location: High Desert Museum, 59800 South Hwy 97, Bend, OR 97702. Info: <http://oregondva.com/pec-events/wwii-the-high-desert-home-front-exhibit-opening/1485597600/>

FEBRUARY 8 - **CENTRAL OREGON VETERANS COUNCIL (COVC)** meeting at 1400 at VFW Post 1643 in Bend, 1503 NE 4th St, Bend, OR 97701. Guest Speaker: TBD

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APRIL 12 - **CENTRAL OREGON VETERANS COUNCIL (COVC)** meeting at 1400. Location TBD. Guest speaker(s) TBD.

**REVISED!** - APRIL 27 - 30 **VETERANS AND FAMILIES 20TH ANNUAL HEALING CIRCLE CAMP** at Hehe Long House on the Warm Springs river in Simnasho, Warm Springs Reservation, Oregon. Cultural ceremonies, spiritual cleansing, reflexology, Riki, physical therapy, group and individual council, sweat lodges, Veteran benefit review, art and craft vendors and children's activities. Ample tent and self-contained RV space available, food furnished Fri. night dinner through Sunday breakfast. Grounds open Thurs 4/27 @ noon and close Sun 4/30 @ noon for campers. More info: Mike (Power Line)

Williams at 541-912-1962 or [spinflow12@gmail.com](mailto:spinflow12@gmail.com) This is a monitored drug and alcohol free event.

**MAY 13 -- CROOK COUNTY VETERANS & MILITARY PERSONNEL BENEFITS FAIR.**

Crook County Veteran Services Office is dedicated to assisting veterans and their dependents in obtaining VA benefits. We also assist in obtaining all the necessary documentation needed to submit to VA. More info: VSO office in Prineville:

[kim.phillipp@co.crook.or.us](mailto:kim.phillipp@co.crook.or.us) or 541-447-5304

**JULY 15 -- 2017 VETERANS BENEFIT EXPO** at Deschutes County Fairgrounds.

Dozens of Veterans providers and hundreds of attendees. More info: Tyler Francke at ODVA, 503-373-2386, or [tyler.francke@state.or.us](mailto:tyler.francke@state.or.us)

**COVC MEETINGS ROTATE** quarterly throughout Central Oregon: We need an organization to host the COVC meeting on **APRIL 12, 2017**. Pls advise if you would like to host the 4-12-17 COVC meeting at your facility.

**Veteran License Plates:** For \$10 every two years, eligible veterans may obtain a variety of license plate with military insignia. Fee also helps support Oregon Vets' Home.

**INFO:** <http://www.oregon.gov/odva/BENEFITS/pages/VeteranLicensePlates.aspx>

**Volunteer Drivers Needed ...**

Volunteer drivers are needed to take veterans from Bend to the Veterans Administration (VA) Medical Center in Portland. All you need is a drivers license. VA provides the vehicle and pays for gas. Drivers also get free breakfast and lunch. Contact Paul DeWitt at [pauldewitt@bendbroadband.com](mailto:pauldewitt@bendbroadband.com) or call him at (541) 647-2363.

Send event info to: Steve Wilkes, C.O. Veterans Council, at [sgwilkes73@bendcable.com](mailto:sgwilkes73@bendcable.com)