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Schmidbauer Family Sawmills

1099 W Waterfront Drive
Eureka, CA 95501

Dear Schmidbauer Family,

On behalf of the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors, we extend our gratitude to the Schmidbauer Family Sawmills for the generous donation of framing lumber valued at \$10,000 in support of the John Haynes Veterans Memorial Hall construction project.

In 1953, Ms. Esther Underwood donated the property to a group of Southern Humboldt County Veterans who had been raising funds to build a Veterans Memorial Hall since 1949. In turn, the veterans dedicated the hall to Ms. Underwood's son, John Haynes, the first Humboldt County veteran to die in World War II. In 1958 title transferred to the County for design and construction and the veterans contributed additional funds toward construction costs. Since the opening of the first incarnation of the hall in 1960, the John Haynes Veterans Memorial Hall has continued the service of veterans to their country by serving as a full-time community center used for community and town hall meetings, teen dances, Holiday dinners for the community, and dance and martial arts classes.

Following demolition of the 1960 era building, the new John Haynes Veterans Memorial building is currently under construction and when completed in the summer of 2026, will continue to act as a community center and serve the veterans and the communities in southern Humboldt.

Your contribution reflects a deep commitment to honoring our veterans and strengthening the fabric of our community. This project will serve as a lasting tribute to the many veterans in the County who have served our nation, and your generosity plays a direct and meaningful role in making that vision a reality. The Humboldt County Board of Supervisors greatly appreciates your generosity and support of this project.

Sincerely,

Michelle Bushnell, Chair

Humboldt County Board of Supervisors