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### **I Am Not Invisible Exhibition Coming to the Coos History Museum in May 2018**

I Am Not Invisible (IANI) is a remarkable exhibition coming to the Coos History Museum. The exhibit will open on Thursday – May 10, 2018, with an opening reception from 4pm to 6pm. The IANI exhibit features 20 portraits of Oregon women military veterans. There are more than 28,000 women veterans in Oregon — a number that has risen steadily over the past three decades — representing almost one-tenth of Oregon’s veteran population. And yet, women veterans continue to face significant barriers and challenges in accessing necessary health care and other services, while experiencing a lack of recognition unlike their male counterparts. By spotlighting the many faces of this diverse and important segment of the Oregon veteran community, IANI aims to increase awareness and dialogue about women veterans, as well as open viewers’ eyes to the myriad contributions, needs and experiences of women who have served in the military.

The IANI project is the brainchild of PSU Veterans Resource Center Director Felita Singleton and ODVA Women Veterans Coordinator Elizabeth Estabrooks, who also curated the Feb. 24 debut exhibition at the Portland Art Museum. I Am Not Invisible will run from May 10 until July 8, 2018, at the Coos History Museum.

The Coos History Museum will waive admission to veterans and their spouse/partner now 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. Veterans will need to provide their branch of service and ZIP Code upon admission.

**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](http://www.cooshistory.org).**

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