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April 29, 2008

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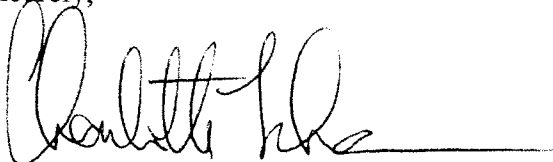
Dear Mr. Evans,

The city of Wilsonville is pleased that our city is being considered for an Oregon Veterans' Center. While we have not received any formal application or plans from the Oregon Veterans Foundation, we appreciate their vision for a center that serves the needs of Veterans, brings family and community members together, and provides services and spaces to enhance the city's parks and recreation offerings.

Wilsonville has a strong history of honoring Veterans. With the Korean War Memorial in Wilsonville being one of the most visited locations in the region we have had a close working relationship with Veterans groups for many years. The Peters are active Wilsonville citizens who are genuine in their desires to assist and honor the Veterans of our state.

Wilsonville looks forward to working together on the advancement of an Oregon Veterans Center and, should the plans come to fruition, we would welcome having the Center in our city.

Sincerely,



Charlotte Lehan  
Mayor of Wilsonville

✓Cc: Elizabeth Peters, Oregon Veterans Foundation

**JERRY KRUMMEL**  
**State Representative**

DISTRICT 26



**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**900 COURT ST NE**  
**SALEM, OREGON 97301**

Mayor Charlotte Lehan  
City Council Members  
Wilsonville City Hall  
29799 SW Town Center Loop E  
Wilsonville, OR 97070

February 13, 2007

Dear Mayor Lehan and Council:

Recently I had the pleasure of meeting with Rick and Elizabeth Peters of the Oregon Veterans Foundation. During my discussions with them, we talked about the possible Oregon Veterans Center they envision for development in Wilsonville.

After reading their proposal, and seeing the support being potentially offered by organizations such as the Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs, the US Department of Veterans Affairs, the United Veterans Groups of Oregon, and City Bible Church, I would like to add my enthusiastic support for such an endeavor.

I believe the addition of a second veteran's home in Western Oregon would serve our veterans and their families well. I also believe the additional workings of the veteran's service organizations, outpatient clinics and other related services as well as the educational components they envision would be worthwhile for the city to support.

In addition, I can see how this type of center would be a gem for the city in attracting new visitors to our area and how this would be a boon for the businesses in the city.

In supporting this endeavor, I will offer my assistance to garner the necessary state support for this program to proceed in an expedient manner. As you know, during the new legislative session there will be many issues before us. This is one, as a service to our veterans, I feel should rise to the forefront of importance to support. I would like to work with the city to ensure this project can proceed.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this project. Please know, I will do whatever I can from my vantage point to help this come to fruition. If there is anything I can do to help you in this project, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Jerry Krummel  
State Representative  
House District 26





**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**  
**Medical Center**  
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Portland OR 97239-2964



JAN 22 2007

In Reply Refer To: 648/P1DIR

Honorable Mayor Charlotte Lehan  
City of Wilsonville  
29799 SW Town Center Loop E  
Wilsonville, OR 97070

Subject: Oregon Veterans Center

Dear Mayor Lehan:

The Portland VA Medical Center is excited about the planning and work being done by a group of citizens interested in developing an Oregon Veterans Center in Wilsonville. The Oregon Veterans Foundation, led by Rick and Elizabeth Peters, has brought together a credible group of individuals to assist with this planning, and it is their vision to establish a site which can house an array of services for veterans.

Among the many concerns of Oregon's veterans are housing, employment, technical training, education, emergency assistance, and healthcare. A Veteran's Center such as what is conceived by the Oregon Veterans Foundation will be able to address many of these needs, as well as become a focal site for gatherings of veterans from around the State of Oregon.

As the planning for the Center takes shape, the Portland VA Medical Center looks forward to collaborating with the services and programs that take shape at this site.

If you have questions, please contact Floss Mambourg at (503) 402-2920.

This is an exciting venture for Oregon.

Sincerely,

JAMES TUCHSCHMIDT, MD, MM  
Director

Copy: Elizabeth Peters



**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**  
**Regional Office**  
**1220 Southwest Third Avenue**  
**Portland, OR 97204**

November 14, 2006

Mayor Charlotte Lehan  
City of Wilsonville  
29799 SW Town Center Loop E  
Wilsonville Oregon 97070

Dear Mayor Lehan:

I am excited to be a part of the planning of the Oregon Veterans Center proposed for the Wilsonville area. This proposed facility will care for veterans throughout the state of Oregon.

The Portland VA Regional Office and I support the vision of Rick and Elizabeth Peters to bring such a facility as an Oregon Veterans Center to the Portland metropolitan area. The Regional Office will continue participating in the planning phases for this worthy effort.

Thank you for supporting Oregon's veterans. If you have any questions, please contact me at (503) 412-4530.

Sincerely,

  
Gerard F. Lorang  
Director



# Oregon

Theodore R. Kulongoski, Governor

Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs

Oregon Veterans' Building

700 Summer Street NE

Salem, OR 97301-1285

SERVING  
OREGON VETERANS  
SINCE 1945

November 16, 2006

Mayor Charlotte Lehan  
City of Wilsonville  
29799 SW Town Center Loop E  
Wilsonville, OR 97070

Dear Mayor Lehan:

At the request of the Oregon Veterans Foundation, it is my pleasure to share with you that the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs is in the process of exploring the potential for additional state veterans homes in Oregon to serve veterans and their families. The Department has participated in advisory group meetings with the Oregon Veterans Foundation relative to a Wilsonville location for an Oregon Veterans Center and potential location for a future Oregon Veterans' Home.

Currently, Oregon has one state veterans' home located in The Dalles, Oregon. That facility is a 151 bed, 75,000 square foot nursing care facility that provides nursing and Alzheimer/other dementia care to veterans, spouses and surviving spouses of veterans, and parents all of whose children died while serving in the United States Armed Forces.

The Department is pleased to be working with the Advisory Group, which consists of a number of professionals committed to improving the quality of life for Oregon veterans and their families.

Sincerely,

Paula Brown  
Deputy Director

American  
Ex-Prisoners  
Of War

April 10, 2006

American  
Legion

To Whom It May Concern:

American  
Veterans

The United Veterans Groups of Oregon (UVGO), including several congressionally-chartered veterans' organizations, recently voted unanimously to support the efforts of Rick and Elizabeth Peters in a project to provide multiple services to veterans at a single location. The UVGO's support is extended to the Oregon Veterans' Foundation or other foundation that may be formed or created to further these efforts.

Atomic  
Veterans

Disabled  
American  
Veterans

Korean War  
Veterans'  
Association

The concept of providing services to veterans' such as veterans' benefits and claims assistance, community-based outpatient care, veterans' auditorium and meeting facility, military museum, and other services, which will be beneficial to veterans, is a project very worthy of this organization's support.

Marine Corps  
League

Military  
Order  
of the  
Purple  
Heart

We commend the efforts of the Peters and others to positively impact the lives of veterans in Oregon. We look forward to receiving periodic updates and reports including how the UVGO can lend further support.

Non  
Commissioned  
Officers'  
Association

Sincerely,

Oregon  
Pointman  
Ministry

Robert Haltiner  
Secretary

Paralyzed  
Veterans of  
America

Veterans of  
Foreign Wars

Vietnam  
Veterans of  
America

*In service to Oregon's military veterans*



January 12, 2009

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**900 COURT ST NE**  
**SALEM, OR 97301**

Metro Regional Center  
600 NE Grand Avenue  
Portland, OR 97232-2736

RE: Urban Reserves

Dear Metro:

I am writing to offer my strong support for including the 51 acre site of the proposed Oregon Veterans Center in Metro's Urban Reserves. The site is on the east side of Interstate 5 on Metro map area UR-Q, area 5.

Across Oregon there are more than 350,000 veterans who have sacrificed much to defend their country. We owe them the best services possible. Currently these veterans often have to travel long distances to multiple locations to get the health care and other benefits they so deserve.

The Oregon Veterans Center is a multifaceted project which will offer many of these same services at one central location. Half the veterans in Oregon live in the Portland metro area, making Wilsonville a logical location for such a facility. The Center will include branch offices for state and federal veterans' benefits, rehabilitation and education services, an outpatient clinic, and pharmacy. There will also be space for veterans' service organizations, public meetings, an Oregon Veterans Museum, parks and recreation.

Perhaps one of the most important aspects of this new project is a new State Veterans Home. Currently there are 119 such homes across the country. Oregon has one in The Dalles, while Idaho and Washington each have three. The need is clearly documented and building the second home in Oregon is long overdue.

It is estimated that more than 100,000 veterans and their families will utilize all the services this new Veterans Center has to offer on a yearly basis. The organizers of this project are working with a variety of public and private partners to transform their vision into reality. They need Metro's support to bring this site into the Urban Reserves in order to move the land use process forward for this wonderful new center. Please feel free to contact my office if you have further questions.

Sincere thanks,

Matt Wingard

