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## PRESS RELEASE:

Subject: The Moving Wall—Vietnam Veterans Memorial

The City of San Jacinto is pleased to announce “The Moving Wall”, a Vietnam Veterans Memorial, will be coming to San Jacinto’s Druding Park on April 26<sup>th</sup>.

The Moving Wall is a half size replica of the Washington, D.C. Vietnam Veterans Memorial and has been touring the country for almost twenty years. The Moving Wall has drawn the attention of millions nationwide as it has toured cities across the country. A few select cities each year are chosen to host the wall for one week— only 4 in California will host it this year. The average attendance for The Moving Wall during its stay is 30,000 people.

When a person named John Devitt, a Vietnam Veteran from California, attended the 1982 dedication of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington D.C, he felt a positive power from the “Wall” and vowed to share that experience with those who did not have the opportunity to visit Washington D.C. Two & half years later, Mr. Devitt with the help of fellow Veterans, created The Moving Wall.

Mayor Jim Ayres, said: “We are honored to have The Moving Wall come to our City, the only stop in Southern California this year. This national treasure, a tribute to men & women who gave their lives serving our country, will help us remember the sacrifices of our veterans and instill in future generations a debt of gratitude for those who have served before them”.

The wall will be on display in Druding Park at the corner of Second and Ramona Blvd in San Jacinto beginning April 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am and ending May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00pm. The wall will be open to the public 24 hours a day during this time.

Groups are welcome but will need to make arrangements with the City. Large crowds are expected and special arrangements will be made to accommodate groups.

Volunteers will be needed throughout the event to assist with finding names and greeting visitors.

For information call, 909-487-7330, or visit the City’s website, [www.ci.san-jacinto.ca.us](http://www.ci.san-jacinto.ca.us), and look under “Events” for additional details.

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