

THE ROSEBURG BEACON

VFW Remembrance Wall Comes to Life

Roseburg, OR- Following a well-attended Veterans' Day parade in downtown Roseburg, about 250 veterans, friends, families and loved ones gathered in front of Patrick Kelley VFW Post 2468 for a formal dedication of the VFW Wall of Remembrance.

A ceremonial drum presentation was performed by Thundering Waters of the Cow Creek Tribe of the Umpqua Band of Indians, followed by an opening prayer by VFW Post Chaplain, Bill Johnson and a choral presentation by members of the Roseburg High School Choir who sang the Star Spangled Banner and America the Beautiful.

Post Commander Mike Eakin thanked the dozens of volunteers and Post 2468 Officers who made the project possible and gave a special thanks to Tom Pappas of Victory Builders who donated much of the construction



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work, including the wall and the replica of the USS Missouri.

Veterans who served in a combat theater of operation, living or deceased, are eligible to have their plaque placed on the wall. The cost is \$150 including the QR Code (Quick Response) which enables visitors to scan the plaque and pull up details of their loved one's military

record and memories. There are about 100 plaques placed so far with room for about 6,000.

Eakin said, as far as they know, this is the only wall of its kind in the nation. "Community support has been outstanding," he said. The Post hopes this will be a draw for veterans throughout the country and make Roseburg a destination

stop for those interested in the history and tremendous sacrifices made by our veterans.

The Remembrance Wall is located in Roseburg at 1127 Walnut Street. For more information visit www.vfwremembrancewall.com or contact Patrick Kelley VFW Post 2468 at 541-672-9716.



World War II Veteran Harley Atkinson with wife Debra Atkinson



Korean War Veteran, 1st Sgt Jim Barnett, USMC retired and Vietnam Veteran, Mike Winters, USMC



World War II Veteran greets VFW Post 2468 Commander Mike Eakin