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HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF BUCKS COUNTY'S RESTORE TO FURNISH COMFORT TENT AT VIETNAM TRAVELING MEMORIAL WALL IN PENNDEL JULY 14-16

Facility will be available to veterans for rest and recovery

June 6, 2017 (Pennel, PA) – The Wall in Bucks County, an organization that is bringing the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall to the Delaware Valley, today announced that Habitat for Humanity of Bucks County (Habitat Bucks) is serving as a logistics partner for the commemorative event July 14-16 in Pennel, Bucks County.

Using inventory borrowed from its ReStore location in the Langhorne Square shopping center, Habitat Bucks will furnish a comfortable, living room environment that will be available during the Wall's visit. Veterans in need of a quiet space will be able to rest at any time during their time at the Wall.

“A central part of the mission of Habitat for Humanity and ReStore is about the community coming together to help those in need,” said Florence Kawoczka, Executive Director for Habitat Bucks. “We’re honored to be able to fulfill the important function of providing a peaceful place for veterans amidst the emotions that can accompany a visit to the Wall.”

The Wall will be on display from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. July 14-16 at the Pennel Memorial Ball Field on PFC John Dalola Avenue. The tribute is being organized by the Pennel-Hulmeville Memorial Day Parade, Inc., a 501(c)(3) group.

Captain David Christian (Retired), the most decorated veteran of the Vietnam War, and the Hon. Patrick J. Murphy an Iraq War veteran who is a former Under Secretary of the U.S. Army and a

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former member of the United States House of Representatives, are among dignitaries who will speak at the event. Sponsors include Parx Casino and Team Toyota.

“While the Wall is moving for all Americans, the sacrifices it conveys are especially poignant to veterans of the Vietnam War,” said Ed Preston, Chairman of the Pennel-Hulmeville Memorial Parade and head of The Wall in Bucks County. “We’re grateful to Habitat for Humanity and ReStore for stepping up and helping us fulfill this important need.”

The Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall[®] stands six feet tall at the center, covers almost 300 feet from end to end, and has 58,307 names inscribed on its surface. This Traveling Memorial stands as a reminder of the great sacrifices made during the Vietnam War. It was made for the purpose of helping heal and rekindle friendships and to allow people the opportunity to honor loved ones in their hometown who otherwise may not be able to make the trip to Washington.

Individuals and businesses interested in making a donation or sponsorship of The Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall[®] in Bucks County should contact Ed Preston by phone at 215-750-3634, or by mail at 917 Walnut Avenue, Hulmeville, PA 19047.

Donations can be made at:

<http://www.p-hmemorialparade.org/vietnam-traveling-memorial-wall/> or at

<https://www.facebook.com/TheWallInBucksCounty>.

Donations are tax-deductible.

Pennel, PA is approximately 30 miles northeast of Philadelphia, PA and easily accessible via the Pennsylvania Turnpike and Interstate I-95.

ABOUT:

The Pennel-Hulmeville Memorial Day Parade, Inc. is a registered 501(c)(3) with the Internal Revenue Service and is also a registered non-profit corporation with the Department of State in the Commonwealth of PA. The parade was incorporated in 2002. The Pennel-Hulmeville Memorial Day Parade, Inc. is recognized by the U.S. Department of Defense as an Official Commemorative Partner in remembering the 50-year anniversary of the Vietnam War.

The Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall[®] is part of the Vietnam and All Veterans of Brevard (VVB) located in Brevard County, Florida. The VVB is a 501(c)(3) organization that was formed and incorporated in December of 1985. The Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall[®] is managed by Doc Russo, who can be reached by phone at 321-652-4185, or via E-Mail at: info@travelingwall.us.

Habitat for Humanity of Bucks County's mission is *Building Communities, Empowering Families*. Since its founding in 1990, it has built 104 affordable homes in Bucks County through its Homeownership Program, which provides an opportunity for low-income families to build strength, stability and self-reliance by partnering with Habitat. Its home repair program, *A Brush with Kindness*, also makes interior and exterior repairs to help aging and disabled individuals remain safe in their own homes. Revenue from Habitat Bucks ReStores provides a source of sustainable funding for the construction and repair of homes. Habitat Bucks has an open-door policy: All who believe that everyone deserves a decent, affordable place to live are welcome to volunteer to lend a helping hand. For more information, call 215.822.2812 or visit www.habitatbucks.org.

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