



## The 2017 Big Read Event Schedule

### **Thursday, January 12 @ 7pm**

Kickoff & Screening of “Dick Cavett’s Vietnam” and Pies!

Location: Hurricane Creek Grange Hall – Joseph

\$5 Admission – Students Free Admission

*Dick Cavett’s Vietnam* is a documentary that examines the war and its impact on America through interviews conducted on “The Dick Cavett Show,” which featured thoughtful conversation and debate from all sides of the political spectrum. The program combines interviews from Cavett’s shows with archival footage, network news broadcasts, and war footage from the Vietnam war.

### **Thursday, January 19 @ 7pm**

What Vietnam Teaches Us: Wallowa County Veterans Discuss The Things They Carried

Location: Tomas Conference Center – Enterprise

Free Admission

A panel of Wallowa County veterans discuss *The Things They Carried* in the context of their own combat experience. The Vietnam War was a landmark event in our nation's history. Moderated by Miles McFall, the discussion will focus on similarities and differences between Vietnam and other wars our nation has fought. Emphasis will be on lessons learned from Vietnam that will raise awareness about the implications of war on communities and inform the audience about how Wallowa County residents can help returning Veterans successfully integrate into society following combat duty.

### **Thursday, January 26 @ 7pm**

America in Vietnam: Understanding Tim O’Brien’s Vietnam War with David Schmitz

Location: The Place/Joseph United Methodist Church – Joseph

Free Admission

Author and professor David F. Schmitz examines why the United States was in Vietnam and the state of the war when Tim O'Brien fought. In the process Schmitz will place O'Brien's *The Things They Carried* in its historical context to illuminate some of the key themes in the work. David Schmitz is a Whitman College professor of history and a

widely published author on the Vietnam era. He teaches *The Things They Carried* at Whitman and is an articulate and entertaining presenter.

**Thursday, February 2 @ 7pm**

Life after War: Photography & Oral Histories of Coming Home with Jim Lommasson

Location: Wallowa City Hall – Wallowa

Free Admission

When does a war end? Does it ever? Many returning soldiers bring wars back with them, and these wars can reach beyond the battlefield, infiltrating the very thing that defines comfort and safety: home. Photographer Jim Lommasson has collected oral histories from returning soldiers and documented their struggles at home. In this conversation, participants will consider the wars at home faced not only by returning veterans, but also by communities at large.

**Thursday, February 9 @ 7pm**

Movie Night: Good Morning Vietnam

Location: OK Theatre – Enterprise

\$5 Admission

*Good Morning Vietnam* is the blockbuster American military comedy/drama set in Saigon in 1965. The film stars Robin Williams as a DJ on an Armed Forces radio station who proves hugely popular with the troops in Vietnam but infuriates his superiors.

**Saturday, February 11 @ 7pm**

Finale – 60's Fashion Show, Pot Luck Dinner, and Dance Party

Location: The Place/Joseph United Methodist Church – Joseph

\$10 Admission

Dress in your wildest vintage garb and dance to the hits of the 60s with a live band. Fishtrap will provide a main dish for this Big Read Finale pot luck extravaganza.

**ADDITIONAL EVENTS**

**Exit Wounds: Life After War Art Exhibit**

January at Divide Camp – Joseph

February at Wallowa City Hall – Wallowa

Free Admission

This collaborative photo and oral history project illustrates the trials of homecoming and returning veterans from the Iraq and Afghanistan Wars.

**Writing Workshop**

**The Other Warriors: Voices of the Women of Vietnam Veterans**

Saturday Mornings in January 7, 14, 21, 28

Location: Fishtrap – Enterprise  
\$10 per session - sliding scale

This four-week writing workshop is an opportunity for women, wives, girlfriends, mothers, sisters, and daughters of Vietnam veterans to express stories of their experiences beyond the Vietnam conflict. Taught by Katherine Stickroth, freelance writer and widow of a Vietnam veteran, this class will provide a private, confidential and supportive space for members to find the voice of their stories through the written word. No previous writing experience is required. Contact Fishtrap to reserve your spot.  
541-426-3623

### **Book Discussion at Fishtrap**

Wednesday, January 18 at 10am  
Location: Fishtrap – Enterprise

Come to Fishtrap for morning coffee, treats, and a vibrant discussion of *The Things They Carried*.

Thanks to our Big Read community sponsors Community Bank, The Oregon Arts Commission, Oregon Humanities, and The Jennings Hotel.



The Big Read is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts, designed to revitalize the role of literature in American culture and to encourage citizens to read for pleasure and enlightenment. The NEA presents The Big Read in partnership with Arts Midwest.

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