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'THE MOVING WALL' TO VISIT LAKE COUNTY ONLY NORTHERN CALIFORNIA APPEARANCE IN 2009

LAKEPORT, CA – “The Moving Wall,” a half-size replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C., has visited more than a thousand communities in the past 20 years and will be on display in Lakeport, its only Northern California stop on this year’s tour.

The Lake County chapter of the Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) is bringing “The Moving Wall” to Lake County as a community event that will provide an opportunity for residents and visitors alike to experience the memorial. “The Moving Wall” arrives on June 11 and will be assembled in place at the Lake County Fairgrounds in Lakeport. The opening ceremony will occur at 9:00 a.m. June 12 and will be accessible 24 hours per day until the closing ceremony on June 15. An information booth with a directory of names and refreshments will be available.

“ ‘A nation reveals itself not only by the men it produces, but also by the men it honors, the men it remembers,’ President John F. Kennedy said. The opportunity for Lake County to reveal itself will occur when “The Moving Wall” opens on June 11th,” said Dean Gotham, Jr., president of VVA Chapter 951.

The goal of “The Moving Wall,” which was built in 1983 – 1984 by the Vietnam Combat Veterans Ltd., was to share the feelings and experiences of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. as many veterans and the general public do not have the opportunity to see the memorial in person.

Spanning over 250 feet in length, “The Moving Wall,” will provide visitors the opportunity to learn, demonstrate honor and respect, and provide some closure to Vietnam veterans.

“The Moving Wall” will be on display June 11 – 15 at the Lake County Fairgrounds, 401 Martin Street, Lakeport. For more information, or to volunteer assistance, materials, or tax deductible donation, call (707) 350-1159, or visit www.vva951.org

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