



VETS NEWS

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JIM WILLIS, DIRECTOR

Veterans Day 2005

A message from the Director

As we gather to observe Veterans Day 2005, we do so as citizens of a nation at war. While it has been called a Global War, it is in many ways as much a World War as any that has borne that name in the past.

We remember those veterans who were serving our nation at the U.S. Embassy in Tehran, Iran in November of 1979 when they were taken captive and held for 444 days.

We remember those veterans who were serving in the U.S. Embassy compound in Beirut, Lebanon where 63 people were killed.

We remember those veterans who later in 1983 were serving in Beirut and 241 of our service members were killed.

We remember those veterans who were serving in Madrid, Spain in 1985 and were targeted by a bomb at a local restaurant.

Also in 1985, we remember those veterans who were serving at Rhein-Main Air Base in Germany where a terrorist bomb killed 22.

All veterans remember when the attacks on our military and civilian citizens increased with the 1985 killing of an American on the Italian cruise ship Achille Lauro, the bombing of TWA Flight 840 killing four people in 1986 and the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland killing 259 people in 1988.

In January 1993, there was an attack on CIA headquarters in Langley, Virginia, which killed two CIA agents. In February 1993, the first attack on the World Trade

Center in New York killing six and injuring over 1000.

In November 1995, veterans remember when a car bomb exploded in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia killing seven U.S. service members. In 1996, the Khobar Towers were bombed in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia killing 19 and injuring over 500.

U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania have been attacked killing 224 people. In October 2000, veterans remember the attack on the *USS Cole* while refueling in Aden, Yemen killing 17 U.S. Navy sailors.

We all remember September 11, 2001 and the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center in New York City and continued terrorist attacks in Spain, England, Bali, the Philippines and so many more around the world.

On the front lines of this war and opposing this ongoing terrorist threat to our freedoms are America's finest. Our veterans of tomorrow, they deserve our support in this World War on Terrorism.

In addition, on Veterans Day 2005, we also honor those veterans of all wars who led the fight against dictators and tyrants around the world in defense of our freedom and the American way of life. Thank you all for your service to your communities, your state and our nation. May your service and sacrifice never be forgotten.



Jim Willis, Director

Governor Signs Veterans' Legislation



At a ceremony attended by several veterans, legislators and the Director of Veterans' Affairs Jim Willis, Governor Ted Kulongoski signed legislation to expand and enhance services offered to veterans including educational and veterans' home loan opportunities.

"Today we are here to honor the men and women who have served Oregon and our country through military service," said Governor Ted Kulongoski. "Too often, our soldiers are paid only in lip service, but with this package of legislation, we are making a commitment as a state to support those who risked their lives and their futures to defend us, our freedoms, and the principles that serve as the foundation of this great nation."

Senate Bill 223: Supports homeownership for Oregon veterans by increasing the maximum allowable veterans' home loan amount from 97 to 100 percent of the net appraised value, thus lowering up front costs to borrowers for a state veterans' home loan.

House Bill 2681: Requires school districts to issue high school diplomas to

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honorably discharged veterans who did not complete high school because of wartime military service (minimum Armed Forces Vocational Aptitude Battery score, GED certificate, or post-secondary degree required). Makes future combat veterans eligible for the benefit.

House Bill 3504: Enhances the Oregon Education Aid program by increasing the state financial aid rate from \$50 to \$150 per month for full time attendance at an accredited school or college including vocational programs. Payments not to exceed the total number of months served in the Armed Forces or a total of 36 months, whichever is less.

Creates the Oregon Veterans' Emergency Financial Assistance Program within the Department of Veterans' Affairs to provide emergency financial assistance to veterans and their immediate families for needs that include but are not limited to emergency or temporary housing and related housing expenses, such as expenses for utilities, insurance, house repairs, rent assistance or food; emergency medical or dental expenses; emergency transportation; expenses related to starting a business, such as business licenses or occupational licenses; temporary income after military discharge; and legal assistance.

Establishes the Oregon Troops to Teachers program to pay tuition for those veterans who attend college and commit to teaching in Oregon.

Directs the Oregon Military Department to reimburse the cost of hunting and fishing licenses for active members of the U.S. Armed Forces and service members who retired from the U.S. Armed Forces within 12 months of making application.

Senate Bill 1100: Establishes a program within the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs to enhance and expand the services provided to veterans, their dependents, and survivors by county veterans' service officers. Services include assistance with filing for benefits earned as a result of military service and appealing any denial of veterans' benefits.

Creates the Oregon Military Emergency Financial Assistance program in the Oregon Military Department to provide hardship grants and loans to members and immediate family of Oregon National Guard members on active duty.

For information about applying for these or other veterans' benefits, contact the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs at 503-373-2085 or 1-800-692-9666 or your county veterans' or national service officer (see list on page 11). The full text of Legislative Bills is available on the Oregon Legislative website www.leg.state.or.us.

Thanks to Grand Ronde Tribe

Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA) Director Jim Willis attended the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Tribal Council meeting in August. Director Willis expressed his appreciation for the wonderful working relationship the ODVA enjoys with the Grande Ronde Community.

Director Willis paid special tribute to the Grand Ronde Tribal Color Guard with the



Director Jim Willis (on right) presents a plaque of special recognition to Grand Ronde Tribal Color Guard members Gene LaBonte (left) and Carl Lambert (center).

presentation of a plaque thanking them for always being willing to assist and participate in events planned by the Department.

"The Grand Ronde Color Guard has never hesitated whenever the Department has asked for their assistance. Their presence and presentation of the Colors has enhanced events on a consistent basis. It is my pleasure to recognize their outstanding work before this Tribal Council," Willis said.

At the meeting, Tribal Council Jan Rieback received recognition from the American Legion for assistance provided to that organization.

VA Reviewing Some PTSD Claims

Following an internal study that found regional inconsistencies in the way Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) claims were decided, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is reviewing approximately 72,000 claims that were approved between 1999 and 2004 and were awarded full disability benefits for PTSD alone or in combination with other conditions.

If you have been contacted by the VA and informed that your disability compensation claim is under review, you are encouraged to contact the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs at 503-373-2085 or 1-800-692-9666 or your county veterans' service office (see list on page 11).

Korean War Veteran Appointed to Governor's Advisory Committee

Korean War veteran Irv Fletcher was appointed by Governor Ted Kulongoski in August to serve on the Advisory Committee to the Director of the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs.

Honorably discharged in 1954 after serving in the U.S. Navy as a machinist aboard the *USS Corregidor (CVE-58)*, Fletcher will complete the remaining term of Committee member Hal Jordan who passed away in April. Fletcher's term on the nine-member Committee will run through December 2006.

"Having an experienced advocate like Irv serving on our advisory committee is a big plus for all Oregon veterans," said Jim Willis, the Director of the Department of Veterans' Affairs. "He brings with him integrity and commitment."

In 1973 the late-Governor Tom McCall became the first of seven Oregon chief executives to appoint Fletcher to serve on state government committees. As a lobbyist in the Oregon Legislature, Fletcher played a role in gaining legislative approval for the Labor Education and Research Center, which was established at University of Oregon in 1977.

Fletcher taught as a junior high teacher for 12 years in Klamath Falls, worked for the Department of Corrections, the Apprenticeship Information Center, and then served as president of the Oregon AFL-CIO from 1981 to 1999. Following his retirement, Fletcher renewed his teaching credentials and also has been very involved in the local Woodburn food bank delivering food to seniors. Irv and his wife Eva reside in Woodburn.



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Oregon Veteran Receives National PVA Honors

The Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA) has named F. David Parker of Portland, as the recipient of its 2005 Speedy Award in the member category. A former member of the Governor's Advisory Committee to the Director of Veterans' Affairs (VAAC), Parker received the award in August during PVA's 59th Annual Convention in Omaha, Nebraska.

The Speedy Award, PVA's highest honor, acknowledges the outstanding accomplishments of both PVA members and non-members in the field of paraplegia.

After 25 years of service to his country, Parker retired from the U.S. Marine Corps as a highly decorated officer. He served two tours in Vietnam, receiving numerous medals for his performance as well as a field commission. After Vietnam, Parker continued his service working with the Marine Corps Research and Development Center before receiving a disabling injury.

Parker has served over 20 years in a variety of leadership positions with the PVA, including national president (1989-1990).

"In receiving the Speedy Award, it gives me extreme pride to see my name added to a list of paralyzed heroes who, individually and collectively, have spent nearly 60 years making the Paralyzed Veterans of America the organization it is today," Parker said. "I have spent nearly 25 years performing a labor of love as a volunteer for PVA at the local and national levels. At every turn, I thank those who have provided me a support group as I overcame a spinal cord injury and went on to make my life a success."

His advocacy for the disabled and veteran communities is not limited to PVA. Parker also chaired the United Veterans Groups of Oregon and the VAAC. Parker worked extensively with the Oregon Legislature to help establish a state veterans' home and has worked tirelessly for the Disabled Volunteer Enforcement Program.

- NOTICE - Loan Payments

A reminder to all Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs state veterans' home loan holders that payments deposited in the drop box at the Oregon Veterans' Building located at 700 Summer Street N.E. in Salem, after 5 p.m. on Friday, December 30, 2005, will be processed the next business day on Tuesday, January 3, 2006.

WWII, Korean War Veterans Receive Medals

It may have taken 60 years, but two Oregon veterans were presented with military service medals earned during service in Korea and in World War II. Russell Little, 86, of Salem and Lawrence Plaisance, 80, of Portland officially received their medals within a week of each other.

The ODVA's Deputy Director Paula Brown joined Bill Ward from Congresswoman Darlene Hooley's office, on September 26, in presenting Little with medals he earned years earlier as a Military Policeman along with service ribbons and sergeant's chevrons neatly arranged in a shadow box. Little's family including his wife, Edna, were among the crowd at the ceremony held on the Capitol steps in Salem.

"This is the first time I've received something for the work I did. It's something I'm very happy and proud to get and I thank all of you for being here," Little said.

In early October retired Portland police officer and veteran of both WWII and the

Korean War, Lawrence Plaisance received the Prisoner of War Medal and the Republic of Korea War Service Medal. A public ceremony was held at the Oregon Korean War Memorial in Wilsonville.

Plaisance participated in the invasion of Inchon, the recapture of Seoul, Korea, and two other major campaigns, and served in the U.S. Coast Guard during World War II in the European and Pacific theatres. Plaisance was among 100 troops captured in 1950 by the

Communist Chinese during the battle at the Chosin Reservoir. He was in captivity less than five days before he helped overpower and kill two guards, escaping to rejoin the famed 1st Marine Division.

Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs Director Jim Willis coordinated and emceed the official medal presentation ceremony. Marine Corps Major Jason White presented the Prisoner of War Medal and the Republic of Korea War Service Medal.



ODVA Deputy Director Paula Brown joined Bill Ward of Congresswoman Darlene Hooley's office in presenting Russell Little of Salem (center), with Military Medals he had never received.

Oregon Women Veterans Conference Coming March 2006



Planning committee meetings for the 2006 Oregon Women Veterans Conference are being held monthly with Val Conley, Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs Women Veterans Coordinator, heading up the Committee.

The purpose of the conferences, which are held every other year, is to provide Oregon's women veterans with information regarding programs and services that are available to them and information about benefits they have earned as a result of their military service.

The upcoming one-day conference is scheduled to be held on Thursday, March 23, 2006 at the Linn County Expo Center in Albany, Oregon. Other event details are still being finalized.

Continue to look for updates and information about the 2006 Oregon Women Veterans Conference in upcoming issues of the *VETS NEWS*.



Friends of the Home

Donations to the Oregon Veterans' Home Trust Fund continue to be received. We are deeply appreciative of the thoughtfulness and generosity of an ever-growing number of Friends of the Home. Those who contributed during the months of August and September 2005 are listed below:

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 Anna Markman
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Prescription Fraud Alert

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has received several reports of veterans receiving calls from a company soliciting personal information such as social security and credit card numbers and falsely indicating that it is dispensing prescriptions to veterans for the VA.

Veterans have reported being contacted by callers claiming to be representatives of a company called Patient Care Group (PCG) indicating that veterans prescriptions will be dispensed through PCG as a result of a change to the VA's prescription program and that veterans need to provide a credit card number to ensure they continue to receive their medications.

According to the VA, it has not changed its process for receiving or dispensing prescription medications. If contacted by PCG, veterans are advised not to provide personal information. They are also advised to notify the Better Business Bureau of Oregon at 503-226-3981.

Honor Veterans - Make a Donation

The Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs is contacted regularly by those searching for a way to honor and pay tribute to veterans who served this great nation in the U.S. Armed Forces, often at great personal sacrifice. Those who left the security of their homes and families, forfeited opportunities and offered their service without regard for themselves. Those who stepped into harm's way and served as a buffer between freedom and the threats to its stability.

A perfect way to pay tribute to those who served in the military, and at the same time have a positive impact on the lives of veterans is to make a donation to the Oregon Veterans' Home. You can be assured that 100% of your donation goes directly to enhancing the lives of veterans residing at the Home located in The Dalles.

To make your tax-deductible contribution, simply use the gift form located on page 5. Donations can be made in honor or memory of a veteran. Donations are greatly appreciated and receive recognition by the Director. As a State-owned facility (has received no state tax dollars), the Oregon Veterans' Home belongs to you. Please donate to your Home!

Veterans' Home Gets New Administrator

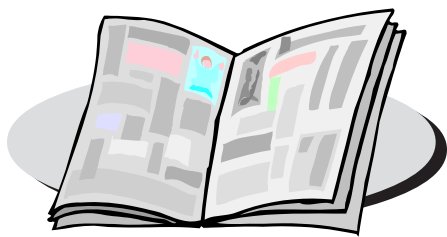
Cheryl Maitland has been appointed as the new administrator for the Oregon Veterans' Home in The Dalles. Maitland was appointed by Veterans Care Centers of Oregon, the contact operator hired by the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs to operate the Home.

A senior administrator at the Hood River Care Center since 2001, Maitland also served as the center's director of nursing from 1991-2001 and directed the facility's community marketing program. Although not a veteran, Maitland brings with her a strong passion and commitment to veterans having been the widow of a Navy veteran and having come from a family of several veterans.

Maitland replaces Dave Looper who recently retired. Looper had been the Home's administrator since 2003.

Opened in 1997, the Oregon Veterans' Home is a **Medicare** and **Medicaid** certified nursing care facility, which offers long-term healthcare and provides professional medical, nursing, rehabilitative, social and other support services exclusively for Oregon's veterans and their spouses.

The Oregon Veterans' Home is located at 700 Veterans' Drive in The Dalles. Admission information can be obtained by calling 1-800-846-8460.



Magazine Subscription Program

Thanks to the generosity of donors to the Magazine Subscription Program, veterans residing at the Oregon Veterans' Home enjoy reading current magazines.

The individuals listed below have recently joined dozens of previous donors to this meaningful program. Their generosity is greatly appreciated by our veteran residents.

C.R. Waite
Dale D. Draper
Earl D. Reed
Al & Kris Panacy
Richard C. Cutler

For information concerning the Magazine Subscription Program, please contact Roxane Kuehl at the Oregon Veterans' Home by calling 1-800-846-8460 or 541-296-7152 or by e-mailing kuehlr@odva.state.or.us.

OVMA Makes Donation to Veterans' Home

By *Debbie Cantrell*

On Saturday, August 13th, more than 50 motorcyclists from all over Oregon rolled up to the Oregon Veterans' Home. In addition to visiting war memorials on their annual POW-MIA ride, the Oregon Veterans' Motorcycle Association (OVMA) visited the Veterans' Home and made a donation of two 52" flat screen televisions in memory of Al Eastman. A POW-MIA memorial statue, created by Dave Boyce, was also donated for display in the Home's lobby.

The Wilco-Jackson Chapter of the OVMA, raised funds for the donation by selling a Gold Wing Motorcycle, which once belonged to Al Eastman. A retired police officer from Clatskanie, Eastman was killed in a tragic accident.

George Jackson, President of the Wilco-Jackson Chapter, and his wife Mary Alice who is also a member of the OVMA, are no strangers to the Oregon Veterans' Home. Both are active volunteers for the facility and are

always ready and willing to lend a hand. The Jacksons have been involved in the OVMA Wilco-Jackson Chapter for more than ten years. The Chapter meets in Portland on the second Saturday of every month. OVMA has a membership of over 500 in ten chapters statewide. State meetings are held once a month in Albany, Oregon. The organization meets locally once a month and holds a large conference in Albany annually.

In addition to making donations to the Oregon Veterans' Home, their goal is to come together to raise money and assist veterans in need. Owning a motorcycle is not required for membership, just a love for veterans. For more information about OVMA, you can contact George Jackson at 541-544-2119, or State President, Russ "Kodiak" Wilson at 503-709-5285.

Oregon Veterans' Home Gift Form

"Give to those who have already given of themselves"

Charitable donations made to the Oregon Veterans' Home in any monetary amount are welcome and greatly appreciated. All donors receive a special letter of thanks from the Director of Veterans' Affairs and have their name included in the donor registry located in the lobby of the Home. If your gift to the Oregon Veterans' Home is:

- \$35 - \$64, you will receive one Oregon Veterans' Home remembrance pin. Remembrance pins are designed especially for our valued donors. The distinctive emblems can be worn on a lapel, vest, jacket, blouse, hat or tie.
- \$65 - \$99, you will receive two remembrance pins.
- \$100 or more, you will receive two remembrance pins and for one year your name will appear on the "Wall of Gratitude", the Home's donor recognition display, which is prominently located in the lobby area of the Home (updated annually).

Here is my gift in the amount of: _____

I prefer not to receive an emblem

Check is enclosed (Please make checks payable to the "Oregon Veterans' Home".)

Credit Card: VISA MasterCard

Account #: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Signature: _____

I am making my donation to the Oregon Veterans' Home

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Please send my "Remembrance Emblem(s)" to:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____ Zip: _____

Send acknowledgements to: Name & Address: _____

Your gift qualifies for a charitable contribution tax deduction.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE OREGON VETERANS' HOME
The Place Where Honor Lives!

Please clip this form and mail with your donation to:

Oregon Veterans' Home, c/o ODVA, 700 Summer Street NE, Salem, OR 97301-1285



Veterans Da

Albany

Nov. 10 - 6 p.m. – “Veteran of the Year” Banquet at the American Legion Post 10, 1215 S.E. Pacific Blvd. Guest Speaker: ODVA Director Jim Willis. By reservation only.

Contact: Veterans Commemoration Association, 541-367-8323

Nov. 11 - 8 a.m. – Memorial Service at Eleanor Hackleman Park, 654 Pine St. S.E.

10 a.m. – Veterans Day Parade starts at the overpass on Pacific Highway, and then right on Lyons, left on 2nd to Ferry St., left to 4th, left to the Courthouse at 300 3rd Ave. S.W. An Air National Guard F-15 flyover has been requested.

12:30 p.m. – Award Ceremony on the steps of the Courthouse.

Contact: Veterans Commemoration Association, 541-367-8323

Aloha

Nov. 11 - 6 p.m to 8 p.m. – American Legion Post 104, 20325 S.W. Alexander St., will be serving a ham dinner. Cost: \$7.

Contact: Marty, 503-642-4907

Astoria

Nov. 11 - 9 a.m. – National Guard Band Concert at Fort Stevens prior to "Destination, The Pacific," a national Lewis and Clark opening ceremony signature event.

10 a.m. – Ceremony at Fort Stevens. National Anthem to be sung by Katie Harman, Miss America 2002. Tribal welcome, Joe Scovell, Chairman, Clatsop/Nehalem tribe. Guest speakers: Oregon Gov. Ted Kulongoski and Washington Gov. Christine Gregoire, Oregon's Adjutant General Maj. Gen. Raymond F. Rees, and Maj. Gen. Timothy Lowenberg. F-15 and HH-60 Blackhawk flyovers, military exhibits and displays, 105 Howitzer 21-gun salute.

Contact: MAJ Alisha Hamel, Lewis and Clark Special Projects Officer, 503-584-3573

Beaverton

Nov 11 - 11 a.m - Memorial Park between S.W. 7th and S.W. 9th. Speakers: Congresswoman Darlene Hooley, Brig. Gen. Doug Pritt, Oregon Army Guard, Col. Brad Applegate, Oregon Air Guard, and Mayor Rob Drake. Beaverton Community Band will perform. F-15 flyover has been requested.

Bob Cauffman, American Legion Post 124, 503-524-8465.

Bend

Nov. 11 – 11 a.m. – Veterans Day Parade. Registration runs through Nov. 7 at VFW Post 1643. Participants should assemble before 10:30 a.m., downtown at the corner of Louisiana and Bond. Following the parade, there will be an open house at VFW Post 1643, on N.E. 4th St. An F-15 flyover by the Oregon Air National Guard has been requested.

Contact: Mike Ward 541-330-4677 (after 1 p.m.)

12:45 p.m. – Deschutes County Veterans Memorial Dedication in front of the County Courthouse downtown on Bond St. following the Parade.

1 p.m. – Chili Cook-off Challenge at VFW Post 1643, on N.E. 4th St. This is a benefit event for local Veterans' organizations.

Contact: County Veterans' Services Office, 541-385-3214

Nov. 12 – 10 a.m. – The Veterans Day/Marine Corps Birthday 5K run / 1 mile walk in downtown Bend. Register online at www.vetsdayrun.homestead.com.

Eugene

Nov. 6 - 1:30 p.m. - Veterans Day Parade begins at Lane County Fairgrounds on 13th Street.

Contact: Dan, 541-345-5395

Eagle Point

11 a.m. – VA Southern Oregon Rehabilitation Center/City of Eagle Point Veterans Parade. An Air National Guard F-15 flyover has been requested.

Grants Pass

Nov. 10 – 1 p.m. – Veterans Parade beginning at 1200 S.E. Harvey Drive.

Nov. 10 – 1 p.m. – Veterans Day Ceremony at the Riverside School gymnasium. There will be special student patriotic music and presentations.

Contact: 541-474-5780, ext 137

Hood River

Nov. 11 – 8 to 10:30 a.m. – Breakfast, sponsored by the American Legion Post 22 and Auxiliary, will be served at the Elks Lodge, 304 Cascade Ave.

11 a.m. – Veterans Day Ceremony, at Overlook Park located at 2nd and State Streets. Guest speaker will be Hood River native Major Mike Allegre, Oregon Air National Guard, and an ODVA employee. An Air National Guard F-15 flyover has been requested.

Contact: Linda Adams, 541-386-1080

Klamath Falls

Nov. 11 – 7 to 9 a.m. – Free breakfast for all veterans at the National Guard Armory on Shasta Way, sponsored by the Vietnam Veterans of America.

10 a.m. Veterans Day Parade at Main and Spring Streets, ending at Veterans Memorial Park, at the intersection of Main Street and Highway 97. There will be a ceremony at Courthouse Memorial Shaft, followed by the activities listed below:

- American Legion Stew Lunch at 228 North 8th St., 541-884-0066
- Marine Corps League Spaghetti Feed at 1019 Main St., 541-882-1775
- VFW Chili Feed at 515 Klamath Ave., 541-882-0057

Contact: Joe Collins, 541-884-0074

La Grande

Nov. 11 - 11 a.m. – American Legion Post 43 Veterans Parade. Parade route is on Adams Ave.

LaPine

Nov. 11 - 11 a.m. Veterans Day Ceremony at the LaPine Community Cemetery. Following the ceremony, there will be an open house at the American Legion Post 45 at 52532 Drafter Road.

6 p.m. U.S. Marine Corps' 230th Birthday dinner at American Legion Post 45.

Contact: Pat Cotton, 541-536-1402

McMinnville

Nov. 6 – 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. – Annual Veterans Parade downtown. The parade forms between 2nd and 3rd streets on Kirby.

Contact: Hoss Hostetler at American Legion Hall 503-435-2218

Evergreen Aviation Museum Special Events, 500 N.E. Captain Michael King Smith Way

- Nov. 5 – 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.** – Air Force Day (special veteran, Air Force presentations all day)
- Nov. 11 – 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.** – Spruce Goose cargo deck tours; SR-71 cockpit viewings, Children's Interactive Center is open.
- 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.** – B-17 walk-through (\$3 per person, no charge for veterans)
- 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** – Red Cross Blood Drive
- 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.** – Veterans Day Ceremony, featuring Willamette University Master Chorus, P-47 pilot, Dave Gianakos, and presentations by veterans of each war.

Contact: Nicole Wahlberg, 503-434-4006

Website: www.sprucegoose.org

Medford

Nov. 11 – 10 a.m. – Volunteers who completed the placement and dedication of a restored U.S. Air Force KC-97 aircraft at the airport will be honored along with all veterans past and present. The event is sponsored by the Jackson County Airport, 541-776-7228.

2 p.m. – KWVA/VA Southern Oregon Rehabilitation Center will host a Medford Veterans Memorial Park Ceremony. Guest speaker: ODVA Director Jim Willis.

Events 2005

Milton-Freewater

Nov. 11 – 7 to 8:30 a.m. – Veterans Day Breakfast at American Legion Hall on 8th Ave.

11 a.m. Veterans Day Parade. All participants, floats, horses, etc... be at the Zip-Trip Store and line up before 10:30 a.m.

Noon – Spaghetti Lunch at National Guard Armory, 149 S. Main St., Cost: \$2; Veterans are free.

4:30-6:30 p.m. – Veterans Day Chili Feed at the Elks Lodge, 611 N. Main St. Cost: \$4; Veterans free.

7-9 p.m. – “Tribute to Veterans and Troops” at the Elks Lodge, sponsored by the Elks.

Contact: Alice Thomsen,
541-938-6889

Email: alicethomsen@charter.net

Milwaukie

Nov. 11 – 1 p.m. – American Legion Post 180 hosting an open house pot-luck (2 p.m.) and live music from 4-6 p.m., at 2146 SE Monroe Street. All veterans and their families are welcome. There is no charge. Post members will share their prepared foods. Post 185 musicians will play patriotic music.

Contact: Dee Sharpes, 503-557-7125.

Ontario

10 a.m. (MST) – 4th Annual Veterans Day Parade sponsored by American Legion Post 67. The parade route is through the downtown area and continuing on to the Evergreen Cemetery located on South Park Blvd. A short memorial ceremony, conducted by Post 67 at the American Legion Memorial will honor all veterans.

Contact: Bill Thomson, 541-889-6649,
Tue. – Thur., 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. (MST)

Portland

Nov. 11 - 10 a.m. – Hollywood District Community Parade. Veterans, guests and local high school bands march from N.E. 40th and Tillamook to N.E. 48th and Sandy Blvd. Grand Marshal and guest speaker: State Sen. Rick Metsger. Oregon Air National Guard flyover has been requested.

Contact: Lynn Porter, 503-281-1800

Prineville

Nov. 6 – 1 to 3 p.m. – The American Legion and Auxiliary will prepare and serve a traditional ham dinner to all veterans, their families, and Blue Star families, at the Veterans' Club, 405 N. Main St. No charge for the dinner; donations will be accepted.

Nov. 11 – 11 a.m. – Veterans Day Parade will start behind the Crook County Courthouse, 300 N.E. 3rd St., and continue to the POW/MIA Memorial in Ochoco Creek Park.

7 p.m. – Veterans Day Appreciation Ceremony, “A Salute to All Services,” in the Crook County High School Auditorium. School bands and choirs will perform; a flag salute will be given by the Junior ROTC plus, other patriotic presentations. Brief comments from elected officials and other guest speakers.

Contact: Master Chief (ret.) Donny
Jackson at

Donny.Jackson@crookcounty.k12.or.us

Redmond

Nov. 11 - 11 a.m. – Veterans Day Parade in downtown Redmond. VFW Post 4108 will host a Chili Feed from 12-2 p.m. following the parade at the Post at 339 SW Veterans' Way. Sponsored by VFW Post 4108, American Legion Post 44, and the City of Redmond.

Contact: Dan Tureck, VFW Post 4108,
541-923-3534.

Roseburg

Nov. 11 - 11 a.m. – Douglas County Veterans Day Parade. Grand Marshals will be Vietnam Veterans. Purple Heart recipients will lead the rest of the parade. This year's theme is “Got Freedom? Thank a Veteran!”

6 a.m. to 10 a.m. Pancake Breakfast at the American Legion in Roseburg.

Contact: Sharon Carlson, 541-440-1000

Salem

Nov. 11 - 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. – American Legion Post 9 is hosting a free breakfast for veterans and their families, Knights of Columbus Hall, 725 Shipping St. N.E.

Nov. 11 - 11:15 a.m. – “Patriotic Tribute to Our Veterans,” Salem Senior Center, corner of Capitol and Erixon St. N.E. Guest speaker to be announced. Entertainment by *Two Sisters Trio* performing World War II era-music. American Legion Post 9 and DAV Post 6 will post the Colors. Noon meal provided: \$3 per person.

Contact: Salem Senior Center,
503-588-6303

Nov. 11 - 7 p.m. – Salem Towne ceremony for residents, families and guests honoring all veterans. Several Oregon Army National Guard soldiers who have served in Iraq will receive special honors. Patriotic music sing-along, Army National Color Guard, special honors presented to one World War II veteran, bagpipe music. Guest speaker: Congresswoman Darlene Hooley. Refreshments will follow. Salem Towne's Auditorium is at 2900 Oakcrest Drive, N.W., off of Wallace Road N.W.

Contact: Lew Crites, 503-588-7625

Nov. 12 at 7 p.m., and Nov. 13 at 3 p.m. –

“Honoring Americans Past and Present” featuring the Willamette Masters Chorus at Willamette University, Hudson Hall, in the Rogers Music Center. Tickets at Jackson's Books, 503-399-8694 or www.willamettemasterschorus.org.

Sandy

Nov. 12 – 10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. – Ceremonial tribute hosted by VFW Post 4273 and Auxiliary at the Sandy Veterans Memorial Statue at Hwy. 26 and State Hwy. 211. Cedar Ridge Middle School band, Color Guard, and rifle team. A community potluck is at 12 p.m. at Post 4273, 38452 Proctor Blvd.

Contact: Al Foust, 503-637-3164

Scappoose

Nov. 11 – VFW Post 4362 is sponsoring a Veterans Day service at the VFW Memorial.



There will be a breakfast at the Scappoose Senior Center, in conjunction with this event from 8 a.m. to noon. Keynote speaker is Col. Michael C. Howard, U.S. Marine Corps. An Oregon Air National Guard F-15 fly-over has been requested.

Contact: Ron Urban, 503-543-7482

The Dalles

Nov. 11 - 11 a.m. – Mid-Columbia Veterans Day Parade on 8th Street.

1 p.m. – VFW Post 2471 will have a potluck dinner and Veterans Day program at the National Guard Armory, 6th and Webber Street.

Contact: Les Cochenour, 541-298-5692

Tillamook

Nov. 11 – The Tillamook Air Museum is commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the end of World War II.

8-11 a.m. – S.O.S. Breakfast.

10 a.m. - Noon – Veterans Day Program speakers: Col. William Hatton, USMC, and Capt. Frank Wolf, USAF, Civil Air Patrol. Music provided by the Tillamook Community Band. The public is invited. Flyover by Oregon Air Guard F-15 jets has been requested. Free admission for all veterans.

Contact: Tillamook Air Museum,
503-842-1130

Warrenton

Nov. 11 – 8 a.m. – Breakfast at the city's Community Center, 170 S.W. Third Street.

3 p.m. – Camp Rilea, Warrior Hall, "Freedom Team" Salute Ceremony honoring a cross section of veterans from each era of history.

Contact: MAJ Alisha Hamel, Lewis
and Clark Special Projects Officer,
503-584-3573

White City

Nov. 11 – 10 a.m. – Southern Oregon Rehabilitation Center and Clinics Ceremony, in the Theatre. Guest speaker: Col. Tom Scheiss, Commander, 173rd Fighter Wing, Oregon Air National Guard. Rogue Valley Symphony Band to perform. An F-15 flyover by the Air National Guard has been requested.

Contact: Anna Diehl, 541-830-7583

Wilsonville

Nov. 11 to 13 – Korean War Veterans Association Oregon Trail Chapter, at the Korean War Memorial, will be on site to answer questions about the memorial and be of service during daylight hours. The Memorial is located off Interstate 5, about 10 miles south of Portland.

Distinguished Marines Postage Stamps



The U.S. Postal Service will release a long-awaited block of stamps titled ‘Distinguished Marines’ on November 10th, marking the 230th Anniversary of the U.S. Marine Corps. The stamps honor four Marine Corps heroes; Gunnery Sergeant John Basilone, Sergeant Major Daniel J. Daly, Lieutenant General John A. Lejeune and Lieutenant General Lewis B. (Chesty) Puller.

Gunnery Sergeant John Basilone, also known as “Manila John”, fought on Guadalcanal with the 1st Marine division in 1942 and was awarded the Medal of Honor for his heroism. Sergeant Major Dan Daly is one of only two Marines in history to receive the nations’ highest military award – the Medal of Honor – twice for separate acts of heroism. Lieutenant General Lejeune was the first Marine to command an Army division and later became Commandant of the Marine Corps. Lewis B. Puller known affectionately by all his fellow Marines as “Chesty”, was a battalion commander and regimental commander with the 1st Marine Division during World War II and the Korean War, rising to the grade of Lieutenant General in recognition of his service.

Each of the stamps will feature a picture of the respective hero and the military insignia of the military unit with which he was most identified.



Additional note: In addition the U.S. Mint is issuing the 2005 Marine Corps 230th Anniversary Silver dollar. This is the first time the U.S. has honored a branch of the military with a commemorative coin. Surcharges from the sale of 2005 Marine Corps Silver Dollars will be paid to the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation to help construct the National Museum of the Marine Corps in Quantico, Virginia. Information about the commemorative Marine Corps Silver Dollar is located at the website of the U.S. Mint, www.usmint.gov/mint_programs/.

More information about the release of the Distinguished Marines postage stamps can be found at the U.S. Postal Service website, www.usps.com/communications/news/promotions.htm.

New Survivor Benefits Website

A new resource tool has been developed by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to assist the survivors of military personnel who died either while on active duty or who died after leaving military service. The new tool is an Internet website which provides users with information about a wide range of benefits for the surviving spouse, dependent children, and dependent parents of deceased active-duty personnel and veterans.

The website is organized into two general categories – death in service and death after service. While most benefits are the same regardless of whether the service member or veteran died on active duty or during civilian life, the death in service portion does include additional information specific to death in service issues.

The site also contains information from and links to, other federal agencies and organizations such as the Department of Defense and the Social Security Administration that provide benefits and services to survivors and dependents.

The website is located at www.vba.va.gov/survivors/. If you have questions or plan to apply for benefits, you are encouraged to contact your local county veterans’ service office (see listing on page 11) or contact the Oregon Department of Veterans’ Affairs at 503-373-2085 or toll free at 1-800-692-9666. Application for veterans’ benefits is a complex process. The assistance of these professionals is provided at no cost.

Preserving Oregon’s History

Established in 1974, the Oregon Military Museum honors, showcases and preserves Oregon’s remarkable military history through its artifact, library and archive collections. Features include the 1911 Battery A Field Artillery Barn that houses a display of rare artillery, and a World War II Quonset Hut with displays relating to aviation.

Located on the grounds of Camp Withycombe in Clackamas, Oregon, the main museum building’s exhibits pay tribute to Oregon’s military heritage from the nineteenth century through the present with aircraft, artwork, equipage, insignia, ordnance, tanks, uniforms and vehicles.



Living Historians dressed in WWII era uniforms stand in front of a “Priest” Howitzer Motor Carriage M7.

Programs and services include a reference library, a technical library, and archived documents and photographs available for research by appointment. Museum staff provides tours, gallery talks, and in-house educational activities. Tours of the Restoration Shop are also available. The museum hosts special events such as an annual Living History Day and offers volunteer opportunities.

Public visiting hours for the museum are Friday and Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and by appointment. For more information, contact the museum at 503-557-5359, or visit the museum’s website www.swiftview.com/~ormilmuseum/.

VA Overpayment Waivers

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) will make efforts to recover payments made to veterans, which are determined to be overpayments. Repayment of funds received can create a hardship on the veteran and the veteran’s family. Under certain circumstances, a waiver of the debt can be received from the VA.

Veterans who have been notified by the VA of overpayment are encouraged to contact the Oregon Department of Veterans’ Affairs 1-800-692-9666 or 503-373-2085 or their county veterans’ or national service officer (see list on page 11).

Resources for Returning Service Members

If you have been deployed, or know someone who has, you are aware that both deployment and returning home from deployment can be stressful. Military OneSource was created to assist service members with those stresses. Military OneSource is a free information and referral service available 24 hours a day, seven-days-a-week. It is available worldwide to active duty, Reserve, and National Guard military members and their families and deployed civilians and their families.

Military OneSource provides information ranging from every day concerns to deployment/reintegration issues. If face-to-face counseling is needed, Military OneSource can provide a referral for six sessions per issue with professional civilian counselors at no cost to the military or family member (only available in the United States and Puerto Rico).

Military OneSource can be contacted through its website located at www.militaryonesource.com (user id: military; password: onesource) or by calling 1-800-342-9647 (in the U.S.) or 800-3429-6477 (outside of the U.S. - must dial all 11 numbers, which includes the country code).

Legion of Honor Medals

U.S. veterans who participated in the liberation of France during World War II may be eligible for one of France's highest decorations, the Legion of Honor Medal. To apply for consideration for the medal, veterans must submit discharge documentation (Department of Defense Form DD-214) or similar documentation, which shows their participation in actions during one or more of the major campaigns. The campaigns under consideration are: Normandy, Southern France, Northern France and the Ardennes.

Previous military awards, such as the Medal of Honor, the Silver Star or Bronze Star, the Purple Heart or others, would be indicators of meritorious actions during these campaigns. Copies of these documents should be forwarded along with discharge documentation and a request for consideration for the French Legion of Honor to:

French Consulate,
Attn: Mr. Ludovic David,
540 Bush Street,
San Francisco, California 94108

The Legion of Honor Committee in Paris, France, will review the applications. Based upon its members' approval, 100 medals will be bestowed upon U.S. veterans per year. Those selected will have the medal presented to them either at their homes or at a public ceremony during a patriotic holiday.

ODVA's Booth at State Fair Visited by Thousands

Each year, the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA) employees staff a booth at the State Fair to provide information about veteran, survivor, and dependent benefits earned by veterans as a result of their military service. At the 2005 Oregon State



Visitors to the Oregon State Fair pause to reflect upon the ODVA's Memorial Wall display.

Fair, employees spoke individually with hundreds of veterans during the 11-day Fair. Thousands of Fair goers visited the Department's booth.

A big attraction at this year's booth was the Memorial Wall that contained photographs of Oregon's fallen military service members who served in Iraq and Afghanistan. The Memorial Wall was the idea and creation of several ODVA employees. Thousands of booth visitors paused and reflected on the

pictures surrounded by patriotic red, white and blue colors.

The State Fair is just one of many community outreach events and efforts where the Department consistently maintains a presence to provide Oregon's veterans and their families with important benefit information. ODVA's outreach include but are not limited to county fairs, senior expos, job fairs, veterans' stand-downs, mobilizations, demobilizations, family re-integration workshops, women veterans' conferences,



ODVA employees Renee Pace (second from right) and Diana Simpson (right) answer questions about the Department's services for veterans.

events held by and visits with Confederated Tribes, correction facility visits, in-home visits to housebound individuals, and veterans' organization events.

WWII Veterans Honored at 60th Commemoration of War's End

It was a time for remembrance with former comrades in arms as over 25,000 visitors gathered to remember the end of World War II at the Department of Defense's 60th Anniversary Committee's Commemoration at Fort Vancouver, August 26-28.

Among those gathered were survivors from Pearl Harbor and the Bataan Death March, soldiers who landed at Anzio and Normandy, the paratroopers, the pilots, air and ground crews, Marines who took Iwo Jima, and Merchant Mariners who manned the vital supply and troop ships. They were there to recall and to remember their buddies who did not come home. Everywhere people stopped and shook hands with the "Greatest Generation" and thanked them for their service.

Former Naval Reserve Ensign Larry Lydon, 84, of southwest Washington, wore the woolen naval officer's dress uniform he had worn aboard the *USS San Francisco* anchored at Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. Lydon recalled how his crew, with no ammunition, boarded the *USS New Orleans* docked nearby.

"An officer on deck ordered us not to fire unless fired upon, but moments later another officer ran by yelling 'belay that order and fire at will,'" Lydon chuckled.

Former Army Sgt. Arthur Collins, 85, fought in the Battle of the Bulge. "It was cold and scary, but we worked together. It was war."

Dale Bowlin, 85, a former POW from Vancouver, agreed.

"If it wasn't for a German soldier who drug me into a building and later got me a doctor, I wouldn't be here today. They removed part of my leg to save my life," he said.

The U.S. Merchant Mariners were one of the larger veterans' groups at the event. They had many people approach their large Victory Ship display to ask questions.

"We were misunderstood," said Nelson Cauble, 78, of Roseburg. "We took the same oath as anyone who joined. We didn't get any respect for a long time, but that's changed. Generals Eisenhower and McArthur once said they wouldn't have had the men and supplies needed to win the war if it hadn't been for the Merchant Mariners."

Oregon Governor Ted Kulongoski, a U.S. Marine Corps veteran, said during a ceremony, before more than 2,500 people, that these Americans literally saved the world from tyranny and oppression. "The seeds of heroism were planted by you and grow. By whom much is sacrificed, much is owed. Our words of thanks are inadequate. You all deserve every honor and tribute this nation can bestow."

Presentations were made to one World War II representative from all the military services, including the Women's Army Corps, the WAVES (Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Services), and WASPs (Women's Airforce Service Pilots). A USO Show featuring the Navy Band Northwest and the *Liberty Belles*, a trio who sang songs from the 1940s, caused many older couples to sing along while smiling and holding hands.

Fee Waiver at State Parks for Veterans

Information provided by the Oregon State Parks Department

Oregon is home to hundreds of state parks, more than 50 with campgrounds. Starting on Veterans Day, November 11, 2005, veterans with service-connected disabilities can enjoy any one of them free of charge.

The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department will begin the service this year. Here are the details:

- Free state park camping and day-use entry year round starting November 11, 2005. This applies only to parks that are run by Oregon State Parks.
- Free state park camping applies to RV and tent sites only.
- You can camp in a state park for free for up to 5 days in a row, and up to 10 days per month.
- For a complete list of state parks, go online to www.oregonstateparks.org/ or call 1-800-551-6949, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and ask for a park guide.
- To make a campground reservation, call 1-800-452-5687. You can call to make reservations two days to nine months in advance. There is a fee to make a reservation (\$6 per reservation). Tell the reservation agent you are a veteran with a service-connected disability. You will be reminded to bring identification to the park when you check in.
- You don't always need a reservation (some state parks do not accept reservation requests), but it is a good idea to check if you're going to visit during a busy time of year or if you want a specific site.
- For day-use visits, contact staff when you enter the park if possible and obtain a pass for the day.

The Parks Department is designing a pass card system you can use to show you're eligible for free camping and day-use. Until the system is ready, other forms of identification that will be accepted include: disabled veteran's license plate, VA medical card or letter indicating your disability. When the new card system is ready, the Parks Department will make another announcement with details.



WWII Victory Ship Finds Permanent Home

In mid-September during a ceremony held in the lobby of the Oregon Veterans' Building at 700 Summer Street N.E. in Salem, Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA) Director Jim Willis accepted a model of the World War II Victory ship, the *S.S. Lane Victory* on behalf of the Department.



Director Jim Willis accepts a victory ship model from Marian Sorensen. The model was built by Sorensen's late husband who served aboard Merchant Marine ships during WWII.

Andy Sorensen of Lebanon, Oregon, a Merchant Marine veteran who built and sailed on merchant marine ships during WWII, built the model using his own creativity and ingenuity. The *S.S. Lane Victory* joins a WWII Liberty ship model built and donated by Sorensen. The *S.S. Jeremiah O'Brien* has been on display in the lobby of the Veterans' Building for several months along with other Merchant Marine memorabilia.

Andy Sorensen passed away in March 2005 at the age of 89. His widow, Marian Sorensen presented the models to the Department for permanent display.

"They are fragile and I do not know what I would have done with them. Here, other people can see and enjoy them. This is a perfect home for them," Sorensen said. "I know that Andy would be pleased."

Other Merchant Marine veterans and members of the American Merchant Marine Association attended the ceremony including Nelson Cauble of Sutherlin, the National Secretary for the organization, and Regional Vice President Robert Barbee of Sequim, Washington.

For more information about the American Merchant Marine Association, contact Ben and Karen Montoya of Scio, Oregon at 503-394-2481, or Nelson and Shirley Cauble of Sutherlin, Oregon at 541-459-7982, email RiverBank@mcsi.net, or Robert Barbee of Sequim, Washington at 360-681-3802, email rbarbee@webtv.net.



The Korean War Veterans Association (KWVA) Linn-Benton Chapter's booth at the Benton County Fair drew many visitors, including Governor Ted Kulongoski, a Marine Corps veteran. Bud Hogan, a Korean War veteran, along with other dedicated Chapter members staffed the booth and performed other important work on behalf of their KWVA Chapter. The Chapter, which presented the fairgrounds with a permanent flagpole and U.S., State, and POW-MIA flags some years ago, joined the Oregon National Guard in presenting the Colors on opening day of the Fair. Bud Hogan was presented with a Special Achievement certificate in recognition of valuable contributions made to the Fair by the KWVA Linn-Benton Chapter.

Fallen Warriors Foundation Veterans Retreat

The Fallen Warriors Foundation will hold a four-day retreat and seminar Thursday, November 17 through Sunday, November 20, at the Mount Angel Abbey Retreat House in Mount Angel, Oregon. Retreats are designed to help veterans and their loved ones work through the emotional trauma of war.

The Fallen Warrior Foundation is dedicated to honoring the sacrifices of American service members and veterans and to healing the wounds of war.

Claude AnShin Thomas, a Vietnam combat veteran and religious leader, will facilitate the retreat. Thomas served in Vietnam as a helicopter crew chief. Shot down five times, he draws upon his own journey from soldier to spiritual practitioner and his work over many years leading retreats for veterans.

The cost of the retreat is \$225 per person and includes accommodations and meals. Contact Colleen O'Callaghan or Jack Estes of the Fallen Warriors Foundation at 503-636-8635 to obtain additional information about the retreat and registration.

Reunions

American Defenders of Bataan and Corregidor will be holding their annual convention at the Embassy Suites North Phoenix in Phoenix, Arizona, May 17-21, 2006. For more information, contact John B. Lewis, 16415 Jersey Drive, Houston, Texas 77040 or telephone 713-466-3102.

NAAV Meeting

The National Association of Atomic Veterans will be holding a meeting at the Big Town Hero restaurant, located at 11 East Ash in Lebanon, on November 21, starting at 10:00 a.m. Lunch will be provided for a fee. Contact Area Commander Frank Farmer at 541-259-1559, email Fjfarmer6@wmconnect.com or Fred Schafer at 541-258-7453, email derf@trcschafer.com if you plan to attend.

Looking For...

Dutch Resistance fighter Gus Smoorenburg is seeking American Air Force Pilots who were downed during WWII and then rescued by the Dutch Resistance between 1944 and early 1945. He can be contacted at 503-843-2409 or email, gus@smoorenburg.com.

Veterans Job Fair Reminder

On Tuesday, November 8, 2005, WorkSource Oregon Employment Department along with the American Legion Post 1, will be sponsoring a Portland Metro Veterans Job Fair. The event will be held at Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Portland from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. and is open to all veterans, their spouses, dependents, and the public.

Employers are encouraged to get involved. Employers who are interested in participating, should contact one of the following and register as soon as possible.

Jeff Edwards 503-731-8345
Will Watson 503-731-4842
Alan Woolley 503-731-3026

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Military Order of the Purple Heart	503-326-2486	David Sayler
Disabled American Veterans	503-326-2620	Jay E. Woodbury

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Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs
Veterans' Home Loans - Veterans' Benefits - Conservatorship
Oregon Veterans' Home (skilled nursing & rehabilitative care)
503-373-2000 or 1-800-828-8801
ODVA Website: www.oregon.gov/odva

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You have earned it



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- *\$10 surcharge per set will go to the Veterans' Home Trust Fund to support the Veterans' Home in The Dalles, Oregon.*
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