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'THE WALL THAT HEALS' AT LOUISIANA'S OLD STATE CAPITOL

Secretary of State Jay Dardenne and the staff of Louisiana's Old State Capitol will join Baton Rouge, USS Kidd and Downtown Development District officials in celebrating Veterans Day on Saturday, May 16, at 10 a.m. "The Wall That Heals," a half-scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., will be on display on the grounds of the Old State Capitol from May 15 through 17.

The wall is brought to communities throughout the country allowing the souls enshrined on the memorial to exist, once more, among family and friends in the peace and comfort of familiar surroundings. The traveling exhibit, known as "The Wall That Heals," allows the many thousands of veterans who have been unable to cope with the prospect of facing the wall to find the strength and courage to do so within their own communities, thus allowing the healing process to begin.

"The Wall That Heals" also features a traveling museum and an information center providing a comprehensive educational component to enrich and complete visitors' experiences. The museum chronicles the Vietnam War era and the unique healing power of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, while the information center serves as a venue for people to learn about friends and loved ones lost in the war.

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