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A traveling 80-percent replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington DC has been retired to a permanent home at the Woodring Regional Airport in Enid, Okla. A dedication ceremony for the Vietnam Memorial Wall at the Woodring Wall of Honor will be held at 11 am on Veterans Day – Monday, November 11, 2013.

The keynote speaker will be Col. Leon “Lee” Ellis, author of the award-winning book, *Leading with Honor: Leadership Lessons from the Hanoi Hilton* in which he shares his POW experience and the 14 leadership principles that helped him and his compatriots resist, survive and return with honor.

The dedication ceremony will also include Grammy-nominated trumpeter David Hooten, a 21-gun salute and special music from a youth honor choir. Ashton Edwards, a reporter from KFOR-TV in Oklahoma City, will serve as the master of ceremonies.

Immediately following the dedication ceremony, attendees will be able to search the wall for specific names, assisted by the Blue Star Mothers Chapter of Enid, Okla.

The Vietnam Wall dedication ceremony concludes a weekend of Veterans events in Enid. On Saturday, November 9, the Moose Riders of Enid Lodge 1740 will hold a 100-mile motorcycle “Ride to Remember,” beginning at 8:30 am at the Wall of Honor and ending at the Moose Lodge, 302 E Purdue, Each rider will receive a personalized dog tag bearing the name of an Oklahoma Vietnam Veteran who appears on “The Wall.” Riders will visit various veterans’ parks and static displays throughout northwest Oklahoma and will end with a moving flame ceremony.

Sunday, November 10, the Woodring Wall of Honor board will sponsor the annual Legacy Award Ceremony at 6:30 pm at the Chisholm Trail Expo Center, 111 W Purdue, honoring five area Veterans, one from each branch of the military. Col. Ellis will be the featured speaker

For more information on any of the Veterans Day weekend activities in Enid, contact Visit Enid at 580.233.3643, ext. 1 or info@VisitEnid.org.