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ARRIVAL OF THE MOVING WALL REQUIRES BRIEF WILLIAMS BOULEVARD CLOSINGS THURSDAY AND FRIDAY MORNING

Kenner, LA. - Due to a pair of patriotic motorcades and military processions scheduled for Thursday and Friday mornings, sections of Williams Boulevard will be temporarily closed to traffic Kenner Mayor Michael Yenni announced Tuesday.

The processions are in conjunction with the arrival of The Moving Wall, a one-half replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. Engraved on the Wall are the names of the more than 58,000 casualties of the Vietnam war, including 47 Fallen Heroes from Jefferson Parish.

On Thursday at 9 a.m., the Wall will be transported from the Pontchartrain Center southbound down Williams Boulevard until it reaches Veterans Park, located behind the City Hall complex at 1801 Williams Blvd. Along the way, Kenner police will close off sections of Williams – for no more than about 15 minutes each – to allow the procession to pass through the area.

On Friday at 9 a.m., a much larger motorcade and procession will follow the same route to Veterans Park. This procession will pass under cross ladders from fire trucks at three different locations and include police and military vehicles. Included in the procession is a special Honor Board with the names of Jefferson Parish's 47 Fallen Heroes from the Vietnam War. Total procession time along the entire route on Friday is estimated at 1 hour.

At Williams and West Metairie Avenue, the procession will meet up with color guards from local military service organizations and turn on 18th Street to access the Moving Wall site in Veterans Park.

"This is a special honor for Kenner to host The Moving Wall and we encourage all Williams Boulevard business owners and their employees to step outside and pay their respects as the procession passes both on Thursday and Friday," Kenner Mayor Michael Yenni said.

Police vehicles will be along the entire route of the procession to reopen stretches of Williams to traffic as soon as it is safe to do so, Yenni said.

Officials do not anticipate any section of Williams to be closed for more than 15 minutes at a time either day. Motorists are encouraged to allow extra travel time or seek alternate routes on these days.

For a five-day schedule of events, a video highlight and other information about The Moving Wall go to www.kenner.la.us. Anyone with additional questions can call (504) 468-7240.

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