

the only lives lost on U.S. soil during WWII at the hands of enemy combatants. The area is as rich in history as any New England country town, and developing interest in our local history will be a huge draw.

History buffs, veterans, past and new residents of Klamath County, and enlisted military personnel will be enthusiastic customers. The Oregon Institute of Technology student body will also benefit, as will high schools and middle schools in the region looking for field trip options.

Hosting tours in significant months of military history will be another draw for attendees. Memorial Day, D-Day, Independence Day, V-J Day, and Armistice/Veteran's Day could be included as potential tour dates on the May through November run of tours, adding weight and flavor to the experience. *The Letters from War* segments ran on several of these dates during its run, and our single-copy sales spiked compared to ones that did not run on historically significant days.

The amount of veterans, history buffs, and families looking for an enriching, reasonably priced daytrip will ensure short and long-term beneficial impacts to the community. I believe the tours will be hailed as innovative, especially in a community that would benefit from fresh, original industry.

I am an eyewitness to the benefits of telling veterans' stories. Taking it up a notch for interactive tours will benefit the community, building appreciation for a dying generation that still "almost" feel like civilians.

Sincerely,

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