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It has been my pleasure and honor to serve at the helm this past year while we created a series of public programs focused on honoring veterans and active duty military. We proudly participate in the Blue Star Museum Program, which means we annually honor active duty personnel by providing free museum admission to them and their immediate family. Coos County is home to over 8,000 veterans and during 2018-19 we felt it was very important to provide outreach to this part of our community. Currently on display through Summer 2019 is our *Vet Ink: Tattoos Inspired by Military Service* exhibit. If you have not seen it, I encourage you to do so. *Vet Ink* is the last of four exhibits we purposely featured to help the greater community understand more about those who serve. Due to the generous 2018 support of the Coquille Indian Community Fund and the Mr. & Mrs. Michael Keiser Fund we have been able to provide veterans and their spouses with free museum admission. I truly believe that museums make a difference in people's lives.

Our current focus and commitment has demonstrated just how relevant and important museum programs are. Sharing personal life experiences is a powerful way to encourage dialogue while building and strengthening community. Museum programs benefit people of all ages helping them to feel more connected to one another while increasing ownership in the community. It is a known fact that you can gauge the health of a community by the strength of their museums.

As you know we do not receive any direct government support to operate the museum. We work hard to maintain a diverse revenue stream that includes cash donations, membership renewals, admission revenue, museum store sales, special event rentals, special event proceeds, program sponsorships and grants. But it is not enough. We need your annual donations to continue to succeed. A remittance envelope is enclosed for your convenience. If you are 70.5 years of age or over, please remember direct gifts from your IRA to the museum can be very advantageous. I hope you will join me in supporting the museum with a year-end donation.

We thank you for your past and continued support. Your gift is needed and much appreciated. If you have any questions about the museum or our public programs, please feel free to contact me. I hope to see you soon at the museum!

Sincerely,

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