

MORE OF HERE'S WHERE WE NEED YOUR HELP

PRINTED MATERIALS: Supplier/Vendor to donate (or provide at a significant discount) such printed materials as the Official Program, posters, banners).

CENTER PIECES: Theme-oriented, red-white-blue patriotic center pieces made and donated by florists and/or garden clubs.

COUNSELORS/SUPPORT: Support organizations and individuals to be on hand at booths/tables 3:00pm~5:00pm to provide counseling and support services to veterans in need.

BEVERAGES: Suppliers/Vendors to donate 200 bottles of Martinelli Apple Cider (different flavors would be a bonus!).

MEAT: Suppliers/Vendors/Meat Packers to donate sufficient prime rib roast for 200 attendees.

CHICKEN: Suppliers/Vendors/Ranchers to donate sufficient chicken for 150 attendees.

VEGETABLES: Suppliers/Vendors/Gardeners to donate sufficient vegetables for 75 attendees.

SERVICE: An event planning business to loan free necessary flatware, plates, glasses, napkins, shakers, table cloths.

TRANSPORTATION: There may be many veterans who either cannot afford the means of getting to the event site. We seek to have school buses with drivers donated to the cause of transporting veterans to and from pre-designated Valley locations.

HONOR WALL: Supplier/Vendor to provide materials for an expandable, self-standing "Honor Wall" initially 20' to 24' long (preferably of light-weight materials and painted with a military theme) to affix pictures of those military who have served or are serving, identified with name, rank, service, and time period. NOTE: Ideally also have a printer/scanner on hand to scan pictures before posting, to build up a library of veterans for future "Honor Wall" displays.

RED CARPET: Supplier/Vendor to donate a 30' red carpet for Saber Archway in the entranceway.

SILENT AUCTION: Individuals/businesses to donate 30-50 worthwhile items, gift cards, packages to be auctioned.

FIREWORKS: As a finale, provide a 5-minute fireworks show as attendees depart at approximately 8:45pm.

WELCOME SIGNS: Homemade "Welcome Vets!" signs spread throughout the Bitterroot Valley communities.

MEMENTOES: 150-200 gift baskets (like "Welcome Wagon") to provide veterans to take home and enjoy.

To donate or for additional information, please contact:

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Where we need your participation in the inaugural *Bitterroot Valley* *Dining-Out Ceremony*

Acknowledging and Honoring
Our Bitterroot Veterans
of All Services and of All
Wars, Battles and Conflicts

COVERING RAVALLI AND MISSOULA COUNTIES

Veterans Day
Tuesday~November 11, 2014



KEYNOTE SPEAKER: An individual of significance (like Astronaut Bill “Earthrise” Anders of Apollo 8 fame) to present a message entitled *“The Courage to Serve.”*

HONORARIUM: A business, individual or organization to fund an honorarium for the keynote speaker and his/her expenses.

BAGPIPER: Properly attired to provide uplifting, inspiring music outside the entranceway as attendees arrive 4:45pm~5:45pm.

GREETERS: A youth group (like the FFA) to greet and escort attendees as they arrive into the Hall from 4:45pm~6:15pm.

SQUAD: A youth group (like the ROTC) to form a saber archway in the entranceway for attendees to pass through into the Hall 4:45pm~6:15pm.

CHAPLAIN: Military Chaplain for the Invocation and Benediction.

ENTERTAINER: As an “ice breaker,” have a magician (like Barryn Stroh) to work the tables and audience 4:45pm~6:00pm.

DECORATORS: A youth group (like the Key Club) to design and create theme-oriented decorations for the entranceway, foyer, and Hall as needed.

CHEFS/CATERER(S): Professional chefs and/or caterers to come together to prepare the food items.

SERVERS: A youth group (like the BV High School Rodeo Team) to be properly trained and to be food servers and bussers.

COLOR GUARD: Present the Colors (BSA?) at about 6:00pm.

CONCERT: A local choral (Hamilton High School?) and/or band group(s) to host a patriotic concert 3:30pm~4:30pm.

BUGLER: Local high school youth to play “Taps.”

PHOTOGRAPHER: Local professional photographer to capture casual portraits of veterans and provide on-site 4”x6” prints presented in a handsome photo folder, and later uploading the finished, enhanced images to his/her web site for individuals to download free. This is good timing for those seeking a new Christmas card picture. **NOTE: This is a prime opportunity for a photographer to reach out to the community with his/her name and drive attendees to his/her web site for exposure.**

VIDEOGRAPHER: Local student/team or professional to video-tape the event and produce a short, finished video for future promotional purposes. **NOTE: This is a prime opportunity for media student(s) to produce a piece for their portfolio.**

AUDIO: Supplier/Vendor to donate the necessary audio/video equipment (projector, mics, speakers).

MEDIA TEAM: Knowledgeable, trained individuals/team to effectively set-up and operate the necessary audio/video equipment.

GRAPHIC TEAM(S): Graphic arts students to design program, banners, plaques, certificates, tickets, place cards, et al. **NOTE: This is a prime opportunity for students to produce finished pieces for their portfolios, so important when job searching.**

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BITTERROOT DINING-OUT CEREMONY NOVEMBER 11, 2014

The overall vision for this totally volunteer event is to acknowledge and honor our Bitterroot veterans of all wars, battles and conflicts. The location is the Hamilton High School Gymnasium with its Commons Area. The concept is to have as many elements (vegetables, chicken, prime rib, flowers, decorations, beverages, et al) contributed by local businesses and individuals to keep the dinner ticket cost to a minimum, so that as many veterans can attend as possible. The Hall will be festively decorated in red-white-blue with the theme: *“The Courage to Serve.”*

Suppliers/Vendors making no-cost contributions will receive free space in the *“Official Souvenir Program”* commensurate as much as possible with their contribution.

Certified volunteers will receive their choice of a free dinner ticket (chicken or vegetarian entree).

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UMBRELLA: A non-profit organization for the event to come and operate under. The organization will be accountable for all revenues and disbursements. A separate bank account is to be established under the umbrella for this purpose.

BOARD: The volunteer Board consists of three to five individuals willing and able to act as a “Focus Team,” a “brain-trust for ideas, concepts, networking, guidance, direction, support and encouragement. Time involvement is 90 minutes at a monthly meeting locally in Hamilton. Members will receive a monthly agenda and “Praise Report” on goals, victories and challenges for review and evaluation at least three days prior to the meeting. Individuals with primarily a strong heart for our veterans, and secondarily with event planning experience are particularly sought after.

BOOKKEEPER: Provide 100% accountability of all revenues, donations and disbursements in accordance with the highest accounting practices and to provide monthly financial reports to the leadership team.