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The Wall That Heals Opening Ceremony Set for Thursday

WHEN: 10 a.m. on Thursday, April 21

WHERE: Lynnhurst Cemetery, 2300 West Adair.

BACKGROUND: The Wall That Heals and its mobile education center will return to Knox County as part of its 2022 national tour schedule this week.

"We are honored to be selected to host such an impactful display," said Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs. "The number of people who visited it last time it was here is part of the reason it's coming back. Remembering and honoring those who served in Vietnam is something East Tennesseans are proud to do. This memorial allows the public to learn more and our local veteran population a chance to heal in a unique experience."

The event is free and open to the public.

The wall will be on display 24 hours a day from April 21 through 2 p.m. on April 24.

The opening ceremony will be held at 10 a.m. April 21 at Lynnhurst Cemetery.

The ceremony will include a wreath placement by several community organizations and a helicopter flyover by the Aviation Unit of the Knox County Sheriff's Office, weather dependent. The Vietnam Veterans of America Captain Bill Robinson Chapter 1078 will serve as host with Bill Robinson featured as the keynote speaker. Transportation to the exhibit will be provided from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. by Knox County CAC Transit from the Food City parking lot (4805 N. Broadway Street at Adair).

The Wall That Heals exhibit features a three-quarter scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. The replica is 375 feet in length and stands 7.5 feet high at its tallest point. Visitors experience The Wall rising above them as they walk towards the apex, a key feature of the design of Vietnam Veterans Memorial in D.C.

For more information, please visit thewallthathealsknoxville.org.

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