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Veterans Free Admission Program at The Coos History Museum

Coos Bay, Oregon – The Coos History Museum will waive admission to veterans and their spouse/partner beginning March 2018 through December 31, 2018. The free admission program was created through generous financial support from the Coquille Tribal Community Fund and the Mr. and Mrs. Michael L. Keiser Foundation.

Beginning March 2018, and running throughout the 2018 calendar year, military veterans and their spouse or partner will enjoy free admission at the Coos History Museum. Veterans will need to provide their branch of service and ZIP Code upon admission.

The Coos History Museum was awarded with a \$5,000.00 grant from the Mr. and Mrs. Michael L. Keiser Foundation along with an additional \$5,000.00 grant from the Coquille Tribal Community Fund. The Coos History Museum was one of several non-profit organizations to receive funding from the Coquille Indian Tribe. This year, the Tribal Community Fund has awarded 57 grants totaling \$291,163.90 including the \$5,000.00 grant to the Coos History Museum to help support the free admission program for military veterans. The museum will continue to provide free admission for veterans throughout the 2018 calendar year after the grant funds are exhausted.

During 2018, the Coos History Museum special exhibit focus is dedicated to honoring veterans. There will be 4 special exhibits this year, beginning with the Smithsonian's Patriot Nations: Native Americans in Our Nation's Armed Forces, Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs exhibit entitled I Am Not Invisible, United States Coast Guard Art, and the Coos History Museum's Vet Ink: Military Inspired Tattoos. For exhibit run dates, please visit the Coos History Museum website at www.cooshistory.org.

About the Coos History Museum:

The Coos History Museum creates a better understanding of life in Coos County and Oregon's South Coast, past and present. The Museum is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and receives no direct government support. The museum is supported by donations, memberships, grants, museum store sales, special event rentals, and legacy/bequest gifts. The Coos History Museum is open Tuesday through Sunday, from 10am to 5pm, with additional evening hours on the First Tuesdays of February to June, and August to December, from 6:00pm to 8:30pm.

Second Sunday of each month is a FREE ADMISSION DAY. General admission to the Coos History Museum is free for CHM members, active duty military, and NARM members. The Coos History Museum is a Member of the North American Reciprocal Museum Association, the American Alliance of Museums, and the American Association for State and Local History. The Coos History Museum is located on the waterfront along Highway 101, adjacent to downtown Coos Bay, at 1210 North Front Street, Coos Bay, Oregon. For more information, contact the Coos History Museum at 541-756-6320 or visit the website at www.cooshistory.org.

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