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WNMU MUSEUM HONORS VIETNAM VETERANS WITH EXHIBIT

SWIFT BOAT VET TO SPEAK AT OPENING ON AUGUST 21

Silver City, NM – A local Swift Boat veteran will speak at the opening of the new Western New Mexico University Museum exhibition, “Vietnam: Remembering Those Who Served” on August 21, 2010.

John Paul (J.P.) Jones served during the Vietnam War as a Swift Boat veteran and later was elected as Mayor of Silver City. He, along with the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 358 Color Guard, will participate in the opening reception of the exhibition at the WNMU Museum.

The WNMU Museum is continuing its theme of honoring local Grant County veterans through in-house developed exhibitions. “Vietnam: Remembering Those Who Served” is the third exhibition in the series following “The Korean War: Remembering the Forgotten” and “Memories of World War II.”

Exhibition curators are accepting contributions such as photography, unit yearbooks, newspapers or clippings and military medals from any Vietnam veterans, family members or friends.

The exhibition is available for viewing from August 16 through November 15. The opening reception will be held on Saturday, August 21 at 10:00 a.m. Refreshments will be served. The exhibition is funded in part by student fees from the Associated Students of WNMU.

The WNMU Museum is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

To contribute items, please contact Phillip Cave, Acting Museum Assistant Director/Honoring Our Local Veterans Exhibition Series Co-Curator at 575.538.6386 or cavep@wnmu.edu, or John Berry, graduate assistant/co-curator at berryl1@wnmu.edu.



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