

CITY OF COOS BAY CITY COUNCIL
Agenda Staff Report

MEETING DATE	AGENDA ITEM NUMBER
March 19, 2013	

TO: Mayor Shoji and City Councilors

FROM: Jackie Mickelson, Executive Assistant *JM*
Through: Rodger Craddock, City Manager *RC*

ISSUE: Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day Proclamation

BACKGROUND:

On March 30, 2013, the Marshfield High School Memorial Day Planning Committee would like our community to join the State and the Nation in recognizing the brave men and women who fought for our country during the Vietnam War. March 29, 2013 marks the 40th year since the last United States troops were withdrawn from Saigon. Over 2.7 million military personnel were deployed in the Vietnam War to defend our country.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

None

ADVANTAGES:

The proclamation encourages recognition to those Vietnam Veterans for their service and sacrifice.

DISADVANTAGES:

None

ACTION REQUESTED:

If it pleases the City Council, staff requests approval of the Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day proclamation.



Proclamation

WHEREAS, members of the Armed Forces of the United States stationed in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War served our nation under the most trying conditions, at a time when the nation was divided in its support; and

WHEREAS, over 2.7 million military personnel were deployed in the Vietnam War, defending our nation with their lives; and

WHEREAS, more than 300,000 service members were wounded in Vietnam, approximately 75,000 were severely disabled and 58,000 were killed including at least a dozen from Marshfield High School; and

WHEREAS, On March 29, 1973, the last U.S. troops left Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, since their return, these veterans have contributed tremendously to their communities, states and nation, in an effort to advance the American ideals and aims for which they fought; and

WHEREAS, we must never forget the pain and suffering that lingers today for the men and women who fought with honor and distinction, in the name of freedom and democracy for all; and

WHEREAS, March 30, 2013 has been set aside as a day to pay tribute to and welcome home our sons and daughters who have contributed to the security of the United States through honorable military service in Vietnam; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Crystal Shoji, Mayor of the City of Coos Bay do hereby proclaim March 30th as

WELCOME HOME VIETNAM VETERANS DAY

and encourage all citizens to acknowledge the contributions to the nation and community of the City's Vietnam Veterans who risked their lives in protecting our country's freedom.



In witness thereof, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Coos Bay to be affixed on this 19th day of March 2013.

Crystal Shoji, Mayor