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LEFT: Mr. Ron Ruecker, Oregon State Police superintendent, Maj. Gen. Alexander Burgin, and State Representative Jeff Kropf cut the National Guard birthday cake at a ceremony on Dec. 13. RIGHT: HHC/1-186 Infantry Battalion received the Oregon National Guard's centennial unit streamer on Dec. 13.



The 365th birthday of the National Guard is a time to recognize and celebrate the beginnings of our nation, and especially our nation's armed forces.

Today, the National Guard is very much a part of the total force, on duty around the world, and carrying out both a federal mission and a state mission 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

While we remember America's soldiers and airmen currently serving around the world, we also celebrate the memory of those Americans who protected the early colonies as the militia and helped sustain this nation's security and freedom for almost 400 years.

As a critical piece of our national defense, the National Guard's traditions

run deep.

From the fires of the colonial militia to the mountains and skies of Afghanistan, we have been forged in the fires of military combat.

In the 17th century, militia from several colonies would combine for combat operations; in the 18th century, colonial militias joined the British Army during the French and Indian War.

And during the Revolution, it was the total force of Continental Army and militia which secured the military victories leading to our American Independence.

Today, the Army National Guard carries the history and tradition forward into the 21st Century.

Following World War II, we saw the birth of the Air Force and the Air

National Guard.

It was the Air Force which pointed the way toward employing the Air National Guard and Air Reserve units in real-world missions around the globe.

Such missions include air combat in support of the UN during the Korean War, whose 50th anniversary was commemorated in November.

This December also celebrates the 32nd anniversary of the landmark 1968 Technician's Act, which forever changed the structure of the National Guard.

Today, Army and Air National Guard members are deployed to Southwest Asia in support of the war in Afghanistan, Bosnia in support of the continuing IFOR peacekeeping mission and stationed around our nation in support of Operation Enduring

Freedom.

National Guard members are out there making a difference, day in and day out, trained and ready to go anywhere our national security interests may take them.

On the 365th birthday of the National Guard, we give thanks for our past successes in war.

Remember those who have gone before us to preserve and protect this great nation.

May we carry forward the memory of our forefathers, husbands, wives, sons and daughters who have made the National Guard what it is today, and to continue the quest in building and sustaining our National Guard for success in the future.

Co-workers send basket of thanks to Guardsman called to active duty

By MONA SPENST JORDAN
142ND FW PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The pen-and-ink sentiments reflect heartfelt thanks for his service to America and some anecdotes typical to in-house office humor.

But the card attached to the giant basket of appreciation given to Tech. Sgt. Harry Lund by his civilian office mates last month is testimony to the fact that they miss him and are proud of his commitment to the nation since being called to active duty in September.

"Thank you for protecting our country—it is most appreciated!"

"Thank you for looking out for the rest of us citizens. We miss you, so hurry back."

"You're taking a pretty long vacation, aren't you?"

"It isn't the same without you! Thanks for serving the country."

"Thanks for protecting us from the bad guys!"

"Harry, come home!"

Lund was among the more than 200 members of 142nd Fighter Wing activated shortly after the Sept. 11 attacks on America.

He left his position as a software developer with the state of Oregon department of consumer and business services to assume full-time duties as an

information systems specialist with the 142nd Communications Flight.

He expects to be on active duty orders for a year.

"It's what I agreed to do when I decided to wear the uniform. There's a job that needs to be done here," Lund said. "There is always the risk that I'll be sent elsewhere, but I am prepared for that as well."

Trading in civilian garb and a 10-minute commute for BDUs and a 120-mile, traffic-laden round trip, Lund has become somewhat of a road warrior as well.

But he doesn't subscribe to the notion that he is doing anything special and was stunned at the generosity of his civilian colleagues when they presented him with the patriotic festooned gift basket on Nov. 27.

Tucked among the tasty holiday smorgasbord was a United States flag that had once been flown over the nation's capitol.

"I welled up," Lund said. "I was speechless—which is a big deal for me! The only thing I could think to say was 'thank you.'"

Lund said his employer has always gone the distance when it comes to his membership in the Oregon Air National Guard, even before Sept. 11.

"My office is very supportive. They



Tech. Sgt. Shelly Davison

Tech. Sgt. Harry Lund hefts a basket of gratitude and support from co-workers at the Oregon state department of consumer and business services. Friends from the organization's information management division in Salem presented Lund with the red, white and blue package on Nov. 27, thanking him for his service to America following his federal activation in September.

told me they totally understand that what I am doing now is more important than what I was doing for them. I work with such a great group of people," Lund said.

Maj. Gen. Alexander H. Burgin

As I write this, everyone is preparing to celebrate the holiday season.

This is certainly the time of the year that we should make the effort to offer good will to everyone.

It is a time for families and friends to enjoy being together.

Our Guard family is as busy as ever.

All of you know that the president asked each state to enhance our airport security mission.

Our governor was more than willing to support this initiative.

The responses I have received from the public regarding our soldiers and airmen in Oregon's airports has been nothing but praise.

Pride and professionalism can be derived by the actions of these outstanding Guard members.

And those serving in the airports deserve our thanks and our support.

Thank you for serving.

Another mission that is on the horizon is providing security at the Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City.

Oregon will train and deploy over 100 soldiers to support this critical effort.

The 270th Air Traffic Control Squadron from our Air Guard is also scheduled to support the Olympics if they are not totally committed with their Operation Noble Eagle requirements.

This may seem a unique role for the National Guard, but I know we are up to the task.

Recently we announced that the 1-186 Infantry Battalion will deploy to the Sinai for a six-month rotation.

They will be replacing a battalion from the 39th Separate Infantry Brigade from the Arkansas National Guard.

The United States Army has been enhancing this mission since 1982, and this

will represent the first rotations comprised entirely of National Guard soldiers.

The 41st Separate Infantry Brigade was chosen based on its status as an enhanced brigade, and its reputation for performance excellence.

They will go on active duty in April or May 2002, deploy to Fort Carson for certification, and then deploy overseas in July.

The whole state is proud of their selection, and we will do everything within our power to support their efforts and help their families and employers.

I will close by wishing you a happy and healthy holiday season.

I also ask that each of you take time to



remember all those who made the ultimate sacrifice on Sept. 11.

Take time during this holiday season to remember them, as well as their family and friends, in your prayers.

State Command Sgt. Maj. Donald F. Newman

As we near the end of the first year of the 21st century, I pause to reflect on the remarkable contributions of American soldiers throughout the years to our nation and to freedom throughout the world.

Over 365 years ago, citizen-soldiers took a stand for what was right and ushered in a new era. Their fight for freedom produced the greatest testament to the human spirit in the history of man—a nation so committed to the blessings of peace, hope and liberty—that it sent its best sons and daughters into harm's way to keep the flame of freedom burning for all mankind.

Preserving liberty always has and always will continue to require tremendous personal sacrifice.

Like our forefathers, many of whom gave their youthful lives, we stand ready to shoulder today's heavy burden when we are called to guard the frontiers of freedom—be it in Afghanistan, Korea, Bosnia, Kosovo, or around the great state of Oregon. Often in harm's way, you are willing to sacrifice to comforts of your own home and the joys of sharing the holiday season with your families to give hope to others around the world.

We are there because the world is depending on the greatest fighting force on the face of the planet to give every man, woman and child the opportunities Americans take for granted. No matter what the challenge—from con-



flicts to natural disasters—the National Guard has the capability to quickly restore order and stability. You are there, because we want others to know the joys of freedom, so they will join us in guarding that freedom.

Your nation is so profoundly grateful for your service. People the world over are grateful. As you celebrate this holiday season, many of Oregon's Guard members are deployed far from home. May you find comfort and joy in the hope you bring to the less fortunate and in the light of peace you bring to the world.

I wish you a happy and safe holiday season and a peaceful new year.

Command Chief Master Sgt. J. Wayne Stuart

As we prepare for the holidays this year, many of us have been affected by the events of 9-11.

Guard members have been activated around the state and some outside the state.

Business as usual takes on new meaning. Aircraft, pilots, and maintenance are on alert around the clock.

Men and women in uniform are in our airports, and countless others have been called up to do the jobs we have trained for.

The first week of this month, I attended a senior leadership conference with our commanders in Washington, DC. This was the first time in many years I have traveled commercial airlines in uniform. It was a great experience. Many people, young and old, were glad to see us. Veterans especially would approach and say thanks.

In this time of renewed patriotism, don't be afraid to be seen in your uniform. Wear it properly and proudly.

Today we celebrate the 365th birthday of the National Guard, the oldest branch of the military in this country.

With the new importance of homeland defense, and being a major portion of the total force, we will continue to be



called on to do our part.

Do it proudly.

I know that some of our members will be separated from family and loved ones this holiday season.

To you, I say thank you for your service, and God bless you and yours.

To all members of the Oregon Air National Guard, have a safe and joyous holiday.

God bless the United States of America.

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Operation Noble Eagle

History of the Purple Heart inspires Air Guardsman to write poem

By Master Sgt. LES HUBBLE
142ND CIVIL ENGINEERING SQUADRON

The Purple Heart Medal has a long and varied history in America.

After the tragic events of Sept. 11, I am reminded of some things I've learned about this award during my military career.

When I went to the NCO Academy, where military history is a required subject, I learned that the Purple Heart was once our nation's highest military award. But it was initiated with a humbleness that only one of our greatest leaders would have considered.

General George Washington wanted to create an award that was available to all ranks in the militia.

Remember, this was a time in our world's history when only officers, usually in command, were awarded any medals at all.

On Aug. 7, 1782, Washington issued

a general order creating the "Badge of Military Merit."

James M. Powles wrote: "...it was awarded for any singular meritorious action, instances of unusual gallantry, and also of extraordinary fidelity and essential service..."

The badge looked very much like our modern Purple Heart, but each was made individually of cloth much like a unit patch. The recipient's name and unit were embroidered on the back. Only three Badges of Military Merit were ever awarded - all three to sergeants in the Connecticut Militia.

Thanks to the personal efforts of General Douglas MacArthur and the Army Chief of Staff, General Charles Summerall, the Badge of Military Merit was instituted as the Purple Heart Medal on Feb. 22, 1931, the 200th anniversary of George Washington's birth.

The medal was initially created to

signify all members of the United States Armed Forces who have been killed or wounded in action, and in certain circumstances, to prisoners of war.

President John F. Kennedy extended the award to civilians wounded while serving "in any capacity with an armed force." Then President Ronald Reagan added the eligibility to "those killed or wounded in international terrorist attacks." And, so it is this eligibility that is cause for my writing "911."

Editor's note: Master Sgt. Les Hubble, 142nd CES, teaches public speaking and creative writing for the Portland Air Base Satellite NCO Academy. He also team teaches local classes in writing unit and individual award nominations.

911

It is of little solace to the living
When a nation has but little to offer
In remembrance of loved ones gone

We cannot speak of that tragedy now
For our grieving minds cannot fully shape
The words of our sorrow

We cannot speak of the enemy now
For our hearts cannot bear
The acts of such cowardice

We cannot speak of our loss now
For our tearful eyes cannot see
The measure of its fullness

But we must speak to the living
And give honor to their dead
As individuals and as a nation

Soldiers and airmen performing airport security throughout Oregon

By CSM RAYMOND BERRYMAN
AIRPORT SECURITY MANAGER

On Nov. 13, 85 National Guard soldiers and airmen trained at Portland International Airport and Kleiver Armory for deployment to Operation Eagle. This airport security mission saw 54 soldiers and airmen placed in seven of the airports around the state. The security detail learned how the security systems and equipment work and the laws and regulations that the FAA enforces. Additional training was provided by the Oregon Police academy.

There continues to be many misconceptions on what the soldiers and airmen are doing at the airports. There is a two-fold mission. First, our soldiers and airmen are to monitor the civilian screeners operating the airport equipment for the FAA. If the screeners are not doing their job properly, the soldiers and airmen are to immediately inform the airport security managers who then make the corrective actions. This process has worked only because our soldiers and airmen have been professional in their actions.

The second mission is for the National Guard detail to be armed and act as back up to the civilian law enforcement. Each airport has state, county and city law enforcement officers working at the check stations. The Portland Airport has the Port of Portland law enforcement stationed at that facility. Our soldiers and airmen work closely with these officers and are ready to respond when asked to. At most of the state's airports, the police are providing additional training to our details. This training includes firearms, use of force, interview techniques, and other police techniques.

Public misconceptions to what the airport security details are there for include conducting personal and baggage searches. The troops know how to do this but are there to oversee that it is done correctly. People see our soldiers and airmen and often report that they are not doing anything. Our detail is in

place so that no checkpoint is operated improperly. No person is allowed to bypass security or have any item that is contraband pass through. A deterrent to tourists is the objective.

The airport security mission is a unique state mission. President Bush asked each state governor to voluntarily put soldiers and airmen at the airports. Nationally there are 441 airports that the National Guard is manning for up to a six-month mission. Each state has decided how to arm and equip these details. This is why we see different weapons carried by different airport details on TV across the country. National Guard Bureau is providing the funding to each state. The soldiers and airmen are on title 32 funding.

On Nov. 9, President Bush announced the authorization of a 25 percent increase to the airport security mission. This 60-day increase started on Nov. 15 and provides additional security during the holiday period. A class of 25 soldiers and airmen was trained at RTI in Monmouth, and 18 were put to work at the airports. Addition security activities such as concourse and aircraft parking patrols have been added to our mission with these extra soldiers and airmen.

As of Dec. 9, there have been no breaches of security at our Oregon airports. There have been several incidents however in which our soldiers and airmen have assisted law enforcement with. These include drug smuggling, unruly passengers, contraband and persons with outstanding warrants. With any security mission or police mission success will be measured by having no beaches or security during our deployment. There will be those that will say the mission has been a waste of time and money. These same people are the ones that do not support the military or the police at any time. For now, our soldiers and airmen are doing what is asked by our national and state leaders.

If you are in one of the airports, say hello and thanks to those who are serving quietly and professionally.

Sept. 11 tragedy prompts local letters of thanks

While we are far from the scene of the recent catastrophe, my son looked up into the sky above Portland Wednesday and saw one of your aircraft. Presumably, this was one of your surveillance patrol aircraft you had up.

Later in the day, he excitedly told me that we would be OK because the fighters would take care of the bad guys. Thanks, and if or when the time comes, good hunting.

Sincerely,
The Hunter Family
Portland, Ore.

I work just east of the airbase and feel safer seeing your F-15s guarding our skies. Please pass on to the brave men and women of the base that we are praying for your safety and our heart-felt thanks from the Shufeldt Family.

Proud to be an American and of the Oregon Air Guard!

To All Members of the Oregon Air National Guard,

As very proud Americans, my husband and I would like to thank you for all that you are doing at this time of crisis in our nation.

Every morning and afternoon since

this tragedy took place we have heard you in the air. It is a very reassuring feeling to know that you are there and watching out for all of us.

When I hear those jets fly overhead it brings a tear to my eye and a feeling of pride in my heart, and we just wanted you to know how very much you are appreciated.

Our heartfelt thanks,
Phyllis and Alan Ryman
Tigard, Ore.

I wanted to pass on a message to the pilots patrolling Portland skies over the last few days. Hearing the jets and seeing them fly overhead gave me an enormous feeling of safety and reassurance that our country will stand strong.

Yesterday evening after watching hours of newscasts, I walked outside and saw two jets right overhead. I must tell you that I felt a surge of patriotism unlike any I have ever experienced. I just wanted to let you know how truly grateful I am for service men and women like you who put your life on the line to protect our great country. Thank you. God bless and be safe.

Jennifer Dooley
Portland, Ore.



During the week of Sept. 11, Banks Junior High School students signed a poster of their own design showing appreciation of the Oregon Air National Guard. Staff Sgt. Jasmine Wood stands next to the poster, which is proudly on display at the main gate of the Portland Air Base.

Contributed photo

Safe and happy holiday wishes from Secretary of Defense Rumsfeld

This holiday season, families all across the America will gather with neighbors and friends to rekindle old friendships, revive honored traditions, and renew the hope and love that is part of the season.

And as they do, their thoughts and prayers will naturally turn to you, the men and women whose mission it is to defend peace and freedom—especially now when they are under such unprecedented attack.

As America's Armed Forces, you are the sharp sword of freedom.

You fight without complaint on foreign seas, in dangerous skies, and on hostile lands.

You voluntarily put your lives at risk, and sacrifice your comfort and the comfort of your families, so all of our fellow citizens can enjoy the blessings and benefits of liberty.

It is a sacrifice made even more precious by the fact that you render it so willingly.

In describing the "citizen soldiers" of an earlier era, historian Stephen

Ambrose wrote, "At the core...(they) knew the difference between right and wrong, and were unwilling to live in a world in which evil triumphed. So they fought and they won, and we—and those yet to be born—are eternally grateful."

Like those heroes of an earlier era, you too stand against evil—the shadowy evil of terrorism. And like them, you also will be victorious. Of that, there is no doubt.

So as the stars of the winter sky shine brightly, and the prayers of people everywhere who long for peace look up to meet them, know that the hearts and prayers of Americans are with you. We salute your courage, we appreciate your sacrifice, and we pray each day for your success.

On behalf of the President, the Department of Defense, and all the American people, I extend our warmest and most heartfelt wishes for a safe and happy holiday season.

Donald H. Rumsfeld
Secretary of Defense



'Twas the soldier's night before Christmas

'Twas the night before Christmas,
He lived all alone,
In a one bedroom house made of
Plaster and stone.

I had come down the chimney
With presents to give,
And to see just who
In this home did live.

I looked all about,
A strange sight I did see,
No tinsel, no presents,
Not even a tree.

No stocking by mantle,
Just boots filled with sand,
On the wall hung pictures
Of far distant lands.

With medals and badges,
Awards of all kinds,
A sober thought
Came through my mind.

For this house was different,
It was dark and dreary,
I found the home of a soldier,
Once I could see clearly.

The soldier lay sleeping,
Silent, alone,
Curled up on the floor
In this one bedroom home.

The face was so gentle,
The room in such disorder,
Not how I pictured
A United States soldier.

Was this the hero
Of whom I'd just read?
Curled up on a poncho,
The floor for a bed?

I realized the families
That I saw this night,
Owed their lives to these soldiers
Who were willing to fight.

Soon round the world,
The children would play,

And grownups would celebrate
A bright Christmas day.

They all enjoyed freedom
Each month of the year,
Because of the soldiers,
Like the one lying here.

I couldn't help wonder
How many lay alone,
On a cold Christmas Eve
In a land far from home.

The very thought
Brought a tear to my eye,
I dropped to my knees
And started to cry.

The soldier awakened
And I heard a rough voice,
"Santa don't cry,
This life is my choice;

I fight for freedom,
I don't ask for more,
My life is my God,
My country, my Corps."

The soldier rolled over
And drifted to sleep,
I couldn't control it,
I continued to weep.

I kept watch for hours,
So silent and still
And we both shivered
From the cold night's chill.

I didn't want to leave
On that cold, dark night,
This guardian of honor
So willing to fight.

Then the soldier rolled over,
With a voice soft and pure,
Whispered, "Carry on Santa,
It's Christmas day, all is secure."

One look at my watch,
And I knew he was right.
"Merry Christmas my friend,
And to all a good night."

Seasons Greetings



May the joy and excitement of the holidays
fill your heart and home.

Major General Alexander H. Burgin
The Adjutant General

Spousal group life insurance coverage opt-out ends Dec. 31

Troops who don't want spousal coverage in the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance program now have until Dec. 31 to cancel at no charge. This is a one-month extension on the initial Nov. 30 opt-out deadline widely reported in October.

New rules effective Nov. 1 provide SGLI participants with free \$10,000 coverage per child and low-cost spousal coverage of up to \$100,000.

Service members with personal SGLI coverage of \$100,000 or more are automatically enrolled for the maximum \$100,000 spousal coverage, said Navy Capt. Chris Kopang, DoD director of compensation. The accompanying premium will be deducted from military pay each month.

Spouse's coverage can be no higher than the member's, and so is limited if the member carries less than \$100,000 personal coverage, he explained. Spouse coverage must be elected in \$10,000 increments. Premiums are based on coverage and the spouse's age.

Spouse's age Rate per \$1,000 Maximum Monthly Premium

Under 35	\$.09	\$9
35-44	\$.13	\$13
45-49	\$.20	\$20
50-54	\$.32	\$32
55+	\$.55	\$55

Coverage for children up to age 18, or 23 if a fulltime student, is free and automatic, so long as the member participates in SGLI, Kopang said. Eligible Reserve component members receive the same family-member coverage with premiums being deducted from their drill pay, he said. But what if service members don't want spousal SGLI coverage? No problem — opt out of the Veterans Administration-sponsored coverage.

Kopang said troops who don't want spousal SGLI coverage need to visit their military personnel office to fill out and submit an "8286A" form. The forms are also available on the VA Web site at <http://www.insurance.va.gov/sglivgli/sglifam.htm>. Those who cancel in time will be reimbursed for any premiums

inadvertently withheld from their pay. Members should carefully weigh their choice, Kopang advised, especially if they currently have no spousal insurance.

The Retired Officers Association giving away 100 scholarships

The Retired Officers Association (TROA) is giving away scholarship money, and they ask for help in identifying deserving students from among the dependent children of members of the National Guard.

"Base/Post Scholarship" is a TROA program to honor 100 college-bound or current undergraduate students with individual \$1,000 scholarship grants for the 2002-2003 school year. These awards will be based entirely on merit: scholarship, citizenship, and leadership. TROA membership is not required and there are no need-based criteria, no essays and no fees. Students can apply, quickly and easily, simply by completing the on-line application located on their web site: www.troa.org.

To be eligible, a student must be under age 24, working on a first undergraduate degree, and a dependent child of an active duty service person—enlisted, warrant officer or officer. This includes members of the drilling Reserves and National Guard.

Applications must be received by midnight, March 1, 2002.

Oregon National Guard biathlon team looking for new members

The Oregon Army National Guard biathlon team is now recruiting for new members.

If you have an interest in shooting .22 caliber rifles and cross-country skiing, why not combine them in this exciting Olympic sport.

Team members are coached by a national biathlon team member, given all needed equipment, and funded to attend several camps and races (aside from drill weekends and annual training).

The National Guard Bureau also funds state teams to attend the NGB biathlon championships every year.

From these races, an "all-Guard" team

of 10 men and five women is chosen to train and represent the United States at international biathlon races. At the 1998 Winter Olympics, six of the nine biathletes were National Guard members.

For more information, contact Staff Sgt. Sonia Nicholson, state biathlon coordinator, at (541) 617-0726 or e-mail sro444@hotmail.com.

Youth Challenge Program graduates record numbers on Dec. 15

This December, all of the Oregon National Guard Youth Challenge cadets who took the Oregon certified GED test passed on the first try.

In the seven years the Youth Challenge Program has been changing the lives of youths, this pass rate has never happened before.

This was combined with a record 36 high school diplomas being issued to this class at their graduation on Dec. 15.

The success of Class 2001-2 is a reflection on each one of the teachers at the YCP.

It is also a team effort of dedicated support cadre and platoon staff who push the envelope to prepare the cadets for the rigors of school.

"They are a reflection of (the YCP staff) efforts, a reflection of the staff not giving up, and a reflection of why the Oregon National Guard is in the business of helping Oregon youth," Rick Demars, commandant of the YCP, said.

The youth who become YCP cadets are main-stream school district drop outs; the students who couldn't do it, the students who learn differently, and the students whom many said wouldn't graduate from a program like the Oregon National Guard's YCP.

A record 114 cadets graduated on Dec. 15 with accomplishments in education that others said could not happen.

Every cadet at YCP is leaving the program with a GED, high school diploma, or eight high school credits that will help them graduate from high school with their class.

Thank you, teachers, cadre and support staff for all that you give and all that you bring to the YCP.

Messages from America being recorded at Circuit City stores

Go to any Circuit City store before Dec. 31 and videotape your holiday wishes and messages of support for the extraordinary men and women serving overseas in the United States military.

Some of these messages will be broadcast on CBS prime time television and copies will be provided to the USO and Armed Forces Network so that they may be shown to our military personnel abroad.

For family members with a valid military ID, your personal message will be recorded onto a DVD, for you to send to your loved ones serving our country.

For more information, log onto www.messagefromamerica.com.

Let your voice be heard to your fellow soldiers and airmen

Read any stories on your unit in the *Azuwur* lately? If not, do you wonder why? What you read in the *Azuwur* is directly related to what units send in. The units covered are the ones who report what's happening.

The *Azuwur* has a small staff, and we can't be all over the state at the same time. There are not enough of us to call each Oregon Army and Air National Guard unit, much less visit each one to see what's happening.

Therefore, we must rely on you to tell us what's going on in your area. We ask for your help.

Each unit has been directed by the adjutant general to appoint a unit public affairs representative (UPAR). This person should be our pipeline to your unit's happenings. But anyone can send information in: all we need is the who, what, where, when, why and how of the story, and a name and number to contact for further information. We can use good photos, too.

We may rewrite, edit, shorten, and combine to fit your information in, but we do try to use everything we receive, even if we hold it for a later edition.

Call (503) 584-3887 or write *The Azuwur*, Public Affairs Office, Oregon Military Department, PO Box 14350, Salem, OR 97309.

Looking Back

The *Azuwur* staff recently found back issues of the paper dating to 1974. As the Oregon Guard continues to excel into the new millennium, we would like to run selected stories to look back into the past.

Pearl Harbor attack witnessed by Johnson

One of the first men to spot Japanese aircraft on their way to bomb Pearl Harbor Dec. 7, 1941 was First Sergeant Don Johnson, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, Salem.

After joining the Navy at 17 in September 1941, he was sent to Kanho bay, Hawaii, where he was member of a squadron which patrolled the area.

On the morning of Dec. 7, he and a friend were "halfway between the main gate and the barracks," when they spotted two planes heading their way. Dressed in whites and heading off to town, they weren't too concerned.

"We saw these two planes coming and they were lower than hell and going like mad," recalls Johnson. "They attacked some hangers and we wondered what

was going on. The guy I was with said they might be on maneuvers."

A marine stationed at the main gate yelled at us to get in the ditch. We thought he was crazy. We didn't want to get our whites all muddied up. Then the planes gunned an ammunition hill and flew right over the top of us. I looked up and saw the red dot on the wings and said this is for real. We headed for the ditch. "I can't prove it but I think we were the first ones to see the Japanese planes come in, He said.

Kanho bay is three miles from Pearl Harbor.

From the ditch Johnson and his companion went to the gate where there was mass confusion. People were trying to get in and out, he recalls.

"I looked up and here came a Japanese plane bearing down on the gate," says Johnson. "It might have killed hundreds of people but some soldiers out in the weeds, who were on Maneuvers, opened fire. So many rounds hit the plane that it bounced up in the air and then took off, smoking to the sea."

After his four-year hitch, Johnson came to Oregon to work at the Oregon State Prison as a correctional officer on the relief shift.

That started a career of 20 years. Three years in between he did police work in Stayton. Presently, he is the director of the forest camps and farms, which provide jobs for 270 inmates.

In 1949, he had a experience that rates

with the Japanese attack. He was taken hostage by three inmates with a knife, a sledgehammer and an iron pipe.

Johnson decided to join the Guard in 1952.

"I liked military life," says Johnson, "It's interesting and different. And I like the guys."

He spent nine years with Company D, 1st Battalion, 162nd Infantry. After quitting for eight months, he rejoined and became supply sergeant of his present detachment.

He now has 25 years of service in the Guard and plans to stay a few years longer.

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Retiree Focus

VA extends open enrollment, lowers outpatient co-pays

The White House has given the green light to extend the open enrollment program for veterans who seek VA health care, according to an announcement by the Retired Officer Association (TROA).

VA Secretary Tony Principi announced that outpatient co-pays are being lowered from \$50 to \$15 effective Dec. 1.

The TROA announcement indicated the VA secretary had been compelled to consider restricting further enrollment of non-service connected veterans and veterans with zero-percent, non-compensable, disabilities with incomes above a VA "means test" due to a projected funding shortage.

But the White House told Principi it would work with Congress to find the money needed to keep the program.

About 129,600 uniformed services retirees are enrolled in the category at issue, known as Priority Group 7 (PG-7).

Principi also announced that VA outpatient co-pays for PG-7 enrolled veterans and some PG-6 veterans being treated for non-service connected conditions would decrease from \$50 per visit to \$15.

The \$15 copay, was scheduled to go into effect Dec. 1.

The VA is raising prescription co-pays from \$2 to \$7 for medications for non-service-connected conditions, effective late January 2002.

DD Form 214—To record or not to record at courthouses

After years of being advised by various military and military related agencies to record their DD Form 214 at their local courthouse for safekeeping, members who are retiring and separating are now getting information to the contrary.

There is some evidence that recording the DD Form 214 may not be a wise decision, and definitely it's a decision that must be made on an individual basis.

Officials in the transition and relocation operations branch in the Air Force Personnel Center report that information has surfaced that a military member's identify was stolen as a result of an unscrupulous lawyer being able to obtain several thousand DD Forms 214 through courthouse public records.

These officials are now advising retired members who have registered their DD Form 214 with a local register-

ing agency that they should consider contacting that agency to ensure their DD Form 214 is being safeguarded from viewing by unauthorized individuals.

This must be handled on an individual basis because documents are not recorded and maintained the same in all counties in all states.

Officials report that if public access is authorized, it's conceivable that an unscrupulous person could obtain a copy for an unlawful purpose (e.g., to obtain a credit card in the retiree's name.).

In the event this public access is permitted, each retiree should attempt to have the document removed from county records.

Once this is done, each retired members should take steps to protect their DD Form 214 as they would any other sensitive document (wills, marriage and birth certificates, insurance policies).

Those affected individuals may wish to store the document in a safe deposit box or at some other secure location where it will be protected, ensuring the next of kin or another trusted person has immediate access to the form upon the death of the retired member.

Retired members who are not satisfied that their DD Form 214 is protected and who can't get it deleted from the county records may want to discuss the situation with their elected officials, making their views known regarding the privacy act issue of safeguarding a document containing personal information, specifically a Social Security number.

Transition officials report that they are now providing this background information to active members as they retire or separate so they can make an informed decision about this important and sensitive document.

Legislation unveiled regarding Arlington Cemetery burial rules

Congressman Chris Smith (NJ-4), Chairman of the House Committee on Veterans Affairs, has introduced legislation, H.R. 3423, to reform eligibility rules for burial of reservists at Arlington National Cemetery.

The Smith bill would change existing law by eliminating the age requirement for retired reservists who would otherwise be eligible for in-ground burial.

In addition, H.R. 3423 would allow in-ground burial of reservists who die in the line of duty while on training duty.

Smith's legislation would change the Army rule which is preventing Capt.

Charles Burlingame, the pilot of flight 77 which crashed into the Pentagon on September 11, from receiving full burial rights at Arlington.

"Burial at Arlington National Cemetery is an honor that we bestow upon those members of our armed forces for service above and beyond the call of duty," said Smith.

While it is understandable that the Army would want to maintain strict eligibility rules because of the limited capacity at Arlington, people like Burlingame should not be prevented from receiving the nation's highest tribute to the family of a deceased warrior, he said.

Furthermore, H.R. 3423 will provide the families of reserve members who die while performing training duty, such as weekend or two-week reserve duty, with the right to have an in-ground burial for their loved ones at Arlington.

"Given the increased responsibilities assigned to our Reserve and National Guard forces, I believe that a compassionate government should treat these reserve component members whose death is in the line of duty in the same manner as those active duty members whose death occurs in the line of duty," Smith said.

Since 1967, burials rights at Arlington have been limited to veterans and the families of veterans who were wounded in combat, died on active duty, received one of the military services highest awards for gallantry, were held as a prisoner of war, retired from military service or served in a high federal office.

In addition, the Department of Veterans Affairs administers 133 national cemeteries throughout the United States, and since 1980 has provided \$82 million in grants to states to establish or expand 42 state veterans cemeteries.

Last year, over 82,000 veterans and family members were interred in VA cemeteries and more than 14,000 veterans and family members were buried in state veterans cemeteries.

Agencies team up in war against Internet health fraud

...cures Alzheimer's and HIV/AIDS
...proven effective in treating over 650 infectious diseases

...recognized in scientific journals to be a revolutionary breakthrough in treating arthritis

These health product claims found on the Internet can provide hope for those suffering from painful or debilitating

diseases.

But they are false claims, leading to false hopes.

They are also fraudulent, illegal, and the cause of recent government enforcement actions against the companies that made them.

In the ongoing war against Internet health fraud, federal and state government organizations have united, in an effort dubbed Operation Cure-All, to crack down on unscrupulous marketers who use the Internet to prey on the sickest and most vulnerable consumers.

Operation Cure-All, a partnership of the Federal Trade Commission, the Food and Drug Administration, Health Canada (the Canadian federal health department), and various state attorneys general and state health departments, combines a law enforcement effort with a consumer education campaign.

Almost 100 million adults in the United States use the Internet to find health-related information, according to a poll conducted by the market research firm Harris Interactive.

"The Internet provides many benefits. But, its unique qualities—including broad reach, relative anonymity, and ease of creating new Web sites or removing old ones—pose new enforcement challenges," said Bernard A. Schwetz, DVM, PhD, acting principal deputy commissioner of the FDA.

In June, the FTC announced enforcement actions against six companies that fraudulently marketed health products on the Internet.

Five of the companies have agreed to settle the charges. Settlements included such actions as removal of all unsubstantiated claims for products, warnings about potential dangerous interactions with some prescription drugs, a notice to purchasers with an offer for a full refund, and agreement to pay fines for consumer redress.

The FTC has filed a complaint in federal district court against the sixth company.

Among the many false and unsubstantiated claims challenged in these recent cases were promises that: people could cancel their surgery, radiation or chemotherapy in favor of herbal cures that cost hundreds of dollars; a device that delivered mild electric current would kill the parasites that cause such serious diseases as cancer and Alzheimer's; and those with HIV or AIDS could use St. John's wort as a safe treatment for the disease. The FDA and FTC warn that St. John's wort may have dangerous interactions with other medications, including some proven HIV/AIDS medications.

Since the launch of Operation Cure-All in 1999, the FDA and FTC have won a number of battles against Internet health fraud.

All were required to remove their bogus claims from the Web.

In addition, the FTC estimates that more than 100 other Web sites have taken down their sites or removed their claims after the FTC contacted them.

"Consumers should avoid Web sites that promise quick and dramatic cures for serious diseases," says Howard Beales, director of the FTC's Bureau of Consumer Protection. "And they should always consult a physician or other health-care professional before using any product or treatment."

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Comparing the 'Arsenal of Democracy' after 60 years

60 years apart, Pearl Harbor and September 11 change the way Americans look at the world

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In the days immediately after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania, Americans groped to find ways to describe the event.

Time and again, commentators, politicians and just plain folks called the attacks "another Pearl Harbor."

Dec. 7, 2001, marks 60 years since the Japanese attack on the main bastion of American strength in the Pacific.

The attack precipitated America's entry into World War II.

On Dec. 8, 1941, President Franklin D. Roosevelt asked Congress to declare war on Japan.

He called Dec. 7 "a date that will live in infamy."

Sept. 11 and Dec. 7 are now linked in the public consciousness, though the attacks on those days aren't that similar, save their furtiveness.

On Dec. 7, 1941, the nation of Japan

attacked military bases on the then-remote U.S. territory of Hawaii, killing more than 2,500 people, mostly military members, and wounding thousands more.

On Sept. 11, 2001, Al Qaeda — an amorphous, stateless terrorist network — hijacked four U.S. commercial airliners and used them to attack targets in two mainland cities, killing some 4,000 people, mostly civilians.

What the two events have in common, however, is the galvanizing response of the American people.

After Pearl Harbor, Americans swamped recruiting stations seeking to enlist. Others calmly waited for draft notices. Still others went back to their jobs and began the work that would make the United States "the Arsenal of Democracy."

The country was unified.

Before Dec. 7, Roosevelt couldn't have gotten a declaration of war through Congress on a bet.

After Dec. 7, only one representative

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struggled through the Depression stepped forward to save the world.

Americans hadn't started the war, but they knew how to end it, knew exactly where to go and who to thrash.

After the attacks of Sept. 11, Americans felt unity.

They displayed that solidarity by flying the flag, donating more than a billion dollars to help victims' survivors and aid groups, and showing support for the nation in many other ways.

They felt as did President Bush, who, visiting the Pentagon shortly after a hijacked airliner had hit the building, told photographers, "I'm sad, but I'm angry, too."

But there was also frustration: The en-

voted against the declaration.

When Germany and Italy, Japan's allies, declared war on the United States days later, the conflict escalated into the first truly global war in the history of mankind.

The American generation that

emy is stateless yet state-supported and is nontraditional and unconventional.

America's typical responses were not options.

In his Sept. 20 speech to Congress, Bush said, "We are a country awakened to danger and called to defend freedom. Our grief has turned to anger, and anger to resolution. Whether we bring our enemies to justice or bring justice to our enemies, justice will be done."

Polls show the American people support the actions of the government to date. Support for military action in Afghanistan to destroy Al Qaeda terrorists and their sympathetic Taliban government hosts is also high.

These same polls show Americans are willing to be patient in going after terrorist groups.

Dec. 7 and Sept. 11 may have another thing in common: They are dates when the world changed.

"Dec. 7 was a turning point for the world and Sept. 11 should be no less so," Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz said Nov. 14 in a speech. "On 9-11, our generation received one of history's greatest wakeup calls. Like the 'Greatest Generation,' we must answer that call. As we do, we have the chance to make sure that the world that emerges will be better for our efforts."

The Revolutionary War 1775-1783

Washington crosses the Delaware
Dec. 25, 1776

During the American Revolution, Patriot General George Washington crosses the Delaware River with 5,400 troops, hoping to surprise a Hessian force celebrating Christmas at their winter quarters in Trenton, New Jersey.

At about 11 p.m. on Christmas, Washington's army commenced crossing the half-frozen river at three locations.

The 2,400 soldiers led by Washington successfully braved the icy and freezing river and reached the New Jersey side of the Delaware just before dawn.

Washington's men quickly overwhelmed the Germans' defenses, and by 9:30 a.m. the town was surrounded. Although several hundred Hessians escaped, nearly 1,000 were captured at the cost of only four American lives.

The victory was not particularly significant from a strategic point of view, but news of Washington's initiative raised the spirits of the American colonists, who previously feared that the Continental Army was incapable of victory.

War of 1812 1812-1815

War of 1812 ends
Dec. 24, 1814

The Treaty of Peace and Amity between His Britannic Majesty and the United States of America is signed by British and American representatives at Ghent, Belgium, ending the War of 1812.

By terms of the treaty, all conquered territory was to be returned, and commissions were planned to settle the boundary of the United States and Canada.

On Dec. 24, 1814, the Treaty of Ghent was signed, ending the war. Although the treaty said nothing about two of the key issues that started the war—the rights of neutral U.S. vessels and the impressment of U.S. sailors—it did open up the Great Lakes region to American expansion and was hailed as a diplomatic victory in the United States.

News of the treaty took almost two months to cross the Atlantic, and British forces were not informed of the end of hostilities in time to end their drive against the mouth of the Mississippi River.

On Jan. 8, 1815, a large British army attacked New Orleans and was decimated by an inferior American force under General Andrew Jackson in the most spectacular U.S. victory of the war.

The American public heard of the Battle of New Orleans and the Treaty of Ghent at approximately the same time, fostering a greater sentiment of self-confidence and shared identity.

The Civil War 1861-1865

Sherman arrives in front of Savannah
Dec. 10, 1864

Union General William T. Sherman completes his "March to the Sea" when he arrives in front of Savannah, Georgia.

Since mid-November, Sherman's army had been sweeping from Atlanta across the state to the south and east towards Savannah, one of the last Confederate seaports still unoccupied by Union forces. Along the way, Sherman destroyed farms and railroads, burned storehouses, and fed his army off the land. In his own words, Sherman intended to "make Georgia howl," a plan that was approved by President Lincoln and Ulysses S. Grant, general-in-chief of the Union armies.

The Spanish-American War 1898

Treaty of Paris ends Spanish-American War
Dec. 10, 1898

In France, the Treaty of Paris is signed, formally ending the Spanish-American War and granting the United States its first overseas empire.

The once-proud Spanish empire was virtually dissolved as the United States took over much of Spain's overseas holdings. Puerto Rico and Guam were ceded to the United States, the Philippines were bought for \$20 million, and Cuba became a U.S. pro-

tectorate.

Philippine insurgents who fought against Spanish rule during the war immediately turned their guns against the new occupiers, and 10 times more U.S. troops died suppressing the Philippines than in defeating Spain.

World War II 1941-1945

The United States declares war on Japan
Dec. 8, 1941

On this day, as America's Pacific fleet lay in ruins at Pearl Harbor, President Franklin Roosevelt requests, and receives, a declaration of war against Japan.

Leaning heavily on the arm of his son, a Marine captain, FDR walked haltingly into the House of Representatives at noon to request a declaration of war from the House and address the nation via radio.

"Yesterday," the president proclaimed, "December 7, 1941—a date which will live in infamy—the United States of America was suddenly and deliberately attacked by naval and air forces of the Empire of Japan. No matter how long it may take us to overcome this premeditated invasion, the American people in their righteous might will win through to absolute victory."

Roosevelt's 10-minute speech, ending with an oath—"So help us God"—was greeted in the House by thunderous applause and stamping of feet.

Within one hour, the president had his declaration of war, with only one dissenting vote, from a pacifist in the House.

FDR signed the declaration at 4:10 p.m., wearing a black armband to symbolize mourning for those lost at Pearl Harbor.

The Cold War 1945-1990

Bush orders US troops to Somalia
Dec. 4, 1992

President George H. Bush orders 28,000 U.S. troops to Somalia, a war-torn East African nation where rival warlords were preventing the distribution of humanitarian aid to thousands of starving Somalis.

Unfortunately, America's humanitarian

troops became embroiled in Somalia's political conflict, and the controversial mission stretched on for 15 months before being abruptly called off by President Bill Clinton in 1993.

On March 25, 1994, the last U.S. troops left Somalia, leaving 20,000 U.N. troops behind to facilitate "nation-building" in the divided country.

The U.N. troops departed in 1995 and political strife and clan-based fighting continued in Somalia into the 21st century.

The Vietnam War 1964-1975

Army captain awarded first Medal of Honor for action in Vietnam
Dec. 5, 1964

The first Medal of Honor awarded to a U.S. serviceman for action in Vietnam is presented to Capt. Roger Donlon of Saugerties, NY, for his heroic action.

Donlon and his Special Forces team were manning Camp Nam Dong, a mountain outpost near the borders of Laos and North Vietnam.

Just before 2 a.m. on July 6, 1964, hordes of Viet Cong attacked the camp.

He was shot in the stomach, but Donlon stuffed a handkerchief into the wound, cinched up his belt, and kept fighting.

He was wounded three more times, but he continued fighting.

Once the battle was over, Donlon allowed himself to be evacuated to a hospital in Saigon.

He spent over a month there before rejoining the surviving members of his Special Forces team; they completed their six-month tour in Vietnam in November and flew home together.

In a White House ceremony, with Donlon's nine surviving team members watching, President Lyndon B. Johnson presented him with the Medal of Honor for "conspicuous gallantry, extraordinary heroism and intrepidity at the risk of his own life above and beyond the call of duty."

Donlon, justifiably proud of his team, told the president, "The medal belongs to them, too."

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HHC/141 SPT

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SPC Alexander Bell
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