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# **New Memorial Plaza Opening in Springfield on Veterans Day**

Through a partnership between Willamalane Park and Recreation District and the City of Springfield, a new Veterans Memorial Plaza on the corner of Mohawk Boulevard and I Street in Springfield will open tomorrow, Nov. 11.

Veterans, community members, and members of the media are invited to attend the opening ceremony beginning at 11:30 a.m., tomorrow, Nov. 11. The Plaza opening ceremony will include a new Vietnam Memorial unveiling. Event parking will be available on Mohawk Boulevard and on I Street. Event attendees should follow parking signage.

Local groups, agencies, and leaders donated to see the memorial plaza become reality. Staff from the City of Springfield and Willamalane worked with a group of local veterans who offered extensive input on the design of the plaza. The Lane County Board of Commissioners, Springfield Lions Club, and Springfield Mohawk Lions donated benches for visitors to the plaza to enjoy. Additionally, Springfield Utility Board donated new flag poles to help complete the plaza and the Mohawk Area Businesses helped make the plaza ceremony possible. The Veterans Memorial Plaza is funded in part through the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department 2016 Veterans & War Memorials Grant.

### **About the Plaza**

The Veterans Memorial Plaza will provide our community and guests with a place for reflection, education, and events. The Plaza will be ADA accessible and within a beautifully maintained park to serve as a space to honor those who have served our country.

The Plaza opening ceremony will include a new Vietnam Memorial unveiling. In early 2017, a memorial to Women in Military will be added, making the Veterans Memorial Plaza one of only a few places in the nation to honor military women.