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Wisconsin's Welcome Home to its Vietnam Veterans Information Sheet

The Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs is pleased to continue our close partnership with the Wisconsin Vietnam Stories project and Wisconsin Public Television and the Wisconsin Historical Society. 'LZ Lambeau' Wisconsin's Welcome Home to its Vietnam Veterans will provide a tremendous opportunity for all Wisconsin citizens to be part of this historic event.

The Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs Mission is:

- Serving Wisconsin veterans, their families, and their survivors with dignity and compassion in recognition of their sacrifices and service to Wisconsin and the nation.
- Serving as their principle advocate in the state.
- Providing outreach, programs and services to ensure they receive the benefits to which they are entitled.
- Developing, coordinating, administering, and maintaining state programs and services that provide health, educational, economic, and social assistance and lasting memorialization, in supplement and complement to those provided by the federal government.
- Acknowledging, commemorating, and affirming the role of Wisconsin veterans in the United States of America's military past by means of instructive exhibits and other educational programs

As part of 'LZ Lambeau' the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs and the Wisconsin Veterans Museum will:

- Provide **VETS ONLY LISTENING SESSIONS:**

In October 2009, the Wisconsin Veterans Museum, in conjunction with the Wisconsin County Veterans Service Officer Association (CVSO), will hold four "vets only" listening sessions throughout the state. The listening sessions will provide a forum for Vietnam veterans to share their stories with each other, view a sneak preview of the "Wisconsin Vietnam War Stories" documentary, and provide feedback to staff. Events will be held in Ashland/Bayfield (Oct 6), Viroqua (Oct 13), Antigo (Oct 20), and Grafton/Saukville (Oct 27). Please check www.lzlambeau.org often for more information.

- Provide **VIETNAM ARTIFACT EXHIBITS AT LZ LAMBEAU:**

During the LZ Lambeau event (May 2009) in Green Bay, the Wisconsin Veterans Museum will present a new, original exhibit featuring artifacts, photographs, and other items from its vast Vietnam War collection. The

exhibit will highlight the Vietnam experience and tell the stories of a number of Wisconsin Vietnam veterans, including many of those featured in the documentary. Interactive and multimedia components are currently being developed for the exhibit which will add a personal, "you are there" feel to the show.

Special thanks to the partners, sponsors and the overall Wisconsin Veterans Service community for their assistance and support.

For additional information about the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs and our Wisconsin Veterans Museum visit www.WisVets.Com or Call Toll Free 1 800-WIS-VETS (947-8387)