



## CITY OF BLUE SPRINGS, MISSOURI MEDIA ALERT

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### **The Wall That Heals Coming to Blue Springs, Mo., ATK Small Caliber Systems to present a \$15,000 check for the event**

**BLUE SPRINGS, Mo.** – The City of Blue Springs, Blue Springs Public Art Commission, Blue Springs School District and area businesses and veterans' organizations have formed a partnership to bring the traveling exhibition of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall to Pink Hill Park Thursday, Sept. 30 to Sunday, Oct. 3. The exhibit will be free to the public and includes a special welcome home to all Vietnam War veterans.

"This famous Vietnam memorial has inspired and healed many people. But not everyone can get to Washington, D.C. to see it. So, we've worked for many years to bring it here," says Eleanor Frasier, chairman of the Public Art Commission. "We invite all Vietnam War veterans to come see The Wall That Heals, and all parents and children to participate in the events to learn about this painful time in America's history."

ATK, which operates the Lake City Army Ammunition Plant adjacent to Blue Springs, has agreed to be a lead partner for the event. Mark Hissong, the vice president and general manager, will present a \$15,000 check to Blue Springs Mayor Carson Ross on Tuesday, June 1, in a special ceremony at 1 p.m. to launch the major fund drive for other sponsorships. That event will be in front of Blue Springs City Hall, 903 W. Main Street.

"We are honored to be a lead partner in this historic event for our community of Blue Springs and for all Kansas City area Vietnam Veterans," said Mark Hissong, of ATK Small Caliber Systems, the operator of the Lake City Army Ammunition Plant. "This plant supported these soldiers with more than 14 billion rounds of ammunition during the conflict. As we continue to support today's modern day war fighter, we're proud to give Vietnam Veterans the welcome home they deserve."

"We are grateful to ATK for being one of the lead partners of The Wall That Heals event. Blue Springs is fortunate to have excellent business partners to help bring this exhibit to our community," said Mayor Carson Ross.

The funding for the Blue Springs "The Wall That Heals" is all by donations. All funds are set up with the Truman Heartland Community Foundation, a 501-C-3 organization.

For more information, contact Kim Nakahodo, Communications Manager at (816) 655-0497, visit the Web site, [www.bluespringswallthatheals.net](http://www.bluespringswallthatheals.net) or Wall That Heals Blue Springs on Facebook.

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