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The Wall That Heals Comes to Irvine July 18-21

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The Wall That Heals into Irvine July 17*

IRVINE, CA (July 12, 2013): The City of Irvine, in partnership with Vietnam Veterans of America and Vision2Victory, is proud to welcome ***The Wall That Heals*** and the ***Global War on Terror Wall of Remembrance*** to Woodbridge Community Park July 18-21.

A motorcycle escort with more than 600 veterans and supporters will accompany both walls into Irvine on Wednesday, July 17 at approximately 11:30 a.m. followed by an opening day ceremony on Thursday, July 18 at 10 a.m. The public is welcome and encouraged to come out and show their support.

Several events will take place while the walls are on display:

- Wednesday, July 17 at approximately 11:30 a.m. - Motorcycle escort
(More than 600 motorcycle riders will escort both walls to Woodbridge Community Park along Jeffrey Road from the 5 freeway to Alton Parkway, arriving at the park between 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.)
- Thursday, July 18 at 10 a.m. - Opening Day Ceremony
- Thursday, July 18 at 7 p.m. - Bridging the Gap
(A ceremony honoring both U.S. and South Vietnamese Veterans)
- Friday, July 19 at 7 p.m. - POW/MIA Tribute and Candle Lighting Ceremony
(Attendees are encouraged to wear a RED shirt to "Remember Every Deployed")
- **Saturday, July 20 at 10 a.m. - Welcome and Gratitude Ceremony**
(Ceremony brings together 45 years of American history, including military, first responders and civilians as reflected on the two memorial walls)
- Sunday, July 21 at 6 p.m. - Closing and Honor Walk of Flags Ceremony

The Wall That Heals is a half-scale traveling replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial that rests in Washington, D.C. The Wall tours communities throughout the United States, allowing the souls enshrined on the Memorial to exist once more among family and friends in the peace and comfort of familiar surroundings.

The Global War on Terror Wall of Remembrance memorializes the two million veterans and civilians involved in the Global War on Terror.

Under the supervision of volunteers, both walls will remain open for public viewing 24 hours a day. Viewings of the memorials are free and open to the public.

Traffic Advisory: Traffic may be impacted along Jeffrey Road from the 5 freeway to Alton Parkway between 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 17 to allow for the motorcade to make its way to Woodbridge Community Park.

For more information and for a complete schedule of events, visit cityofirvine.org/memorialwalls or call 949-724-6606.

Since its incorporation in 1971, Irvine has become a nationally recognized city, with a population of 231,117, spans 66 square miles and is recognized as one of America's safest and most successful master-planned urban communities. Top-rated educational institutions, an enterprising business atmosphere, sound environmental stewardship, and respect for diversity all contribute to Irvine's enviable quality of life. This family-friendly city features more than 16,000 acres of parks, sports fields and dedicated open space and is the home of the Orange County Great Park – the first great metropolitan park of the 21st century. For more information, please visit cityofirvine.org.

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