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**Oro Valley TO HOST ALL-NEW LARGER *THE WALL THAT HEALS***  
**EXHIBIT ON March 15-18, 201**

*New Wall replica is 375 feet in length, stands 7.5 feet tall, and travels with new educational exhibits*

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – *The Wall That Heals*, a replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, along with a mobile Education Center, is coming to Oro Valley on March 15-18 at Riverfront Park on Lambert Ave and will be open 24 hours a day and is free to the public. *The Wall That Heals* honors the more than three million Americans who served in the U.S. Armed forces in the Vietnam War and bears the names of the more than 58,000 men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in Vietnam.

Oro Valley will be only the third city to host the new, larger exhibit which includes a three-quarter scale Wall replica that is 375 feet in length and stands 7.5 feet high at its tallest point. With the new replica at this size, visitors will be able to experience The Wall rising above them as they walk towards the apex, a key feature of the design of The Wall in D.C. For the first time in the history of *The Wall That Heals*, visitors will be able to do name rubbings of individual service member's names on The Wall.

The exhibit includes The Wall replica and a mobile Education Center comprised of: digital photo displays of "Hometown Heroes" - service members whose names are on The Wall that list their home of record within the area of a visit; digital photo displays of Vietnam veterans from the local area honored through VVMF's *In Memory* program which honors veterans who returned home from Vietnam and later died as a result of their service; video displays that teach about the history and impact of The Wall and of the collection of items left at The Wall in D.C.; educational exhibits told through items in the collection; a map of Vietnam and a chronological overview of the Vietnam War.

Events start on March 14<sup>th</sup> when the new Wall arrives in a New Semi, beautifully decorated. A motorcycle and Police escort will take the Wall from River/Orange Grove corner East on River to Oracle, then North on Oracle to West on Pusch View Ridge to Riverfront Park. Everyone is invited to watch the Escort, start time is around 11AM, arrival around noon.

After arriving, First Responders from Local Law Enforcement and Golder Ranch Fire will unload and assemble the Wall. Everyone is invited to watch. Then the Wall will be open for everyone to visit free of charge, 24 hours a day. Opening Ceremony will be Thursday at 9 AM and a special Sunday Ceremony at 9 AM which everyone is invited to attend. Sunday at 3 PM the First Responders will dismantle and load the Wall.

For more information please visit [www.bringthewallaz.com](http://www.bringthewallaz.com) - it will be updated regularly.