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NOTICE TO ALL VETERANS

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1) Effective December 15, 2010 we discontinued applications for the Oregon Honorable Service Medal until further notice. VOAMC has never kept documents or personal information that is protected under personal privacy laws. The Department of Justice under the direction of Attorney General John Kroger has demanded that we retain and not only keep any and all application forms received, but the personal information included on veterans be forwarded to them. We have protested sharing information and on December 14th, by request of the DOJ a court order was issued mandating that I/we comply. The only way to avoid contempt of court proceedings and penalty of fine and/or jail is to stop using, accepting or receiving medal applications.

2) The DOJ under the direction of Attorney General John Kroger has also demanded that we keep and forward copies of any and all DD-214's (Military Discharge Records) for any veteran seeking the HSM Medal as well. We have refused to comply with this demand based on Federal Laws protecting veteran rights to privacy that requires a signed release by the veteran for anyone seeking a copy of this record.

If you or anyone you know disagrees with the actions targeting ***all*** veterans in Oregon, I ask for your help in letting the government know. If you have any thoughts on the medal or the traveling memorial program we created or a story of how anything we have done had impact on you personally or someone you know - please share your story with us. We have placed a form online specifically for this purpose if you choose to help. We do need a signature and contact information to prove the letters we submit are not fake.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and encourage you to share your thoughts with the DOJ, our legislators and governor. We are asking for your help to spread the word to all veterans and seek support of all Oregonians. Thank you in advance.

With Honor and Respect

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Vietnam 1966, 67', 68' 70', 71' & 72'