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Remembering Rosie the Riveter

The early forties saw a nation fully engaged in winning World War II, with American women, and men joining forces toward a common goal in a manner that has been unequaled since. The World War II home front holds a significant place in America's history.

While much of the nation's male workforce were serving their country and defending the freedom it represents, those back home stepped up to keep the country going and to meet the high demands for wartime materials.

Some 18 million women bravely stepped out of their homes and into the defense industries and support services.

They went to work in steel mills, foundries, lumber mills, aircraft factories, hospitals, offices and daycare centers, challenging traditional notions of women's capabilities. Images of women in overalls wielding industrial tools became an icon of the era, and the women were dubbed "Rosie Riveters."



Honoring women's labor during World War II, the Rosie the Riveter Memorial was built at the site of the former Kaiser Shipyard No.2, now Marina Bay Park in Richmond, California.

The 441-foot long Memorial reflects the length of the Liberty Ships produced at the Kaiser Shipyards. A walkway leading visitors

to a lookout at the water's edge includes a period timeline of the home front, including memories obtained from individual women about their wartime experience.

Along the walkway there are also sculptures representing features of a Liberty Ship and large panels of white granite that are sandblasted with images and quotes from female workers.

The Memorial was designed by visual artist Susan Schwartzenberg and landscape architect/environmental sculptor Cheryl Barton.

For more information about the Memorial, maps and updates, you can visit the website at www.rosietheriveter.org or email Rick_Smith@nps.gov. Information can also be found at the National Park Service in Richmond, California at 510-232-5050 or visit their website at www.nps.gov/rori/.



USMC Women Mark 63 Years of Service

According to the Women Marines Association, February marked the 63rd anniversary of women officially serving in the Marine Corps. Women entered the Corps in 1918. Known in World War I as "Marinettes," they worked mostly in administrative jobs. The first female recruit was Opha Mae Johnson.

The Marine Women's Reserve was established in July 1942 as part of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve. The association's president, Paula Sarlls, said the women's assignments were limited to the U.S. to free men to fight.

The first group of women Marine officers received direct commissions based on ability

and civilian expertise. With no formal indoctrination or schooling, women Marines went on active duty immediately and were assigned to more than 200 different jobs.

President Franklin Roosevelt addressed the Corps' women in a message in 1944 saying, "You have quickly and efficiently taken over duties that not long ago were considered strictly masculine assignments."

The Association's 63rd anniversary came just days after another milestone for female Marines. On Jan. 23, Col. Adele Hodges assumed command of Camp Lejeune, N.C., as the first female commander in the installation's history.



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Director's Message

"The Magnetic Ribbon"



It is not unusual for me to receive letters and e-mails from veterans and their family members. Usually, these are requests for information; stories about veterans;

information about military units; or someone taking the time to commend the service they received from employees here at the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs.

Recently, I received the following letter from Steve Coles, a Vietnam veteran from Elgin, Oregon who served in Vietnam from April 1970 to April 1971 with D Company, 2nd Battalion, 173rd Airborne Brigade. It is reprinted below in its entirety.

I am writing because as a Vietnam veteran, I am pleased to see and hear all the support our Iraq troops are getting. As a Vietnam veteran this is something I did not receive. The first time I saw on the news the support the Iraq troops were getting it brought tears to my eyes, and I was proud of our country!! This is not what I received nor did my fellow veterans. We received just the opposite. We were doing our duty for our country and we were met with hate and much more!! No cheering crowds or televised welcome homes!! So I am pleased with what I see for our Iraq troops.

The reason I am saying all this is what happened to me a few weeks back. My wife and I went to Walla Walla, Washington to do some shopping. When we came out of the store, I could see this lady putting a note on my truck. I thought, "Oh no, she must have hit my truck." When we got there the lady told me she just wanted to leave me a note. She had seen my ribbon magnet on my truck that said I was a Vietnam veteran. She said she was glad to see a ribbon that honored Vietnam vets, and what a great job she thought we did for our country.

This meant so much to me!!! She said, "We were proud of you!!" It was a long time coming thank you, but it made me feel proud!! I am enclosing a copy of the note and a copy of my magnetic ribbon. I hope this encourages other Vietnam vets.

~Steven M. Coles
Elgin, Oregon

The note that was left on Steve's truck read:

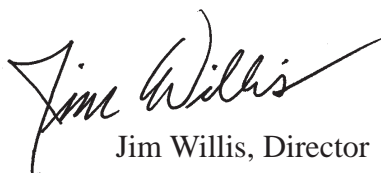
"I am glad to see a "ribbon" honoring Vietnam Vets. You guys did a great job for your country and we're proud of you."

As a fellow Vietnam veteran, Steve's letter reminded me of the spirit I have witnessed here in Oregon and across our nation. Ordinary citizens are taking the time to thank all those who served. In doing so, they are making everyone who wore our nation's uniform even more proud of their individual service.

Many of my fellow Vietnam veterans from all over Oregon have also stepped up to make sure that never again will a group of returning war veterans be treated as they were treated....that never again will we see the warrior judged by how people feel about the war, any war.

You will continue to see these Vietnam veterans and veterans of other wars show up to say, "Welcome Home." You will see veterans, through their veterans motorcycle associations, continue to provide escorts for Oregon's returning troop buses, and sadly, for those who have died in service to our country. These veterans remember... For this reason, they will not forget those who serve this country with honor and those who have given all they had to give.

Thank you for your letter, Steve. And thank you also to the unknown lady in Walla Walla who took the time from her day to thank a veteran from a war long ago. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated much more than you can know.


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2005 Tax Legislation Will Help Veterans

The 2005 Oregon Legislature passed and Governor Ted Kulongoski signed into law two new tax laws that will affect military personnel and some retirees. Senate Bill 31 connected Oregon to federal law, allowing the deduction for overnight travel of Guard members and the tax-free treatment for death benefits, while House Bill 2933 has four major tax-related provisions.

The major provisions of HB 2933 include: Discharge of taxes due to death; Collection activity on hold; Combat Zone income exclusion; and Military pay and tax exemptions. The Bill also directly affects Oregon active duty military, Guard and Reserve members, and their families, who have served or are serving on active duty in Iraq, Afghanistan or during the Hurricane Katrina disaster.

A key provision that has existed in Oregon for several years is that military members who retired before October 1, 1991 do not have their "Military Retirement Pay" taxed by the State. Retirees who worked for the federal government before October 1, 1991, but did not retire until after this date must pay taxes on the portion of their federal pension attributable to federal service "after October 1, 1991."

To obtain more detailed information about the tax changes check online at: www.oregon.gov/DOR/PERTAX/military-faq.shtml. If you have further questions, call the Oregon Department of Revenue, weekdays, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., at 1-800-356-4222 or direct at 503-378-4988, within the Salem area.

For federal tax information, it is suggested that you contact a licensed tax preparer or call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040. Visit the IRS web site at: www.irs.gov.



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World War II Vet Still Fighting

Whether talking about the Naval Armed Guard, The Merchant Marines, the Dutch and French Resistance or other unsung heroes who fought to help preserve freedom during past wars, an argument could be made that they have not received the kind of recognition they are due for the sacrifices they made in service to this, and other countries in the ongoing fight for freedom.

A.F. "Gus" Smoorenburg, was 19 years old when he joined the Dutch Resistance in Europe during World War II. His tales of derailing trains, cutting off power to German anti-aircraft batteries and other tactics are indicative of the efforts these freedom fighters put forth.

Smoorenburg, now 85 and living in Sheridan, hopes that the United States will

Living History Days

Remembering America's Heroes, a grassroots organization, was founded in 2002 and spearheaded by Vietnam Veteran, Jim Page (Navy Corpsman), with the purpose of providing education to youth and communities about the value of freedom and its costs. For the past nine years, the organization has supported Milwaukie High School's Living History Day.

Living History Days honor those who supported the war-time effort. Milwaukie High School decorates the entire school with patriotic resemblance of the time periods of past wars. Camouflage netting, war memorabilia (including tanks, military vehicles, period uniforms, weapons, photographs, and journals), along with original artwork by students are on display. There is also a Gold Star Assembly, honoring Milwaukie High School students who have died while serving their country.

During the ceremonies, veterans answer questions, and relate wartime experiences to students and staff. This is a great learning experience for both speakers and students. At program's end, students line the hallways and applaud the procession of their veteran guests to show gratitude for their service and sacrifice to this country.

Redmond High School is planning a Living History Event April 3-4 and Nestucca Middle School plans to hold their own event May 14-15. If you are interested in attending one of these functions, or want to learn more about Remembering America's Heroes and Living History Days, call 503-659-5157 or visit www.rahusa.us.

The Oregon Military Museum is inviting the public to their ninth annual Armed Forces Living History Day, May 20, at Camp Withycombe in Clackamas.

This event is free to the public and is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Camp Withycombe is located just east of Interstate 205 at exit 12 (for Highway 212/224). For more information call 503-557-5359.



recognize the Resistance as an honorary branch of the U.S. military.

In 2003, the 72nd Oregon Legislative Assembly, through Senate Resolution 1, recognized and honored the efforts and sacrifices the Dutch Resistance fighters made during World War II in overcoming the Nazi regime and achieving ultimate victory in Europe for the Allied Forces.

Smoorenburg is one of many veterans from past wars that we pass each day on the streets and don't realize the efforts and sacrifices they have made in order to defend freedom. It is important to always remember those who came before us, and how they battled for a lifestyle we enjoy today.



Special Access Pass

An article appeared in the November-December issue of *VETS NEWS* newsletter about the fee waiver at Oregon State Parks for veterans. The article indicated that as details of the pass card program were developed, the Department of Veterans' Affairs would provide updates in our newsletter.

An Oregon State Parks Special Access Pass has been developed and the process for obtaining the pass has been completed. Applications for the Special Access pass are available at the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs, located at 700 Summer Street NE, in Salem as well as the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, State Parks, 725 Summer Street NE, Suite C, also in Salem or online at www.oregon.gov/OPRD/PARKS/fee_waivers.shtml or by calling 1-800-551-6949 (Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.).

Veterans with any level of service-connected disability qualify for a free state park day-use pass and free state park tent and RV camping in Oregon State Parks.

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 from 2 days to nine months in advance. There is a fee to make a reservation (\$6 per reservation).

If you have any questions about the Special Access Pass or the application process contact the Oregon State Parks at 1-800-551-6949 (Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.).



Proper Retirement of American Flags

The 13 stripes represent the 13 original colonies that first gained liberty in this Nation. The 50 stars represent the 50 sovereign states that make up this great country, as we know it today. The red stands for the lifeblood of those who fought for our freedom. The white symbolizes purity and cleanliness of purpose, thought, word and deed. Blue stands for truth and justice.

Yes, those simple elements that comprise the most famous of all national flags actually mean something. They are not random, or without significance. Individually they represent elements of our history, and values we hold dear. Collectively, they represent the greatest



symbol of freedom the world has ever known.

So it stands to reason that when this great symbol has served its time, and bears the scars of its ever-diligent vigil over the United States and its citizens signifying our freedom, there is a proper way in which it should be retired.

They are not to be thrown in the trash. They are not to be crumpled up in a closet. They are not even to be burned unceremoniously. There is a specific protocol for the ceremonial incineration of the flag, and anyone who respects the flag and believes in the principles for which it stands should retire the flag correctly.

The easiest way to retire your used flag is to drop it off with an organization that regularly performs these flag retirement ceremonies. The American Legion regularly performs flag retirement ceremonies around the state. For information on a drop-off site in your area, contact the American Legion State Headquarters in Wilsonville at (503) 685-5006.

If you reside in the Salem area, the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 661 also performs flag retirement ceremonies and offers flag drop-off at their office at 630 Hood Street in Salem. Drop-offs should be between the hours of 9 a.m. and noon on Mondays and between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. on Thursdays. For more information on VFW drop-offs, call 503-364-7997.



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 December 2005 and January 2006 are listed below:

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On The HOME-front...



We asked Oregon Veteran's Home residents their thoughts on...

Who was your favorite movie star and what was your favorite show in which they acted?



Jack Wood -
"Betty Grable or Clark Gable in Gone With The Wind."



Thomas Byrum -
John Wayne and "Stage Coach" was his favorite movie.



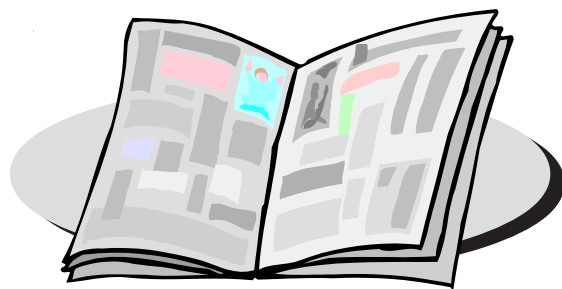
Daniel Weise -
"Art Carney as Ed Norton in the Honeyymooners."



Selma Gray -
"Shirley Temple in The Good Ship Lollipop."



Esther Durden -
"Jane Wyman but I can't think of a movie she was in."



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.

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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.
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Credit Card: VISA MasterCard

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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

2006 Women Veterans Conference

Mark your calendars! This month the bi-annual Oregon Women Veterans Conference, will be held Thursday, March 23 at the Linn County Expo Center in Albany.

The Conference is an important resource for women of all ages who have served in any branch of the military. Workshops will provide information about veterans' benefits.

Representatives from veterans' organizations will provide information about available services. The event is free of charge and open to all women who have served in the Military. Service during a combat era is not

required to be a veteran or to attend the conference.

An array of dynamic speakers, many women veterans themselves, are planned for the Conference.

Attendees can also look forward to a new Wellness Room. Space is limited, so please call now to register and reserve your spot.



Please plan to arrive early to the center, as registration begins promptly at 8 a.m. Lunch will be provided. To register, call the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs at 1-800-828-8801; extensions 2384; 2385 or 2389.



Attention Navy Veterans

The Greater Salem Area Veterans Organizations (GSAVO) is looking for help from Navy veterans who served overseas during any era since World War I. GSAVO sponsors military education displays at a variety of venues including, schools, state and county fairs, conferences, conventions, churches and retirement communities.

Currently, the GSAVO has approximately fifty naval uniforms that have been donated for use in its educational displays. It is their desire to include with each uniform on display, a photo of a veteran who wore that specific type or style of uniform along with information about their military service.

If you can provide information or assistance with this project, you are asked to contact Jim Hardy at 503-463-4274 or Mac MacDonald at 503-364-4299.



Oregon Governor Kulongoski Proclaims Women's Military History Week

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STATE OF OREGON



PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS:** For well over two centuries, in times of peace and war, generations of Americans have answered the clarion call of duty, service and country; and
- WHEREAS:** Throughout our nation's proud military history, the courageous women of the American armed forces have served with honor and distinction—from the Revolutionary War to the Civil War and the Spanish American War; and
- WHEREAS:** An estimated 30,000 and 500,000 females were enlisted during World Wars I and II respectively, earning acclaim for their honorable service; and
- WHEREAS:** Women have served in all of our nation's major conflicts, often in extremely dangerous situations, even taken as POWs during Operation Desert Storm, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and World War II; and
- WHEREAS:** Women account for about four percent of World War II veterans, and today almost two million women have served in the military; and
- WHEREAS:** It is estimated that 29,000 women, or more than 10 percent of the total number of U.S. deployed forces, are currently serving in Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom; and
- WHEREAS:** Between 1990-2020, the number of women veterans is projected to increase by 58 percent; and
- WHEREAS:** Women's Military History Week highlights the important strength, service, and sacrifices of women in our armed forces.

NOW,
THEREFORE: I, Theodore R. Kulongoski, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **March 20-24, 2006** to be

WOMEN'S MILITARY HISTORY WEEK

in Oregon and encourage all Oregonians to join in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Salem in the State of Oregon on this day, February 10, 2006.



Theodore R. Kulongoski
Theodore R. Kulongoski, Governor

Bill Bradbury
Bill Bradbury, Secretary of State

Veterans' History Project Continues

Thanks to the Veterans History Project, a project of the United States Library of Congress, both veterans and others can share those military service stories whenever they want. The mission of the Veterans History Project is to collect and archive the personal recollections of U.S. wartime veterans to honor their service and share their stories with current and future generations. The Project also collects stories from home front civilians who worked in support of our Armed Forces.

If you are interested in sharing your story, or know someone who should, check out the Veteran History Project web page at www.loc.gov/vets. From there, you can find partners who can help you record your historical account. You can also learn more about the project, download brochures or even read, watch or listen to stories from those who experienced war first hand.

It is important to note that the program is not just for conflicts from the past. Today's veterans have stories that others want to hear.

These historical records of individual and group accounts of wartime experience will prove invaluable over time. You can even share a story of a veteran who is no longer with us. If you would like to learn more about the project, you can visit the official web page for the Library of Congress or call their toll-free number at 1-888-371-5848.



URGENT - April 1st Deadline

Veterans' Property Tax Exemption

The April 1st deadline is soon approaching for a newly created property tax exemption available to certain National Guard service members and reservists activated to federal service.

Property tax exemptions will not occur automatically. Application must be made on or before April 1, 2006 with your county assessor's office.

Forty percent or more service-connected disabled veterans will be eligible for an exemption from taxation not to exceed \$18,000 of the assessed value of the property. If a qualified veteran dies during the prior tax year, the surviving spouse may file for the

exemption at any time during the current tax year if the war veteran died anytime during the previous tax year or if the homestead property was acquired after March 1, but prior to July 1, and the veteran died within 30 days of the date property was acquired.

To obtain more information about the property tax exemption, contact your county assessor's office or call the Department of Revenue toll-free at 1-800-356-4222, or TTY call 1-800-886-7204. The new active military forms are available on the Internet at www.oregon.gov/DOR/PTD/docs/303-084.pdf.



New Shoes For Iraqi Kids

The U.S. Army's 48th Brigade Combat Team (BCT), Civil Affairs Team has been involved with delivering school supplies and school furniture in the southern region of Iraq since their arrival in November 2005. Shoes for kids were a different matter until the soldiers of the 48th teamed up with Air Force Major Steve Kassebaum, from Beaverton, Oregon, who has a rather unique connection to a source of kid's shoes.

The partnering of the 48th BCT and Kassebaum contributed to a convoy of soldiers who delivered school supplies and shoes to Iraqi children. Kassebaum, a 15-year Air Force veteran, graduated from the



University of Oregon as did Nike

CEO, Phil Knight. Plus, Kassebaum's sister is a Nike employee.

As the cartons of shoes were opened, children ages 6 to 16 crowded around the soldiers as they did everything they could to fit the children's feet, with the correct size of shoe. Thirty large cartons did not last long as children crowded the soldiers, often bringing forward a younger sibling who was too small to penetrate the swarming crowd alone.

As the last pair of shoes was being fit to the feet of the last child, Kassebaum reflected on the experience.

"I feel like I have done something good here, just the fact that they have so little, and that we can help," Kassebaum said. "I put some shoes on some kid's feet and that's worth all the time I have spent over here."



Military Museum Needs Volunteers

The Camp White Historical Association and Museum in White City is seeking members for its board of trustees and volunteers to work in the museum to help with the Association's goal of preserving the history of Camp White.

Camp White was once a U.S. War Department World War II training site and home to the Army's 91st Infantry Division, the 96th Infantry Division and several other Regimental and Battalion size support units for various lengths of time. By 1944, the Camp also housed approximately 2,000 German Prisoners of War.

The Museum, founded on Veterans' Day 1998, is located in building 200 at the VA's Southern Oregon Rehabilitation Center and Clinics in White City.

Those interested in volunteering or becoming association members should contact Commander Al Inlow at 541-826-2111, ext. 3674.



Golden Access Passport

The Golden Access Passport is a lifetime entrance pass to national parks, monuments, historic sites, recreation areas, and national wildlife refuges that charge an entrance fee. The Golden Access Passport admits the pass holder and any accompanying passengers in a private vehicle if a park has a per vehicle entrance fee. Where a per person entrance fee is charged, the Golden Access Passport admits the pass holder, spouse, and children.

The Golden Access Passport also provides a 50% discount on federal use fees charged for facilities and services such as camping, swimming, parking, boat launching, and tours. In some cases where use fees are charged, only the pass holder will be given the 50% price reduction. The Passport is nontransferable and does NOT cover or reduce special recreation permit fees or fees charged by concessioners.

Charitable Check-off: Veterans' Home

With the April 15th tax deadline approaching, now is the time to start thinking about what to do with all that refunded money. If you are due a refund when you file your Oregon Individual Income Tax Return, you have an opportunity to say "Thanks" to Oregon's veterans by sharing a small portion of that money with the Oregon Veterans' Home.

Located in The Dalles, the Home is Oregon's only State Veterans' Home. As the Home receives no state tax dollars for operating the home, donations like those from the Charitable Check-off help retain affordability and enhance residents' quality of life.

If you fill out the Oregon Form 40S (the short form):

- Locate line 31 on the form
- Enter the number "12" where it asks you to "Enter code"
- Choose an amount from those listed or enter an amount of your choice

If you fill out the Oregon Form 40 (the long form)

- Locate line 63 on the form
- Enter the number "12" on the line where it says "Enter code"
- Choose an amount from those listed or enter an amount of your choice

If a tax professional prepares your Oregon tax forms, you will need to tell him or her that you would like a part of your refund to go to the Oregon Veterans' Home.

The Oregon Department of Revenue will in turn send your donation straight to the Oregon Veterans' Home Trust Fund where it will be used for the Home.



A Golden Access Passport must be obtained in person at a federal area where an entrance fee is charged.

It is available only to citizens or permanent residents of the United States who are medically determined to be blind or permanently disabled. You may obtain a Golden Access Passport by showing proof of medically determined permanent disability, or eligibility for receiving benefits under federal law.

Additional details about the Golden Access Passport can be obtained at the National Park Service web site, www.nps.gov/fees_passes.htm or by calling 1-888-467-2757.

For veterans who are service connected, a letter indicating qualifying disability information can be obtained from the Portland Regional Office by calling toll free 1-800-827-1000.



The Bomber Coffee Club

The Bomber – Wings of Freedom Coffee Club meets the first Friday of each month at The Bomber Restaurant located at 13515 SE McLoughlin Blvd., Milwaukie, Oregon.

All veterans and anyone interested in preserving America's history are invited to attend. More information can be obtained by calling Terry Scott at 503-654-6491.

Traumatic Injury Protection Program

Servicemembers who suffered certain traumatic injuries during recent military service may be eligible for up to \$100,000 in insurance payments under the new Traumatic Injury Protection Program (TSGLI). TSGLI payments are tax-free and paid in addition to any VA benefits that a servicemember may receive.

On December 1, 2005 all Servicemember Group Life Insurance (SGLI) policyholders were automatically insured for this program with an additional monthly charge of \$1.

For those wounded between October 7, 2005 and December 1, 2005, retroactive payments may be available, even if the servicemember was not covered by SGLI at the time of the injury.

Traumatic injuries covered include, but are not limited to: total and permanent loss

of sight in one or both eyes, a loss of hand or foot by severance at or above the wrist or ankle, total and permanent loss of hearing in one or both ears, loss of speech, loss of thumb and index finger of the same hand by severance at or above the metacarpophalangeal joints, quadriplegia, paraplegia, hemiplegia, 3rd degree or worse burns covering 30 percent of the body or 30 percent of the face, coma or traumatic brain injury, and other traumatic injuries resulting in the inability to carry out activities of daily living.

For more information or assistance with filing a claim for NSC or other veterans' benefits, contact the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs at 1-800-692-9666 or 503-373-2085 or a veterans' service officer near you (see page 11).



VA Gravesite Locator

The burial locations of more than five million veterans for whom the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has provided grave markers are now available on the Internet. The VA recently added 1.9 million records for veterans buried primarily in private cemeteries to its database. The gravesite locator previously carried records on 3 million veterans buried in VA national cemeteries since the Civil War, and in state veterans cemeteries and Arlington National Cemetery since 1999.

Online at <http://gravelocator.cem.va.gov>, the nationwide gravesite locator helps veterans' families, and others find the graves of veterans, as well as the information inscribed on the markers. Internet users only need to provide the last name of the deceased veteran or dependent.

For information on VA burial benefits, contact your local Veteran's Service Officer (see page 11) or the Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs at 1-800-692-9666 or 503-373-2085.



Protective Gear Reimbursements

The Army News Service has announced that reimbursement of personally purchased protective equipment - such as outer tactical vests (OTV) or most components of an OTV, helmets, knee pads and ballistic eye protection - is now available under a provision of the 2005 Defense Authorization Act.

Purchases between September 11, 2001 and April 1, 2006 may be eligible for

reimbursement, if the servicemember was not issued like items prior to their deployment in Operations Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom, or Iraqi Freedom.

For more information or assistance with for a reimbursement or other veterans' benefits, contact the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs at 1-800-692-9666 or 503-373-2085 or a veterans' service officer near you (see page 11).



The Oregon Veterans' Home Revisited

Many of our readers are familiar with the Oregon Veterans' Home. However, since new subscribers are added to the *VETS NEWS* distribution regularly, we realize there are some who have not been properly introduced to the Home. For our readers, both the long-time and the new, the following article is intended to introduce or re-familiarize you to the Oregon Veterans' Home – “*The Place Where Honor Lives.*”

Built on 15 acres overlooking the beautiful Columbia River, the Oregon Veterans' Home is a 151-bed skilled nursing and rehabilitative care facility. The Home offers state of the art care for eligible veterans, spouses or widows of veterans and parents, all of whose children died while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States.

In October 1997, after many years of planning, hard work and the support of hundreds of individuals and organizations, the Oregon Veterans' Home opened its doors. In November of that year, the first veteran was admitted. Since that time over 700 residents have received care at the Oregon Veterans' Home. Of those residents, 35 have

been female veterans and 12 have been married couples, two of which are currently residing at the home.



To be eligible for admission to the Oregon Veterans' Home an applicant must meet the following conditions:

- Be a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States as defined by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (USDVA) discharged under honorable conditions or
- The spouse, or surviving spouse as defined by the USDVA or
- A parent, all of whose children died while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States.

An applicant must also:

- Be able to pay the resident's portion of the cost of care and
- Be in need of skilled or intermediate nursing home care;
- Not require medical care for which the Home is not equipped or staffed to provide and
- Not have violent traits that may prove dangerous to the veteran, residents of the Home, staff or others. However, this should not be interpreted as to prevent the admission of residents diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease or other dementia for which the facility is equipped and prepared to provide care

Staff at the Oregon Veterans' Home treat residents and their families with the respect and dignity.

If you would like more information about the Home please call or stop by for a visit. The home is located 700 Veterans' Drive, The Dalles, OR.



New Destroyer Honors Vietnam Prisoner of War

The Navy's newest guided missile destroyer will be named in honor of Vice Admiral James Bond Stockdale (1923-2005), the legendary leader of American prisoners of war (POWs) during the Vietnam War.

Stockdale was the highest-ranking naval officer ever held as a prisoner of war in North Vietnam. His plane was shot down September 9, 1965, while flying combat missions over North Vietnam.

Stockdale spent more than seven years in captivity at prisons in North Vietnam including time at the infamous



Vice Admiral James Bond Stockdale (1923 - 2005)

"Hanoi Hilton." He is also credited with organizing a set of prison rules to govern the behavior of fellow POW's and for helping to develop a code for prisoners to communicate with each other that included tapping on cell walls.

In recognition of his leadership and sacrifice he was awarded the Medal of Honor in 1976.

The *USS Stockdale* will be a variant of the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer and will incorporate a helicopter hanger facility into the original design.



You May Qualify for NSC Pension

Each year, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) awards non-service connected (NSC) pensions to veterans. If you are a veteran who is permanently and totally disabled, or are age 65 or older (regardless of being disabled or not), you may be entitled to a VA NSC pension.

To qualify, a veteran must meet certain income requirements and have served a minimum of 90 days active service in the U.S. Armed Forces, one day of which was during a period of war. The VA considers the combination of a veteran's income with net worth in determining whether they are eligible for an NSC pension. Un-reimbursed medical expenses may reduce countable income.

For more information or assistance with filing a claim for NSC or other veterans' benefits, contact the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs at 1-800-692-9666 or 503-373-2085 or a veterans' service officer near you (see page 11).



Safety Sunglasses for Troops

The Marine Corps League is sending shipments of comfort items to members of the Armed Forces who are deployed in Iraq and Afghanistan. Two of the items that have been a success with the troops are paperback novels and safety-type sunglasses. The sunglasses are a wrap-around style with foam inserts that provide eye protection during sand storms. Designed to withstand a shotgun blast they will provide some protection from shrapnel.

These glasses are regularly marketed to hunters, skeet shooters and motorcycle enthusiasts, but the Marine Corps League has a reliable source and is able to acquire the glasses at wholesale prices.

It is their goal to obtain enough of these safety sunglasses to provide a pair to each of the soon-to-be deployed National Guard servicemembers before they leave. Cash donations are welcome to help the Marine Corps League reach this goal.

Approximately \$8.40 is the cost for one pair of the sunglasses.

Donations and or questions can be directed to:

Marine Corps League
C/O Terry Williams
4578 Ward Drive NE
Salem, OR 97305
Telephone 503-393-1931



Service Banners Have Proud History

Many people are familiar with Blue Star Service Banners and their wartime history. An Army Captain who had two sons that were serving on the front line during World War I, originally designed the Banner, which is still displayed today. Typically hung in the front window of homes, a field of white with a blue star is surrounded by a red border. Sizes might vary but should remain in proportion to the size of the U.S. Flag.

The blue star represents a family member who is on active duty, serving in the U.S. Armed Forces. A single banner can have up to five stars. If one of the family members represented dies while serving, a slightly smaller gold star is superimposed over their blue star signifying the death of the servicemember.

Blue Star Service Banners, while they were widely used across America during World Wars I and II, were not embraced during the Korean or Vietnam wars with as much enthusiasm.

Blue Star Mothers and Gold Star Mothers, established during WWI, and Gold

Star Wives, founded in 1945, are organizations that remain active today. The Gold Star Wives of America will be holding a National Convention in Portland, Oregon in June 2006.

Information about Blue Star Service Banners can be found at the American Legion's web site: www.legion.org. For information about joining Gold Star Wives of America and their upcoming convention visit their web site at www.goldstarwives.org or call Marian Davis at 253-584-6232.



AFSA Deactivates

The Air Force Sergeants Association (AFSA) Chapter and Auxiliary 1460 in Salem have deactivated. Members have transferred to AFSA Chapter 1451 in Portland.

Contact: Steve Wollenberg, Chapter 1451 President, at 503-631-7868 or email steveandkim@ccwebster.net

AARP Offers Free Tax Preparation

The AARP Tax-Aide Foundation is once again offering free tax preparation to anyone needing help including veterans, deployed military members and their families.

According to AARP officials, there are no special qualifications for this free service. Complex tax returns, however, may not qualify for their free service.

"Our focus remains the same," said Fran Greenfield, a certified AARP Tax-Aide Representative. "We're here to help all those who need assistance, at no cost and no matter how old they are. This year we're also offering an e-filing option which will speed-up a taxpayer's refund."

Before arriving at any AARP assistance site, taxpayers should be prepared to bring all necessary personal records to include: photo ID, a copy of last year's income tax returns, all W-2 forms, SSA-1099 form if you received Social Security benefits, unemployment compensation statements, all pertinent receipts or cancelled checks if itemizing deductions, along with Social Security numbers for all dependants.

To locate or make an appointment at the AARP Tax-Aide site nearest you, call 1-888-227-7669, or visit their website at www.aarp.org/taxaide.

In the Salem area, AARP will be preparing tax returns each Friday through April 15th, between 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., on the third floor of the Oregon Veterans' Building located at 700 Summer Street, NE. Walk-ins are welcome, however, appointments are encouraged and can be made by calling 503-370-9643.



Decorated Female Servicemembers

When Army Sgt. Leigh Ann Hester was awarded the Silver Star Medal in Iraq in June 2005, she was added to a long list of women to receive U.S. military medals for valor.

Hester along with two other members of her Kentucky National Guard unit, were presented the Silver Star for their actions during an enemy ambush of their convoy. Hester is the first woman to receive the Silver Star since World War II.

Mary Roberts Wilson was the first woman to be awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in combat. With her Army evacuation hospital under German shellfire during the battle of Anzio (Italy) in World War II, Wilson continued supervising her nursing staff of 50 allowing the hospital to continue functioning.

Since the Civil War, many American servicewomen have also been recognized for their wartime service under fire.

Colonel Ruby Bradley is America's most decorated military woman having earned 34 medals and citations for bravery, including two Bronze stars. She served in World War II and was a POW for 37 months in a Japanese prison camp. She later served as a frontline U.S. Army nurse in Korea on the day 100,000 Chinese soldiers overran American troops and started closing in on her hospital tent. Bradley retired from the Army in 1963, but remained a nurse all her working life.

The only female to ever receive the Medal of Honor – the nation's highest military award – is Dr. Mary E. Walker. She was cited following the Civil War for "rendering valuable service to the government...and untiring in a variety of ways..." and for "devoting herself with much patriotic zeal to the sick and wounded soldiers... to the detriment of her own health, and has endured hardships as a prisoner of war four months in a southern prison while acting as contract surgeon."

For more information go to: <http://userpages.aug.com/captbarb/medals.html>.



Salem's Post 9 To Hold Golf Fundraiser

Salem's American Legion Post 9 will hold their first annual Golf Tournament, June 17, as a fundraiser to support several youth programs and to assist veterans and their families in need.

The tournament will be held at Cross Creek Golf Course, near Dallas off of Highway 22. Organizers of the 18-hole, four-person team scramble tournament are seeking golfers, sponsors and volunteers to help make the tournament a success.

For more information, contact Mike Robberstad, Tournament Coordinator at 503-364-0261 or 503-949-1275.

2006 Veteran's Service Organizations State Conventions

American Legion

Date: June 21-24

Location:

Portland Post 1 and Ramada Inn-Suites.

Contact: Barry Snyder, 503-685-5006

American Ex-Prisoners of War

Date: May 5 (Social, May 4, at 6 p.m.).

Location: Phoenix Inn, Albany.

Contact: Richard Crow, 541-336-3635

American Veterans Assoc. (AMVETS)

Date: May 19-20

Location: Springfield

Contact: Gary Carver, 503-777-6677

Disabled Americans Veterans

Date: May 18-21

Location: Village Green Inn,

725 Row River Road, Cottage Grove.

Contact:

William Walker, Adjutant, 541-535-6013

Gold Star Wives of America

Regional Conference

Date: April 21-22.

Location:

Best Western Motel in Woodburn, Oregon,

Contact: Anna Schmidt at 503-581-3874.

Korean War Veterans Association

Date: June

Location: Salem (tentatively)

Contact: Ron Anderson, 503-682-7020

Marine Corps League

Date: June 9-10

Location: Holiday Inn-Express, Roseburg.

Contact: John Woods, 541-479-2707

Military Officers Association

Date: October 2007

Location: Eugene.

Contact: 503-399-8359

Military Order of the Purple Heart

Date: June 2-4

Memorial Service, June 4, at 9 a.m.

Location: Evergreen Aviation Museum,
500 N. Capt. Michael King Smith Way,
McMinnville.

Contact: Dale S. Albee, 541-560-3556

Military Order of World Wars

Date: June 3; 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Location: Shilo Inn-Portland Airport, NE
Airport Way.

Contact: Larry Kaufman, 503-540-0505

Non-Commissioned Officers Association

Date: April 29-30. (Registration, 8:30 am.)

Location:

Courtyard-Marriott, Portland Airport

Contact: Rocky Crews, 503-285-8601

Oregon Reserve Officers Association

Date: April 28-29.

Location: Camp Rilea, Warrenton.

Contact:

Lt. Col. Ken Crawford, 503-588-0757

Vietnam Veterans of America

Date: June 24-25.

Location: Grants Pass.

Contact: Dick Gorby, 541-388-6079

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)

Date: June 22-24.

Location: Chinook Winds, Lincoln City.

Contact: Penny Edwards, 503-255-5808

American Merchant Marine Veterans Convention

The American Merchant Marine Veterans (AMMV) 20th Annual Convention is set to take place on **May 24th - 29th, 2006 at the Sheraton Grand Hotel in Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas.**

The convention is hosted by the Stephen Hopkins Chapter of the American Merchant Marine Veterans. A.J. Wichita will serve as Convention Chairman.

For those interested in attending, reservations can be made by contacting:

Sheraton Grand Hotel DFW Airport

4440 West John Carpenter Freeway

Irving, TX 75063

Reservations: 800-345-5251

Phone 972-929-8400 Fax 972-929-4885

Special rates are available for convention attendees so be sure to mention you are a member of AMMV. **Reservations** must be made prior to May 3, 2006 in order to receive the special group rate.

Tours and activities will be available including the Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza, formerly the Texas School Book Depository, the assassin's perch of the John F. Kennedy assassination. Other tours are also available. More details are available on the Internet at: www.usmm.org/ammvconvention.html.

Reunions

USS Zeal (AM 131) is having a reunion in Astoria, Oregon, April 19-23, 2006. More information can be obtained by contacting Dan Neuhauser at 13611 NW 17th Place, Vancouver, WA 98685-1801 or email dneuhau147@aol.com.

USS Steinaker DDR/DD 863 will be holding a reunion at the Woodfield Suites in San Antonio, TX May 4-7, 2006. Contact Bill Combs at 757-416-1983 or email at combs27@cox.net for more information.

5th Battalion, 60th Infantry, 9th Infantry Division (Vietnam) is holding a reunion at the St. Louis Airport Marriot in St. Louis, MO June 15-18, 2006. For more information, contact William Metzler at 707-374-1377.

26th Infantry Regimental Association will hold its annual reunion at the Airport Sheraton, in Portland, OR, June 7-11, 2006. For information, contact Bob Morris at 9300 SW Inez Street, Tigard, OR 97224-5875 or email lionspade@aol.com or telephone 503-639-2365.

Americal 23rd Infantry Division will be holding their national reunion at the Portland Waterfront Marriott, June 22-25, 2006. Contact Dave Hammond at 503-644-3623, or email pacwesthi@aol.com for more information.

USS Barry DD-933 is holding a reunion in Washington, D.C., July 13-16, 2006. For more information, contact Larry Loss, 1435 Stanley Ave #211, Glendale, CA 91206, telephone 818-549-9439, or email larrydd933@yahoo.com.

Looking For...
Mr. Kenneth L. Cullison is looking for veterans from the 346th QM Depot Supply Co., U.S. Army. He can be contacted at 503-397-3011 or at 180 Allendale Drive, Saint Helens, OR 97051-1106

Send Reunion Information

The Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs invites all veterans and veterans' organizations to submit their reunion information to:

VETS NEWS
Oregon Dept of Veterans' Affairs
700 Summer Street NE
Salem, Oregon 97301-1285

Please note the deadline for receiving information for the next issue of VETS NEWS is April 3, 2006. Please include your name and a phone number where you can be reached if further information should be needed. Reunions are included in the VETS NEWS on a space-available basis.

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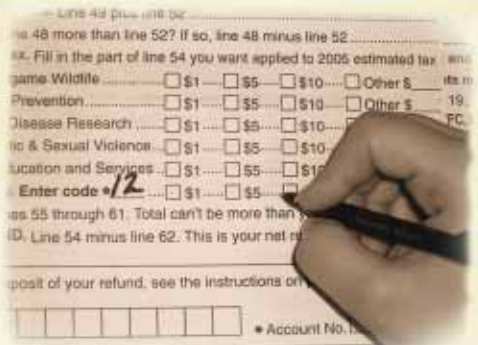
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Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs
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Oregon Veterans' Home (skilled nursing & rehabilitative care)
503-373-2000 or 1-800-828-8801
ODVA Website: www.oregon.gov/odva

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- 2) Enter Code # 12 for the Oregon Veterans' Home
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