

Preston Trout Days

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Trout Days will make big splash in Preston this weekend

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You know summer is just around the corner when it's time for Preston's annual Trout Days celebration. It's ready to reel you in come Friday-Sunday, May 18-20.

Special exhibit
A special military exhibit will be on display at the Preston Servicemen's Club. It also will be in the parade, but you'll want to stop and check out the details of the Mobile Riverine Force / 9th Infantry Division Mobile Museum.

The Mobile Riverine Force was comprised of elements of the 9th Infantry Army and Navy Task Force 117. Operating in the Mekong Delta from 1967-70, it is credited for essentially denying the Viet Cong use of the region.

A unique, joint Army - Navy force, its heritage dates back to river operations during the Civil War. First it was designated the Mekong Delta Mobile Afloat Force. It was a part of what was known as the "Brown Water Navy." The Mobile Riverine Force had the task of both trans-

port (of soldiers and equipment) and combat. It played a key role in the Tet Offensive.

The outside of the Mobile Museum will display the Mobile Riverine Force and 9th Infantry Division insignia, the Vietnam Service Ribbon, and Mobile Riverine Force Association Mobile Museum. One side of the trailer lists the names and units of all U.S. Navy, 9th Infantry Division and Supporting Unit personnel Killed in Action (KIA).

