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Who truly understands the family of a fallen soldier's loss and can help them heal? For Shirley Schmunk of Richland, the answer is clear. "All of us."

Schmunk is currently organizing the first-ever state of Washington 2007 Time of Remembrance and has sent out donation request letters to help financially compensate families trekking to the event. The event honors families that have lost a soldier in Iraq or Afghanistan.

She is no stranger to the subject matter behind the event. Her son, Specialist Jeremiah W Schmunk, was killed in Baghdad in 2004. "The grief of losing Jeremiah is slowly going from unbearable to manageable, in part because of the outpouring of support from family, friends and the wonderful people across the country who only know me as "the mother of a fallen hero," she wrote in her contribution request letter.

According to WVA Community and PR Director Colleen Gilbert, two similar events have been held on a national level, which were hosted by the White House Commission of Remembrance. Gilbert said that during the first ceremony, Washington state had lost just short of 70 soldiers. Only seven families were able to attend. During the second ceremony, Washington state had lost 77 soldiers. Only two Washington families were able to attend.

Said Gilbert of Schmunk, "Shirley said, 'This isn't right. We've got to bring these families together on more of a local basis.'"

Gilbert said that Schmunk first simply picked up the phone and called a National Guard official and asked for a plane to take families from Washington state to DC for the ceremony. That was not a reasonable request, but it did help Schmunk contact another individual, Tom Riggs of Camp Murray. From that sprang a meeting in which all veterans service organizations were invited, and the state of Washington's 2007 Time of Remembrance was born.

Gilbert said an extensive fundraising campaign is currently underway to bring together Washington families who've lost soldiers in Iraq or Afghanistan without financial concerns.

### ***And now, 15 years later***

We still need help. We still need donations. The event is slated for Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Time of Remembrance is a 501(c)3 and 15 years later we are still in need of donations. We have all been working extremely hard to make this happen. It is estimated that \$1,000 will sponsor a family and sponsorship levels vary. The highest level of sponsorship is the Soaring Eagle level, which is a donation of \$10,000. Donors will receive a flag in a shadow box, recognition in print and radio advertising, on posters and a display booth on the first day of events. Sponsorships are also available for \$5,000 (which does include a flag in a shadow box), \$2,000 and \$1,000 Soaring Eagles. At the Generous Hearts of Giving level, any donation is welcome.

Time of Remembrance is Bringing together families of the Pacific NW States Fallen Heroes of Afghanistan and Iraq in a time of healing; uniting the citizens of Pacific NW in Remembrance; Honor our Fallen. Time of Remembrance celebrates the lives of those who have protected all of us. Each of the Fallen left behind loved ones who carry a burden of grief. A gathering such as this demonstrates that they need not suffer their grief alone.

[www.timeofremembrance.org](http://www.timeofremembrance.org) 501(c) 3 organization

Time of Remembrance, 552 Charbonneau Drive, Richland, WA. 99352

**TIME OF REMEMBRANCE                      GOLF TOURNAMENT**  
**SAGE HILLS GOLF COURSE                      10400 Sage Hills Road SE, Warden WA.**

SATURDAY 19, 2021

SHOTGUN START 10:00 AM

\$80.00 Per Player

\$320.00 Foursome Team

**Register at [tor-events.org](http://tor-events.org)**

Donation Receipt Form  
Time of Remembrance  
**EIN 26-4457395**

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Donation/Item Name (Check appropriate box(es):

**Donation to support Raffle: ( )                      Donation to support Cause: ( )** Hole Sponsor ( ) \$100.00

( ) Level 1 Sponsor \$100.00    ( ) Level 2 Sponsor \$500.00    ( ) Level 3 Sponsor \$750.00

( ) Gift certificate

( ) Item(s) is/are enclosed

Type of item: ( ) Cash                      Cash Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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( ) Other                      \_\_\_\_\_ Donor Stated Value \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please have items donated by than June 15<sup>th</sup> so that you may receive acknowledgement.**

**Thank You!!! We appreciate your generosity.**

*2021 TIME OF REMEMBRANCE Committee Members*