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Oregon Legislative Assembly Adjourns

by Jim Willis, Director

The 73rd Oregon Legislative Assembly, which convened in January 2005, adjourned on August 5. During the session, approximately 150 Bills relating to veterans and/or the Oregon National Guard and Reserve were introduced. A number of bills passed providing additional or increased benefits to veterans.

As with previous legislative sessions, veterans' organizations and others concerned with and interested in veterans' issues demonstrated great support of legislation affecting veterans and their families. Additionally, these same supporters respectfully spoke up when they deemed pieces of legislation to be less than helpful. The United Veterans' Groups of Oregon held a Veterans Muster on the steps of the Capitol in early February.

The Veterans Muster was later followed by a Veterans Rally, also held on the steps of the Capitol. The subject of the rally was House Joint Resolution (HJR) 34, which would have referred a proposed constitutional amendment to the people. The proposed amendment would have dedicated 1% of net proceeds of State Lottery dollars for services to Oregon veterans. HJR 34 was passed by the House, but was not heard by the Senate.

Legislation affecting veterans that had been signed into law at the time this publication went to print included, but was not limited to:

- Department of Veterans' Affairs budget approved. (HB 5109)
- Maximum veterans home loan amount increased to 100 % (previously 97 %) reducing upfront costs for eligible borrowers. Effective 1/1/06 (SB 223)
- Property tax exemption for qualified disabled veterans modified. The exemption amount increased to \$15,000 of assessed value for a disabled veterans and \$18,000 for a veterans with 40% or more service-connected disabilities. (HB 2945)
- High school diplomas to be issued (upon request) to veterans of WWI, WWII, Korea, and Vietnam who attended high school but did not graduate from a high school because they were serving in the Armed Forces of the United States. Veterans or representative of deceased veterans can make requests of school districts. (HB 2681)
- Definition of veteran modified for employment preference purposes. Length of service requirement reduced from 180 to 178 days. One day in combat zone included as a qualifying criterion. Effective 1/1/06 (HB 2687)
- State funding assistance made available from State Parks and Recreation to nonprofit veterans' organizations for constructing and restoring veterans and war memorials located on public property. (HB 2739)
- July 16 of every year designated as Atomic Veterans Day. (HCR 9)
- Several House Joint Memorials urging Congress to take positive actions affecting veterans' benefits such as changing spending on veterans' health care from discretionary spending to direct spending funded by mandatory appropriations.
- Several Bills specifically affecting benefits for National Guard and Reservists and their families including extending tuition waiver program of Oregon Military Department to surviving family members of members of National Guard killed while on active duty.

At the time publication went to print, the following Measures were awaiting signature:

- Oregon Veterans' Emergency Financial Assistance Fund created in the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide emergency funds to assist Veterans and their immediate families. State educational benefits increased to \$150 per month (from \$50) to eligible Veterans. (HB 3504)
- Funds provided for enhanced and expanded services provided to veterans' by county veterans' service officers. (SB 1100)
- Funds provided for building a memorial to Oregon military personnel killed in Afghanistan and Iraq. (HB 2795)

A further update on pending legislation will be provided in the next issue of the *VETS NEWS*.

2005 National POW/MIA Recognition Day

– September 16, 2005 –

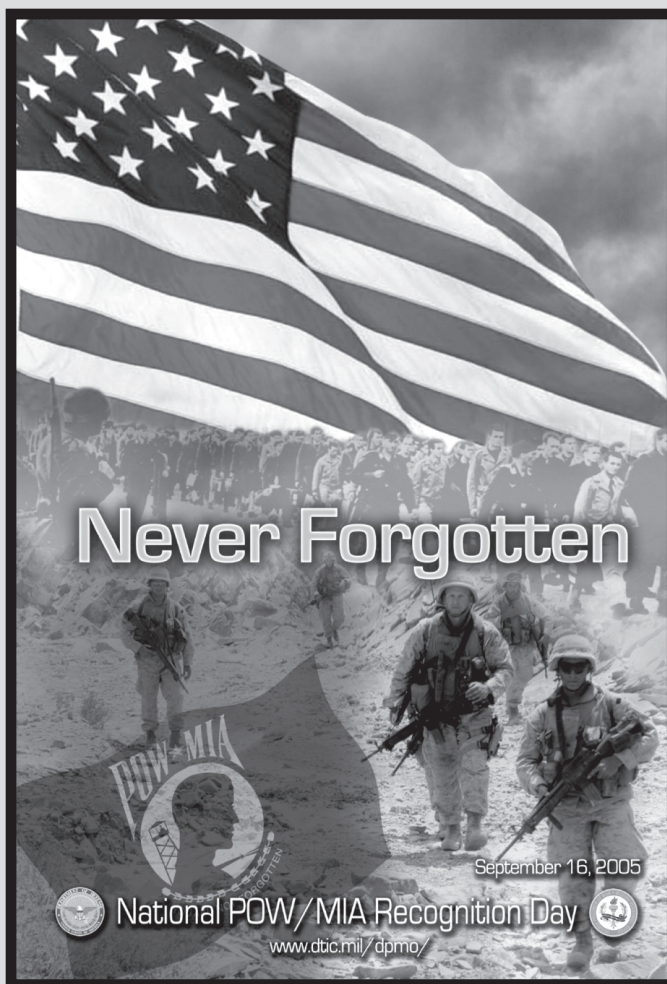
National POW/MIA Recognition Day

September 16, 2005 (observed each year on the third Friday of September) is National POW/MIA Recognition Day. Over the past several years, all or most of the 50 states have proclaimed POW/MIA Recognition Day in conjunction with the national effort.

The sacrifices of Americans still missing and unaccounted for from all our Nation's wars and their families are deserving of national recognition and support for continued priority efforts to determine the fate of those missing Americans.

This commemoration is set aside to honor the commitment and sacrifice made by this nation's Prisoners of War and those who are still Missing in Action, as well as their families.

More than 88,000 Americans remain missing from World War II, the Korean War, the Cold War, and the Vietnam War. The United States leads the world in the humanitarian effort to account for it's missing.



The 2005 POW/MIA Recognition Day poster was unveiled in Washington, D.C. on June 15, 2005, by the Department of Defense (DoD). At the unveiling, Larry Greer, Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office spokesman, stated "Though art is always in the eye of the beholder, it is pretty clear that what this poster is saying is, 'We Remember' and we as a nation are committed to bringing these guys home."

Flying the POW/MIA Flag

The Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs flies the POW/MIA flag every business day. Since the Department has a single flag pole, federal flag protocol dictates that the United States flag be flown at the top of the pole with the POW/MIA flag immediately beneath it, and the state flag below the POW/MIA flag

The POW/MIA flag has been officially designated by the Congress of the United States as "the symbol of our Nation's concern and commitment to resolving as fully as possible the fates of Americans still prisoner, missing and unaccounted for in Southeast Asia, thus ending the uncertainty for their families and the Nation."

By federal law the flag is required to be flown six days each year: Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, National POW/MIA Recognition Day and Veterans Day, at major federal installations.

Troop & Veteran Appreciation Day

The third annual Troop & Veteran Appreciation Day celebration will be held on Saturday, September 24, at the McMinnville Armory. The Coalition of Troop Support and the Afghan-Iraqi Freedom War Memorial Fund are sponsoring the event. The event is intended to pay tribute to all veterans who have served this country with a special focus on troops that are currently deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan.

The Master of Ceremonies for the event will be Jim Willis, Director of the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs.

"I'm pleased to be a part of the Troop & Veteran Appreciation Day again this year. I know what events like these mean to veterans," said Director Willis. "As a veteran myself, and a native Oregonian, it is encouraging to see communities and individuals working together to show their support for those who have served and are currently serving this country."

The Coalition of Troop Support is a group that has collected, packaged and sent

numerous shipments of requested or needed items to deployed servicemembers.

The Coalition provides an opportunity for individuals to get involved in supporting the men and women who are currently serving and their families. They have assisted in the planning and organizing of many events aimed at honoring and supporting veterans of all eras.

This year's event will be held at the McMinnville Armory located at 333 Armory Way, McMinnville, Oregon, just off Highway 18, across from the Evergreen Aviation Museum from noon until 3 p.m. The event will include servicemembers who have returned from active duty in Iraq sharing about their experiences, live musical performances, food and various military displays.

The Afghan-Iraqi Freedom War Memorial Fund will also host a booth with information about the proposed Memorial that will be built on the Capitol Mall in Salem. The event is free and open to the public.

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Senator Smith Steps Up for Veterans' Home Loans Again

On July 21, U.S. Senator Gordon Smith introduced the American Veterans Homeownership Act of 2005 (S. 1449), which would amend existing federal law to allow the use of low interest rate mortgage bonds for making home loans to veterans.

While Qualified Veterans Mortgage Bonds (QVMBs) are currently used by the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA) to make home loans to veterans, certain restrictions apply. Successful passage of S. 1449 and the subsequent removal of those restrictions would mean a reliable source of funding for home loans for veterans.

Introduction of S. 1449 follows the introduction of H.R. 2952 in June by Representative Paul Ryan of Wisconsin (for himself and Representative Wally Herger of California). Both Wisconsin and California are among the five states that have home loans for veterans; Alaska, California, Oregon, Texas, and Wisconsin. Additional co-sponsors are needed for both S. 1449 and H.R. 2952. It is hoped that all of Oregon's congressional delegation will sign on as co-sponsors. *(Additional congressional delegates may have signed on as co-sponsors after this publication went to print).*

While the (QVMB) issue has been brought before Congress several times over the last few years, efforts have not met with success. A continued failure to remove the restriction would result in a current funding source for veterans' home loans ceasing to exist. Ultimately, that means fewer home loans for veterans and then, eventually none from that particular funding source - a big concern for veterans and ODVA since other available funding sources for state veterans' home loans are very limited.

Jim Willis, ODVA Director, commends Senator Smith's commitment to veterans, "Oregon veterans are fortunate to have a strong advocate in Senator Smith. The Senator introduced similar legislation during the 108th Congress. His willingness to step up and continue the battle in the 109th Congress is greatly appreciated."

To find out more about state veterans' home loans, contact ODVA at 1-800-828-8801 or 503-373-2000. Remember, a state veterans' home loan is just that - a state home loan. It is distinctly different from a federal home loan guaranty.

- In Memoriam - Earl MacPherson

On July 10th, 2005, Earl MacPherson passed away in Medford. Earl served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II from 1942 until 1946. Earl reenlisted in the Marines, served in Korea and went on to retire from the Corps as a Master Gunnery Sergeant. He then joined the Oregon National Guard where he achieved the rank of Sergeant Major and retired in 1984. From there Earl joined the State Defense Force retiring in 2002 at the rank of Major. Earl MacPherson wore the uniform of his nation's armed forces for nearly 60 years.

As a Veterans Advocate over the past 35 years, he served as a legislative liaison for veterans, helped organize the Veteran Stand Downs at White City, was a key force behind the annual Veterans Day Parade in Medford, was the Chairman of the Jackson County Veterans Allied Council and was Chair of the Family Support Services of Medford American Legion Post 15. He also served as VFW State Chairman for Homeless Veterans. Earl was a member of the Board of Directors of the Veterans Memorial Park in Medford as well as serving as Veterans Affairs Volunteer Service (VAVS) Chairman of the Marine Corps League at the VA Domiciliary in White City.

Earl is survived by his wife Lyn, son Ronald, daughters Laura Kathleen and Adrienne, and his stepson Robert.

At his memorial service on July 29th, Earl's family was presented with the National Colors, the Oregon State Flag, the Governor's Commendation Award, the ODVA Director's Distinguished Service Award and the Oregon National Guard's Commendation Medal.

Earl's service and contributions to his community, state and nation are an example for all. He will be missed.

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White City SORCC 1-800-809-8725 ext. 3619

For information or to volunteer your assistance:

Grants Pass Vet Center – 541- 479- 6912

Southern Oregon Stand Down is a non-profit organization.

Donations gratefully accepted.
P.O. Box 8396, Medford OR 97501

Southern Oregon Clinic Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are still needed to drive for the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Transportation Network Day Treatment Program in southern Oregon. Volunteer drivers transport veterans to the VA Southern Oregon Rehabilitation Center and Clinics (formerly the VA Domiciliary) in White City.

Drivers are needed to serve veterans in Brookings, Grants Pass, Klamath Falls, Lakeview, and Medford. Day Treatment drivers are also needed for the Medford/Jackson County area.

All drivers must have a valid Oregon drivers license and must pass a screening physical. Individual driving hours are varied and flexible.

Interested applicants should contact James Cunningham or Ted Marshall at 541-826-2111, ext. 3269 or 3585.



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 June and July 2005 are listed below:

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Legion Post Thoughtful of Vet Home Residents



In May 2005, Executive Board Chairman Earl Pepper of the American Legion Post #9 of Salem, presented ODVA Director Jim Willis with a \$500 dollar donation for the Oregon Veterans' Home – *"The Place Where Honor Lives."* The donation will be used for items needed or requested by residents of the Home.

The residents of the Home are always grateful for the thoughtfulness of others. The Department was honored to accept this donation from American Legion Post #9 on behalf of the Oregon Veterans' Home.

“Cowboy Up” – Veterans’ Style

By Debbie Cantrell, Oregon Veterans’ Home

Each year, the city of The Dalles host’s “Fort Dalles Days”, and this year was no exception. During the third week of July, the town of The Dalles puts on its western attire, decorates the streets and windows with a variety of Western pictures and themes, sponsors the “Rough and Wild” 3-day Rodeo event and host’s a large community parade.

What did that mean for the residents of the Oregon Veterans’ Home? Well, the beginning of July brought wonderfully hand-painted western style pictures to the facility. A local artist came to the facility and hand painted western style art on many of the windows and doors. The residents enjoyed watching her work and are still enjoying the fruits of her labor.

In the middle of July, several residents attended the “Rough and Wild Rodeo”. Residents of the Oregon Veterans’ Home have enjoyed this great activity since the facility opened in 1997. The community of The Dalles welcomed residents and donated tickets for residents to attend. Residents

sported cowboy hats and enjoyed cold refreshing drinks while watching this year’s “Rough and Wild Rodeo”. The staff of the Oregon Veterans’ Home also gets into the act during “Fort Dalles Days”, volunteering at the Rodeo and wearing western attire during the week and participating in the community parade on Saturday. Several residents of the Home watched the parade Saturday morning in front of the local American Legion Post 19, which graciously hosts the Home’s veterans each year. Residents enjoyed doughnuts compliments of Columbia Gorge Donuts.

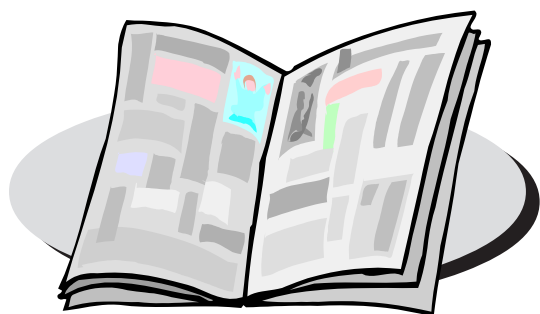
Use of the Home’s recreational bus for transportation makes such excursions and activities unique services offered at the Home. Residents enjoy activities they may have enjoyed prior to residing at the Veterans’ Home, which helps make their stay at the Veterans’ Home seem more like home. Additionally, the Home gets the opportunity to participate and support the community of The

Dalles, which has continuously been supportive of the Home.

If you would like more information regarding the activities and services offered at the Oregon Veterans’ Home, please call 1-800-846-8460. To make a tax deductible donation to the Oregon Veterans’ Home, please contact the Oregon Department of Veterans’ Affairs at 1-800-828-8801 or use the donation form on



Residents of the Oregon Veterans’ Home enjoy a nice shady spot while taking in the Fort Dalles Days Parade.



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.

Elmer Brown
Dick Wiley
Charles Wade
Robert Ouellette

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.

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

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Signature: _____

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In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Please send my “Remembrance Emblem(s)” to:

Name: _____

Address: _____

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VA Celebrates 75th Anniversary



The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) celebrated its 75th anniversary in 2005, and on July 21, the Southern Oregon Rehabilitation Center and Clinics (SORCC) held a kick-off event to honor the agency's mission nationally and in Oregon.

During its Diamond Jubilee, the White City facility commemorated the 60th anniversary of World War II on Aug. 24. Emphasizing their Camp White roots, the VA's SORCC dedicated its World War II Garden and the Blue Star Memorial Marker.

Guest appearances by Oregon Medal of Honor recipient Bob Maxwell and former Tuskegee Airman, Bill Holloman were punctuated with a flyover by F-15s from the Oregon Air National Guard's 173rd Fighter Wing in Klamath Falls, and a 21-gun salute by the Army Guard's 1/186 Infantry Battalion in Medford. After the ceremonies, a Freedom Lawn concert served as a tribute to all American soldiers.

Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs Director Jim Willis attended the 75th anniversary event. He said both celebrations should remind all Americans about the important service and dedication the VA's medical staffs have been providing America's veterans for 75 years.

"We're also reminded of the debt we owe to these caring medical professionals," Willis said. "In recalling the 60 years since the end of World War II, we remember the many sacrifices made by those in the profession of arms—the men and women who served and died in that war."

President Herbert Hoover created the single federal agency in 1932 to provide benefits for America's veterans. The formation is rooted in President Abraham Lincoln's 1865 promise to "care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow and his orphan."

Today, the VA is the federal government's second largest Cabinet department, responsible for a nationwide system of health care services, benefit programs, and national cemeteries for America's veterans and dependants.

Governor Kulongoski Swears in New Adjutant General

In an outdoor ceremony near his capitol office, July 1, Governor Ted Kulongoski officially swore in Major General Raymond Rees as Oregon's new Adjutant General. This marked the first time an Adjutant General for Oregon has been appointed to the position for a third term. Rees' earlier tenures in the



Governor Kulongoski congratulates Major General Rees immediately following the swearing in ceremony.

Photo by TSgt. Nick Choy

position were May 1987 to June 1991 and August 1994 to March 1999.

To a crowd of several dozen supporters, that included members of Oregon's congressional and legislative bodies, Rees said, "The Guard is meeting the test in Kabul, Kirkuk as citizen soldiers and airmen while responding to the war on terror and the needs of Oregon."

Kulongoski praised the outgoing acting Adjutant General, Brigadier General Ray Byrne, "We all owe a great debt of gratitude to General Byrne. Thank you very much for your dedicated service as adjutant general."

Following the ceremony, more than 200 well-wishers gathered at a reception at the Anderson Readiness Center in Salem.

Oregon Veterans Medal at 25th National Wheelchair Games

Four disabled Oregon veterans competed in the 25th National Veterans Wheelchair Games, June 27- July 1 in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and all four earned medals. With nearly 500 athletes from 45 states, Puerto Rico, and Great Britain, these games are the largest annual wheelchair sports event in the world. All athletes are military veterans who use wheelchairs due to spinal cord injuries, certain neurological conditions, orthopedic amputations or other disabilities.

Portland's Don Lambert, a Marine Corps Vietnam veteran who was wounded in combat, earned four Open Division medals including a Gold in the Chair 220 (Hand Controls). Lambert, a quadriplegic, also garnered three Silver medals in Motorized Slalom (Hand Controls), Motorized Rally, and Bowling-Ramp (Hand Controls).

Marine Corps veteran Steven Robinson, from Hillsboro, earned three medals in the Masters Division. He took Gold in Bowling-Ramp (Hand Controls), Silver in Air-Guns Quad - with assistance and a Bronze in Motorized Slalom (Hand Controls).

Beaverton resident Robert Hanshaw, a Navy combat veteran of the Gulf War (Operation Desert Shield/Storm), won Gold in the Bowling-Ramp (Hand Controls) in the Masters Division.

Dennis Schnacky of Portland, competed in five events and was awarded a Silver medal in Weightlifting by Bodyweight.

Editor's note: For more information or pictures of these Oregon competitors go to: http://www1.va.gov/vetevent/nvwg/2005/Ath_info.cfm?state=ore.

Distinguished Flying Cross Clarification

In the previous issue of *VETS NEWS* (July/August), an article with the headline "Looking For Recipients of the Distinguished Flying Cross" (DFC) that appeared on page 8, included incorrect information.

The staff of the *VETS NEWS* would like to offer this clarification and also sends our sincere apologies to all our readers, especially those who have received either the Distinguished Service Cross (DSC) or the DFC as a result of their military service. Also we apologize to Mike Scorcio, noting the error occurred as a result of our misinterpretation of information and was not due to any fault of his own.

To clarify:

The Distinguished Flying Cross (DFC) is the eighth highest military award presented by the following branches of the Armed Forces: Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and the Air Force. It is the tenth highest award presented by the U.S. Coast Guard.

In the article, the DFC was confused with the DSC, which is the second highest award presented by the Army, second only to the Medal of Honor.

Thanks to our attentive readers for bringing this to our attention.

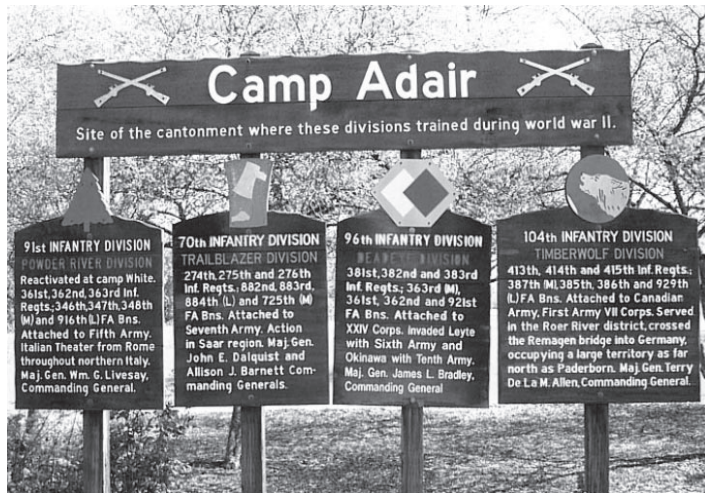
Camp Adair Restoration Project Update

In the March/April 2005 issue of the *VETS NEWS*, we published an article regarding restoration of the Historical Markers at Camp Adair, located some 13 miles north of the city of Corvallis on Highway 99W.

Once the second largest city in Oregon, Camp Adair served as a training site for the United States War Department and based four infantry divisions.

The Travel Information

Council (TIC) and its volunteers have undertaken the restoration project of this historical marker. The TIC receives no public monies to operate the program or to pay its staff. Funding for the small agency comes from dollars received from businesses and attractions that use the Council's services. Therefore, the request for donations is often needed.



Previously, the cost for restoration of the Camp Adair Historical Markers was estimated between \$20,000 and \$30,000. The Council now finds the cost to be more in the neighborhood of \$10,000 to \$12,000. As of the date of this writing, the Council had received \$6,060 in donations for the Camp Adair project.

If you would like more information about the TIC or about

the markers at Camp Adair, contact Wayne Sharp at 503-391-1964.

Donations for the Camp Adair project are tax deductible. Please send by mail to Travel Information Council, 229 Madrona Ave. SE, Salem, Oregon 97302. Note on your contribution "Camp Adair Fund" if you wish for your contribution to be specifically used for that project.

Oregon Air Show to Admit Veterans Free on Sept. 11

The Oregon International Air Show will honor all veterans and active duty military personnel by providing free admission to the show's final performance on Sunday, September 11, at the Hillsboro Airport, 3355 NE Cornell Road, Hillsboro, Oregon.

Additionally, all police, fire and emergency medical (EMS) personnel will be allowed free admission. Except for veterans, all others must be in uniform to be admitted free of charge.

This year, the annual air show is featuring the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds and U.S. Army Golden Knights, vintage aircraft, and other aerial demonstration teams. For the Sunday final performance show, gates open at 9 a.m. with the show beginning at 10:30 a.m. For additional information including other show times and tickets, contact the Airshow's Main Office at 503-629-0706.

Living History Days Planned at Oregon High Schools

For the tenth consecutive year, Milwaukie High School will celebrate Living History Day, Nov. 7, as their students will honor military veterans who have served our nation. Milwaukie is one of at least three Oregon high schools that will honor veterans this fall. Rainier High School is holding a similar event on November 9, McNary, in Keizer, is planning to host their fourth annual event on October 3, 2005.

This year is the 60th anniversary of the end of World War II and Milwaukie will be honoring veterans who served in that war.

"We especially want to invite Oregon National Guard members, reservists, and other military personnel who have recently returned from serving in Iraq," said Ken Buckles, the executive director of Remembering America's Heroes.

At most schools veterans volunteer to share their stories with students and answer questions. Veterans are encouraged to contact high schools in their area to find out what veteran recognition programs may be planned. In addition at Milwaukie, a USO Show will be recreated with patriotic music and entertainment that will honor and recognize all veterans.

Several Oregon high schools annually hold Living History Days. Pendleton will host their event on March 2006, and Canby's event will occur in May 2006.

For more information, to register for, or to volunteer at Milwaukie's Living History Day, call Ken Buckles at 503-659-5157.

DoD Proposes to Remove F-15s from Portland ANG Base

Oregon's top elected officials, on June 17, urged members of the Defense Base Realignment and Closure Commission (BRAC) to abandon plans to shift most of Oregon's F-15 fighter jets from Portland Air National Guard Base to other states. Governor Ted Kulongoski and members of Oregon's Congressional delegation joined leaders from the Air Guard's 142nd Fighter Wing (FW) in testifying at the regional BRAC hearing in Portland.

On May 13, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld submitted his BRAC recommendations that 33 military installations be closed and 29 realigned out of a total of 318 bases, including the air defense mission assigned to Portland's 142nd Fighter Wing. Eleven additional bases were identified in July by the commission for closure or realignment and have been added to the secretary's list.

During the Portland hearing Governor Kulongoski indicated to the two visiting commission members and BRAC Chair Anthony Principi, "Our enemies will look for the weakest link and the weakest link will be in the Northwest."

Oregon Senator Gordon Smith said the plan to move Oregon's fighters jets assigned to the 142nd FW would leave just a handful of planes to defend "a target-rich environment," citing the dams along the Columbia River, the

Umatilla Army depot and the Hanford Nuclear site in Washington.

In a letter dated Aug. 2, Kulongoski told Rumsfeld that he will file a lawsuit, joining Illinois, Pennsylvania and other states, if plans move forward to transfer Oregon's aircraft and personnel from the Portland Air Base. The governor said he questioned federal authority to move National Guard members while they are under the authority of the state. The National Guard is under federal control only if activated by the president.

Principi has said that he is working to save as many of the Air Guard units as possible.

All bases identified for possible realignment or closure will be reviewed before a final commission vote on all BRAC-identified installations in late August. The nine-member BRAC commission panel is obligated to send its recommendations to the President by Sept. 8. The President will have until Sept. 23 to accept or reject the recommendations. Congress will then have 45 days to accept or reject the President's recommendations.

The Defense Department will be obligated to act on all congressionally-approved recommendations.

New Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage

Beginning January 1, 2006, new Medicare prescription drug plans will be available to all people with Medicare. Here are the basic facts about the program:

- Medicare prescription drug plans will provide insurance coverage for prescription drugs (brand name and generic). Like other insurance, people will pay a monthly premium (generally about \$37/month in 2006) and a yearly deductible (up to the first \$250 in 2006). You will also pay a share of the cost of your prescriptions. Costs will vary depending on the drug plan chosen.
- In order to get the coverage, people must enroll in a Medicare prescription drug plan between November 15, 2005 - May 15, 2006. If you join by December 31, 2005, coverage will begin January 1, 2006.
- If an eligible person doesn't join a plan by May 15, 2006, and you don't have a drug plan that covers as much or more than a Medicare prescription drug plan, your premium will increase 1% per month for each month you enroll after May 15, 2006.

So, even if you don't use a lot of prescription drugs now, you should consider joining a plan.

- Financial assistance is available to help pay for the coverage for people with limited income: individuals or married couples with income less than 150% of poverty.
- Drug coverage from TRICARE, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), or the Federal Employee Health Benefits Program (FEHB): As long as you still qualify, your TRICARE, VA, or FEHB prescription drug coverage is not changing. You should contact your benefits administrator or FEHB insurer for information about your TRICARE, VA, or FEHB coverage before making any changes. It will almost always be to your advantage to keep your current coverage without any changes.

If you lose your TRICARE, VA, or FEHB coverage and you join a Medicare drug plan after May 15, 2006, in most cases you won't have to pay a penalty, as long as you join

within 63 days of losing TRICARE, VA, or FEHB coverage.

What should individuals receiving Medicare do?

- Apply for financial assistance if you think you might qualify. Contact the Social Security Administration: www.ssa.gov or 1-800-772-1213.
- Read the *Medicare & You 2006* handbook that will be sent this fall. It will list the Medicare prescription drug plans available in your area. Information is also available at www.medicare.gov or by calling 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227).
- Contact the Senior Health Insurance Benefit Assistance (SHIBA) Program to get local information: 1-800-722-4134.
- Look for notices about presentations in your local communities over the next few months.

The SHIBA program is also seeking volunteers to help people enroll in the program. They will provide the training locally as well as locations for enrollment. If anyone would like to volunteer, please call 1-877-585-0007.

Veterans Convoy – Toys for Military Kids

In celebration of the naming of I-205 “Veterans Memorial Highway”, supporters are invited to join the Veterans' Day Convoy, Sunday, November 6. The convoy will begin at the Clark County (Washington.) Fairgrounds, near I-5, and travel the 38 mile length, turning south on to I-5 and arrive at the Korean War Memorial in Wilsonville.

From 10 a.m. to noon, guest speakers from national, state, and local government will greet people forming the convoy. The Master of Ceremonies is scheduled to be former Portland Trailblazer Chris Dudley. The convoy will depart at noon led by the families of military service members killed in Afghanistan and Iraq.

VIP passes will be available (for a donation of \$5 or an unwrapped toy) for those who wish to be near the head of the convoy. Donated toys will be given to children of deployed service members by the Coalition of Troop Support at the Coalition's Christmas Gala. Proceeds will be shared by the Coalition of Troop Support - Emergency Soldiers and Families Funds for deployed Oregon and Washington service members.

All clubs, groups, organizations, and individuals are invited to participate. Participants are encouraged to display a flag to help create an “Avenue of Flags” stretching the length of Veterans Memorial Highway.

For more information, contact John Neuman at 503-622-6084.

USS Ranger May Move to Portland

The USS Ranger Museum Foundation is making efforts to bring the World's only Super Carrier to the Port of Portland. The non-profit Foundation was established in March 2001 for the specific purpose of acquiring, preserving, and placing into operation the retired aircraft carrier *USS Ranger* (CV-61) as a floating centerpiece of an Aircraft Carrier Museum. The Carrier, which currently resides at the Puget Sounds Naval Shipyard in Bremerton, WA, became available for donation in March 2004.

According to the Foundation, the U.S. Navy will donate the carrier provided a suitable mooring site and community support is provided. The Foundation envisions operating the *USS Ranger Museum* in a self-supporting manner focusing on use as an educational center,

naval and aerospace museum and memorial, youth programs, and a special event venue. Operations could begin as early as 2007, but the first hurdle is having the Port of Portland designated as the most appropriate mooring site.

The Foundation is seeking support for the development, siting, and funding of this landmark project. Efforts are focused on establishing government, civic, and community relationships.

For further information, contact Tim Myers, Chairman of the Portland Steering Committee of the USS Ranger Museum Foundation

at 503-697-0865. Myers, a Vietnam veteran and former Executive Officer on the *USS Ranger* (1983-85), is available to speak and present information about the project. Information about the USS Ranger Museum Foundation can be found on the Internet at www.ussrangercv61.org.



The USS Ranger CV-61

Federal Legislation Would Protect Purple Heart

Federal legislation (H.R. 3352) introduced July 22 in the U.S. House of Representatives would expand a federal law to allow prosecution of anyone who falsely claims to have earned a military medal or a Purple Heart. The Stolen Valor Act of 2005 passed in the Senate on July 28.

Congress found that changes to current federal law are necessary to allow law enforcement personnel to protect the reputation and meaning of these medals. Congress further found that fraudulent claims surrounding receipt of the Medal of Honor, the Distinguished-Service Cross, the Air Force Cross, the Navy Cross, the Purple Heart, or any other medal or decoration awarded by Congress or the armed forces damages the reputation and meaning of

these medals. Introduction of The Stolen Valor Act of 2005 comes on the heels of a new summer movie release in which actors pretend to be Purple Heart recipients to win the affections of attractive bridesmaids. An Internet website promoting the movie includes a fake Purple Heart cut-out.

Special Agent Thomas Cottone Jr., of the FBI enforces a current federal law that prohibits wearing, manufacturing, buying, selling or trading a Medal of Honor. He challenged the movie's producer to go to Walter Reed Hospital, walk through the ward, and see if he still wants to print out fake Purple Hearts.

"Talk to some of the people who don't have legs anymore and see how funny they think that movie is," said Cottone."

Brain Cancer May Be Linked to Gulf War Service

In March 1991, Army soldiers destroyed two large Iraqi weapons caches at Khamisiyah, Iraq. In October 1991, March 1992, May 1992, and May 1998, representatives from the United Nations Special Commission inspected Khamisiyah and detected the existence of sarin and cyclosarin in both intact and damaged rockets in the bunker and pit.

The military commissioned the Institute of Medicine to conduct a study for the purpose of investigating whether U.S. Army Gulf War veterans, who were potentially exposed to nerve agents during the March 1991 weapons demolitions at Khamisiyah, are at increased risk of cause specific mortality.

The results of the study indicate the risks of most disease-related mortality were similar for exposed and unexposed veterans. However, exposed veterans had an increased risk of brain cancer deaths. The risk of brain

cancer death was larger among those exposed two or more days than those exposed one day when both were compared separately to all unexposed veterans.

The study concludes that exposure to chemical munitions at Khamisiyah may be associated with an increased risk of brain cancer death. Researchers note that additional research will be required to confirm that finding.

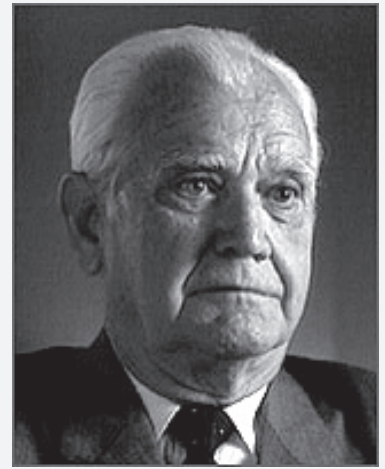
Additional information will be provided in future issues of the *VETS NEWS* as it becomes available.

Veterans who believe they may be suffering from an illness or injury connected to their military service should consider filing a claim with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). For more information about these and other veterans' benefits, contact the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs at 1-800-296-9666 or 503-373-2085 or a veterans' service officer (see list on page 11).

Portland Massing of the Colors

The Portland Oregon Chapter of the Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW) will present its 41st Annual Massing of the Colors and Service of Remembrance on October 30, 2005. The ceremony will begin at 2 p.m. at the Oregon National Guard Kliever Armory, located at 1000 NE 33rd Drive, in Portland.

This service honors all veterans, living and deceased as well as servicemembers who are currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces. If interested in participating or for more information, contact Kathy Page at 503-678-2348. The registration deadline to participate in the ceremony is October 10.



- In Memoriam - General Westmoreland

Retired General William C. Westmoreland, a hard charging soldier who commanded U.S. ground forces in Vietnam, died on July 18 at the age of 91. Westmoreland died at the Bishop Gadsden retirement home in Charleston, South Carolina, where he had lived with his wife for several years.

His military career began at The Citadel where he attended for one year before transferring to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. In 1936, he graduated from West Point, where he later became the Academy's superintendent in 1960.

Westmoreland served in North Africa, Sicily and Europe during World War II. He fought with the 9th Infantry Division at Normandy. By July 1944, he had attained the rank of colonel at age 30. As commander of the 34th Field Artillery Battalion, he earned the loyalty and respect of his troops for joining them in battle rather than remaining behind the lines at a command post.

He was promoted to brigadier general during service in the Korean War and later served in the Pentagon. By 1958, he was a major general and commanded the 101st Airborne Division.

Westmoreland was selected by President Lyndon B. Johnson in 1964 to head U.S. Military Assistance Command and by 1968 he was commanding a force of more than 500,000. In June 1968 he left Vietnam to serve as the Army's Chief of Staff, a position he held until retiring in 1972.

"Few people have had a field command as long as I did," Westmoreland told the Associate Press in 1985. "I was there seven days a week working 14 to 16 hours a day. I was a soldier and carried out the mission given to me by the commander in chief, the president of the United States. I have no apologies, no regrets. I gave my very best efforts."

Westmoreland quotes from the Army Times, Aug. 8, 2005, and from CNN: <http://www.cnn.com/2005/US/07/18/obit.westmoreland.ap/index.html>

Thank You to Charitable Checkoff Donors

For the last three years, Oregonians have had the opportunity to donate portions or all of their Oregon Individual Income Tax refunds to the Oregon Veterans' Home when they file their Oregon tax returns. The Home was first listed in the 2002 Oregon Individual Income Tax booklet as a charitable organization to which donations could be made.

Donations received in 2005 for the 2004 tax year amounted to \$11,257 from 556 contributors. Charitable checkoff donations go into the Oregon Veterans' Home Trust Fund and are used to benefit residents, receiving nursing home and rehabilitative services.

The Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs offers its sincere appreciation to all those who have shared their tax returns with the Oregon Veterans' Home and invites those who have not to give it consideration next tax season.

Deployed Soldiers Receive Phone Cards

Thirty-five servicemembers along with four UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters from the Oregon National Guard 1042nd Medical Company were deployed in July for a six-month tour of duty in Afghanistan. They will join approximately 800 Oregon National Guard servicemembers already serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. The 1042nd is based at the Army Aviation Flight Facility in Salem.

And as with each deployment, families often wonder how they will manage until their loved ones return. The American Veterans (AMVETS) Post 1984 of Salem stepped in to help by contributing phone cards to each of the most-recently deployed soldiers to make calling home much easier. Additionally, AMVETS Post 1984 has donated \$2,500 to the Oregon National Guard to help meet the needs of families of deployed Guard members.

Post Commander John Lessar said, "We are honored and pleased to be able to help. It is our way of acknowledging the tremendous sacrifice that these Oregonians and their families are making for all of us."

KWVA National Convention

The Korean War Veterans Association (KWVA) will hold its national convention October 2-5, 2005 at the Isle of Capri Hotel and Casino in Bossier City, Louisiana. New Secretary of Veterans Affairs, James Nicholson, will be the featured guest speaker. Contact the Hotel at 1-877-465-3711 to make your reservations and be sure and ask for the special rate for the Korean convention.

Looking For...

Don Foelker is interested in being contacted by veterans of WWII, Korea, and Vietnam to aid him with his quest to gather information relative to the oldest living commissioned officers in the State of Oregon. He has a special interest in brothers who each served as Commissioned Officers. If you have questions or information that might be helpful, you can contact Mr. Don Foelker at 503-648-2927.

Veterans to be Recognized at Trailblazer Game

The Portland Trailblazers plan to honor veterans in November (date yet to be determined) during a home game held on their home court at the Rose Quarter in Portland.

According to event organizer Ryan Williams, discount tickets will be made available to veterans. For further information, contact Williams at the Blazer's office 503-963-3982.

Veterans Job Fair

On 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 the Memorial Coliseum from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. and is open to all veterans, their spouses, dependants, 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

The cost to register for employers is \$125 and includes an exhibit table with two chairs, lunch, coffee, water and more. If you would like more information about the Veterans Job Fair, please contact one of the numbers listed above.

Reunions

USNR Midshipmen's School, New York, N.Y. is having a reunion September 6-9, 2005, in Burlington, Vermont. For further information, contact Ken Boyd at 16608 La Paloma Lane, Edmond, Oklahoma, telephone 405-330-4707, or e-mail ken@clickworld.net.

U.S.S. Thetis Bay CVE - 90, CVHA - 1, LPH - 6 is holding a reunion September 7-11, 2005, in Wakefield, Missouri. For information, contact J.M. "Duke" Ditrich at 503-632-7273.

17th Photo Recon. Squadron is holding its annual reunion in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, September 8-10, 2005. For more information, contact Al Bailey, 6705 SE Ash Place, Portland, Oregon 97215, telephone 503-232-8051, e-mail baileyalp38@aol.com.

100th Infantry Division WWII reunion will be held at the Hyatt Regency Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, September 8-11, 2005. Contact Hank Williams for more information, telephone 808-438-2647 or e-mail hbw2@bellsouth.net.

"C" Company of the 72nd TK Battalion will hold their annual reunion September 13-15, 2005, in Branson, Missouri. For additional information, contact Leon Dussault at 256-883-2512 or Quinten Fadness at 503-663-5985.

U.S.S. Card, CVE 11 is having its 22nd annual reunion in Idaho Falls, Idaho, September 14-18, 2005. Contact Patsi Hinckley at PO Box 141, Lewisville, Idaho 83431, or telephone 208-754-9926.

U.S.S. Ranger (CV4) will hold its 40th annual reunion in San Diego, California, September 14-18, 2005. For information, contact Tom Osmunson, 314 Ridge Street, Honesdale, Pennsylvania 18431-1625, or telephone 570-253-4806.

Society of the 3rd Infantry Division's 86th Annual Reunion will be held at the Red Lion Hotel in San Diego, California, from September 15-18, 2005. For more information, contact: The Reunion BRAT at 360-663-2521 or e-mail Info@TheReunionBRAT.com

U.S.S. Charles Carroll APA28 is holding its 20th reunion September 15-18, 2005, at the Holiday Inn National Airport located at 2650 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202. Please contact Mildred Smith, 11171 Coit Road, Dallas, Texas 75251, or telephone 972-385-0525, or e-mail mildredsmith972@sbcglobal.net.

U.S.S. Bayfield APA 33 will be holding its annual ships reunion at the Cobblestone Inn in Branson, Missouri from September 22-26, 2005. All former USCG, Marine, USN personnel are invited to attend. For more information, contact Larry Ferguson at 530-435-2562 or e-mail usardi@snowcrest.net.

U.S. Naval Construction Battalion No. 3 will hold a reunion September 23-25, 2005, at the Boardwalk Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada. For more information, contact Dwight Hintz at 503-667-3761 or e-mail pweatherwax@aol.com.

U.S.S. General G.O. Squier, AP130, will be holding its 13th reunion at the Reunion Headquarters of the Hilton Garden Inn Hotel in Independence Missouri, September 29-October 2, 2005. All Shipmates and Marines that served aboard this ship are invited. Please contact Chuck Falbo at 5020 NE Ainsworth Street, Portland, Oregon 97218-1825, or telephone 503-284-3319 for more information.

90th Bomb Squadron (LNI, Korea) is holding a reunion at the Embassy Suites, Vienna, Virginia, September 29-October 2, 2005. Contact Richard Larsen for more information, at telephone 717-352-2900, or e-mail larsengl@innernet.net.

Reunions - Continued

U.S.S. San Carlos, AVP-51 will be having their reunion September 30-October 1, 2005, in Mesa, Arizona. For information, contact Thayne Smith at 355 S. Main Street, Kanab, Utah 84741, telephone 435-644-5154.

76th Infantry Division Association will hold their 58th annual reunion at the Holiday Inn Downtown-Superdome in New Orleans, Louisiana, October 13-16, 2005. For information, contact Bob Donahoe, 160 Sea Gull Lane, Eastham, Maine 02642, or telephone 503-240-1201, or e-mail rdonahoe1@comcast.com.

483rd Bombardment Group (H) Association is having their annual reunion October 10-15, 2005, in Galveston, Texas. Contact Claude Jackson for more information at 1758 Pasadena Boulevard, Pasadena, Texas 77502-2420, telephone 713-472-1572, or e-mail claude483@sbcglobal.net.

Guadalcanal Campaign Veterans will hold its annual reunion at the Ramada Express Hotel in Laughlin, Nevada, October 16-21, 2005. For more information, contact Gordon W. Morgan at 503-254-6848 or e-mail usmcg27@aol.com.

U.S.S. Casa Grande, LSD 13, will hold a reunion at the Embassy Suites in Tempe, Arizona, October 19-24, 2005. Please contact Ben Lines at 193 West Shore Road, New Pston, Connecticut 06777 for more information.

Veterans Day Event Info Needed

It is our pleasure to be able to include information about Veterans Day events in the Nov/Dec issue of the *VETS NEWS*. To have your event considered for inclusion in the *VETS NEWS*, please submit in writing the following information:

- Organization holding the event
- Location of event
- Date of event
- Name of contact person
- Phone number of contact person
- Short description of the event

Either - mail to: *VETS NEWS*, 700 Summer Street N.E., Salem, OR 97301-1285, or fax to ATTN: *VETS NEWS* at 503-373-2362 or you can e-mail the information to stecklr@odva.state.or.us by **October 3, 2005**.

If the event is a parade, please indicate the start and finish location of the parade and/or the parade route. For luncheons, barbecues, etc., please indicate if there is a charge to attend.

For questions, contact Robin Steckley at the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs toll free 1-800-828-8801 ext. 2385 or 503-373-2385.

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