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**The Platteville
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Vietnam Moving Wall Memorial “*Celebration of Heroes*” A Go For Platteville!

It was announced by the Platteville Moving Wall Committee that the contract has been signed by the moving wall organization and that the Vietnam Moving Wall Memorial will visit Platteville, Wisconsin from July 9, 2009 to July 13, 2009. The theme will be “*Celebration of Heroes*”. Visitors to the Vietnam Moving Wall Memorial, which will be located at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville campus could range from 30,000 to as many as 100,000 during this five day event.

The *Celebration of Heroes* could be as big as, or bigger, than the Disney Hometown Parade held on July 4, 1998. As a result, the community has been mobilized to make sure our visitors get a warm welcome and are well cared for. There will be a large opening ceremony, a large veterans parade and a formal closing ceremony. Between opening and closing, there will be many related events in the tri-state area for the visiting public during the five days that the Moving Wall Memorial is at the University.

Committees have been organized to handle the event, including, Operations (co-chaired by Roger Reed, local DAV director and Kathy Kopp, Platteville Chamber); Security (co-chaired by Doug McKinley, Platteville Chief of Police, Scott Marquardt, UW-Platteville Campus Security and Laurel Skrede, UW-P Security, Retired); Publicity & Marketing (co-chaired by John Dutcher, Platteville Chamber and Ralph Kluseman, Community, Inc.); Veterans Committee (co-chaired by Louis Kaiser and Tim Murphy); Ceremonies (Deb Jenny, Chair); Parade (Kathy Kopp, Chair); Fundraising (Dennis Cooley, UW-Platteville); Buildings & Grounds (co-chaired by Ken Wiegman and Curt Fatzinger, UW-Platteville); Volunteers (Dorothy Genthe, Chair) and Special Events (John Hassig, UW-Platteville, Chair).

The above groups have been meeting once per month on the third Thursday at 4:00PM at the local VFW Club. The public is invited to attend.

For information on volunteering, contact the Platteville Area Chamber of Commerce at 608-348-8888. Donations can be sent to the Vietnam Moving Wall *Celebration of Heroes* fund, P. O. Box 16, Platteville, WI 53818. Parade applications can be picked up at the Platteville Area Chamber of Commerce and are available online at the Chamber’s website, www.platteville.com

