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Jim Willis, Director

Pearl Harbor Survivors Recall Attack 65 Years Later

“Remember Pearl Harbor!”

It was America’s battle cry as the United States was propelled into World War II following the deliberate attack upon the U.S. Navy at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941.

When Pearl Harbor survivors recall the “date which will live in infamy,” their stories vary, but in many ways they are similar. Surprise, fear, doing one’s duty and fighting back describe only some of the emotions and actions on that day.



For Oregon survivors Del Pitzer and Don Raymond their stories come from two different locations on Oahu—the Navy Yard and near Battleship Row.

In 1941, both Pitzer and his brother Dallas were stationed at Pearl. Dallas turned 21 on the 7th and the brothers had planned to go golfing, have lunch and celebrate. Minutes before leaving, their plans changed.

The first wave of over 250 Japanese planes arrived at about 7:55 a.m. and caught all island residents by surprise.

“The enemy planes overhead were headed over the harbor toward the eastern side of Ford Island towards the seven ships docked at Battleship Row. Before we knew it, there were explosions and smoke began pouring from the ships,” Del Pitzer said.

Dallas, who would survive the attack, quickly said good-bye to Del and rushed to a small dinghy that was bound for his ship, the USS San Francisco. A Marine stationed at the Navy Barracks, Del scurried with other men to find ammunition and weapons—any kind of a weapon—to defend their area.

As the second wave of Imperial Japanese aircraft arrived almost an hour later, American anti-aircraft fire commenced. For Pitzer and others, it was the beginning of three sleepless days and nights—time he spent hurriedly driving ranking military personnel to locations all over the island. On one excursion he drove two Naval officers near a beach where a

Pitzer, 91, admits his only attempt to fire a weapon at the enemy was at a Japanese Zero that was strafing at about 50 feet off the ground. As he fired the first shot from the newly issued M-1 rifle, the round partially jammed and the recoil knocked him to the ground. “I had the pilot of that Zero in my site, but I don’t remember what happened.”

“The worst thing I recall from that day and the days afterwards was the sound of those boys banging on the bulkheads trying to get out of the overturned ships,” he said. “Most of them never survived.”

Weeks later, Pitzer and hundreds of Marines were shipped out to defend the Aleutian Islands, but they never arrived. Their ship was redirected and sailed on to San Francisco where his unit, the 2nd Motor Transport Company, 2nd Marines, began driving military vehicles to Naval stations in San Diego.

In 1944, as the 2nd Marine Division was departing for battles in the Pacific, Pitzer was one of three Marines who had his name drawn from a hat and was chosen to remain behind to train new Marines in “boot



A Navy photographer snapped this photograph of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor in Hawaii on December 7, 1941, just as the USS Shaw exploded. **Inset:** Wreckage of USS Arizona at Pearl Harbor.

Japanese mini-submarine had just been destroyed.

During the battle, one of the few ships able to get under way was the USS Nevada. Raymond, 84, was near Battleship Row aboard the tug USS Sunnadians. “We followed the Nevada down the channel. She was shot up and bombed and began sinking at the bow,” Raymond recalled. “Her skipper didn’t want to block the channel so, he ran her aground. We later pulled the Nevada out and moved her to a beach.”

Like many military personnel there, Raymond was later assigned to retrieve body parts. “It was one of the worst parts of being at Pearl after the attack.”

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Director's Message



On January 8, 2007, the Oregon State legislature will convene its bi-annual session. Our veterans service in the armed forces of the United States was and is, in large part, about preserving our freedoms. The right of citizens in a democratic republic to elect their leaders at the local, state and federal levels is one of those freedoms, but our duty as citizens and veterans does not stop there.

As our freedoms relate to the state legislature, we have a duty as veterans to show up for legislative hearings to review new legislation, listen to testimony, provide testimony and answer questions from our lawmakers in order to better serve our fellow veterans, their families and survivors.

During the 2007 session of the legislature, the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs

New Legislative Session Means Opportunities For Veterans

(ODVA) will concentrate our energies on maintaining and strengthening the benefits earned by our veterans and conveyed to them as a matter of public policy both at the federal and state levels.

Our major veterans concerns will be for housing, employment, technical training, education, emergency assistance and continuing a network of statewide veteran advocacy that is truly one of the best in the nation.

As an example, we have included in our 2007-2009 budget, funding for emergency assistance to veterans, funding to continue the expansion and enhancement program carried out by County Veterans Service Officers (CVSOs), continued funding for the National Service Officers (NSOs) and continued funding for full and part-time college education.

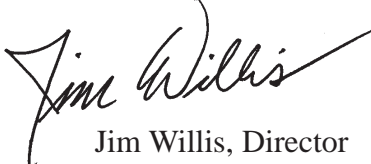
The United Veterans Groups of Oregon, (UVGO) has also created a set of priorities for this session of the legislature which include but are not limited to modifying existing Oregon law to include certain limited benefits afforded the Oregon National Guard to all Oregon service members to include active duty, reserves and if applicable, all military retirees.

UVGO will also seek necessary funding for the maintenance of the Oregon Veterans' Home

as well as seeking approval for a Veterans Recognition License Plate program. UVGO will seek general fund support for all veterans' service officers on a statewide basis. Veterans' Preference Points will be addressed by seeking to bring Oregon's Veterans' Preference Points policy in line with the Federal policy. UVGO will also champion the creation of an Oregon Veterans Business Enterprise Program along with a Veterans Merit Scholarship Program.

As you can see, this will be a busy session of our state legislature with regard to veterans' issues. I encourage those of you who can to become involved in the process and make a difference for those veterans who cannot come to the session to protect their benefits.

I would like to close by thanking all of you who give of your free time to volunteer in helping our veterans or have continued to make contributions to the Oregon Veterans' Home and ask that you continue to remember our residents in 2007. I wish all of you and your families a happy, healthy and successful New Year.


Jim Willis, Director

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camp." Later that year, following several stays in a Naval hospital for treatment of a severe back injury he had suffered at Pearl Harbor, Pitzer was medically discharged.

Following retraining in 1942 and an assignment at the Navy's mail processing area in Boston, Raymond was reassigned to sea duty in 1944 as part of the first crew on a new cruiser, USS Wilkesbury. In San Diego he would later join the crew of the troop-carrying vessel USS Thurston and head back to the war in the Pacific.

"We were in Manila just after the U.S. took back the Philippines. I saw both flags raised on Iwo Jima and later we were at Guadalcanal," Raymond recalled. "I was never wounded, but I ducked a few bullets and grenades."

The attack at Pearl Harbor by nearly 300 Japanese aircraft killed 2,400 military personnel and wounded more than 1,100. Additionally, 20 naval ships were sunk or damaged, and 169 aircraft were destroyed.

In Oregon, it's estimated that there are between 100 and 130 Pearl Harbor survivors.

After 65 years, Americans still remember Pearl Harbor and continue to honor those who died there.

Del Pitzer and Don Raymond are two of several thousand survivors nationally who are still alive to tell their stories so that we will never forget Pearl Harbor.

Mike Allegre, Staff Writer, ODVA



Pitzer sits in his 1938 Ford Marman Harrington 4-wheel drive... which he drove during and after the attack. Bottom Left: Don Raymond in uniform.



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Vets' Home News



2006 Recreation Review

Valentine's Day – Sweetheart Social

Residents invited their spouses, significant others or special loved ones to an event featuring a local pianist who played love songs and many old-time favorites. Decadent desserts and beverages were served and enjoyed by all. Red, pink and white carnations were also available for residents to give to their guests.

There was plenty of reminiscing, hand-holding and smiles being shared during these afternoon Valentine events.

Excursions

One of the residents' favorite outings each month is going to the Dufur Pastime Tavern for "the best breakfast in the area." There has never been a request to try another breakfast option in more than six years. Residents can sign up for any of the outings, and this one is always a crowd pleaser that fills the recreation bus every month. Other outing favorites include local rodeos, parades, fishing trips, scenic drives, lunch out and the Sternwheeler boat tour on the Columbia River that departs out of Cascade Locks.

The residents are partial to sitting in front of the local American Legion Post 19 to watch the parades rather than to be in them. The Post treats them to hot coffee, donuts, front row seats and lots of support! The residents love to watch the kids in the marching bands, the horses, the local dignitaries and the decorated floats. They especially enjoy all the attention they receive from the parade participants as they are spotted wearing lots of red, white and blue, and Oregon Veterans' Home (OVH) attire as they wave their American Flags.

OVH First Annual Kite Day!

On Saturday, September 23rd residents were treated to a day of kites, banners and even a purple flying gecko. Residents lined the walkways and the grassy area, overlooking the beautiful Columbia Gorge, where they watched three professional kite flyers do stunts, launch huge kites and set up colorful displays. Some of the residents were given



hats, small kites and Frisbees. All enjoyed a hot dog lunch and plans for next year's Kite Day event are already being discussed.

Intergenerational Programs

Throughout the year, local youth get involved in projects and provide programs for the residents at the Home. There are groups of kids who come and provide seasonal music programs and skits, help the residents color Easter Eggs, carve pumpkins, trick-or-treat, decorate cookies or bring in festive decorations that have been specifically made for the residents. The residents love to see the kids and interact with them since many of them live a distance from their own grandchildren or great-grandchildren.



Snack Socials

When you are coordinating events for a predominantly male resident population, there better be some food involved in the activities if you want them to attend. The Home has received amazing support from individuals, clubs and organizations, which have enabled them to have a popcorn machine, convection oven, milkshake maker, and cookie oven.

The residents enjoy the wide variety of snack time socials, such as... Spamorama (yes, fried SPAM sandwiches), fresh fruits and veggies of the season, ice-cream sundaes, root beer floats, pizza & non-alcoholic beer, fresh fruit milkshakes and much more! Now, with the new addition of the convection oven there are plans to bake pies, breads, and pizzas.

Entertainment

Many local or traveling artists and musicians come to the Home and share their talents. From weekly guitar played tunes to the annual visit from George and Julius of New York, residents enjoy the music. Musicians and entertainers that have visited the Home in 2006 include piano players, flute and woodwind trios, a comedian, a balloon artist, youth recitals, local blue grass & country bands, a piano and bass duet, and other singing groups. The residents really enjoy the many talents of those who come and visit the Oregon Veterans' Home.

Scrap Booking

One new activity for 2006 that has really grown in popularity is the monthly scrap-booking group. A wonderful group of ladies

who are with the Lincoln Memorial Cemetery in Portland, come and assist the residents and recreation staff with putting together either a scrapbook page or a collage of pictures that are then placed in a nice frame for their bedside tables or to give to family.

The residents have enjoyed reviewing some of their favorite pictures and making them into a keepsake to treasure. There have also been some great relationships that have formed between the residents and the Lincoln Memorial ladies.

Donations/Support

The Home's Recreation Department receives generous donations from many wonderful individuals, service organizations, groups and businesses. We have been so blessed this year with "Wish List" items and other surprises that are sent or delivered throughout the year. Items such as hand crafted decorations, quilts and snack items have also been donated. We are very thankful for the their support.

Pet Therapy Program

At the Home, it's a toss up as to which is more popular...children or animals. Thankfully the Home is regularly visited by plenty of both! The residents are not able to have pets of their own, however their families and local members of the public are encouraged to bring in their pets for visits. OVH makes certain that all pets that are brought in are current on all of their shots and are "people friendly."

The residents' faces light up when they see the various animals come to visit. In April, a new member was added to the Home's staff. Her name is Java, and she is a Rat Terrier and Chihuahua mix. She loves to ride on the laps of the residents and run around outside going past the residents' windows, which provides for all kinds of entertainment.

Another regular pet therapy visitor has gone into retirement. Pete, the three-legged dog, (a.k.a. Tripod) has been visiting the residents of OVH for the past two years on a weekly basis, with his good buddy, a Boston Terrier named "Creep." Pete has had enough of the hard floors and is hanging up his leash as an OVH volunteer. Creep continues to visit each week with volunteers Pat & Clay Cox who are no strangers to the Home as they fill the 60-plus bird feeders located outside the residents' windows around the building once a week.

By Lynne Hughs, Oregon Veterans' Home (OVH)





Friends of the Home

Donations to the Oregon Veterans' Home Trust Fund continue to be received. We deeply appreciate the thoughtfulness and generosity of an ever-growing number of Friends of the Home. To become a friend of the home, use the gift form on page 5, and make a donation today. Those who contributed during the months of October and November 2006 are listed below:

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Residents of The Veterans' Home Recognized and Honored

There are always activities and events happening at the Oregon Veterans' Home in The Dalles, and in September, one event in particular was very special.

Some very special visitors came to the Home in September with the sole purpose of honoring these veterans and/or mothers of veterans for their military service and for being warriors of freedom.

The Warriors Medal of Valor was the first medal minted for the Native American Nations as a symbol to honor and thank all veterans and active duty personnel, regardless of the recipient's cultural background, for their military service in defense of this nation.

Marshall Talleagle Serna and his wife Lauretta Serna and members of the Northwest Indian Veterans Association (NIVA), presented the medals one-by-one to the residents with the assistance of members from the Oregon Veterans Motorcycle Association




Oregon Veterans' Home resident, Robert Smith, proudly wears his Warrior's Medal of Valor, presented by members of the Northwest Indian Veterans Association.

and staff of the Home. As each medal was presented, the veterans were thanked for their service, saluted and shared handshakes with the presenters.

There were some tears and many hugs as these veterans were recognized and honored for their sacrifices and for all they had endured. Many spent several minutes holding and turning the medal that hung around their necks while others smiled broadly with pride while family members in attendance looked on.

The residents at the Veterans' Home receive quality care and sincere respect on a daily basis, and often enjoy the great company of numerous groups and volunteers who visit the Home.

It became a day to remember for the residents, the presenters, family members and the staff that was on duty at the Home. 

Charitable Check-off Helps Veterans

Wintertime in Oregon means many things to different people. For most, thoughts of Christmas, New Year, family and friends come to mind. There is something else very important this time of year...tax time.


This is the time we begin collecting receipts, filing papers and preparing for that inevitable April 15 tax deadline. With the tax season comes an important opportunity to improve the lives of those who reside at the Oregon Veterans' Home in The Dalles.

Through Oregon's Charitable Check-off campaign, individual taxpayers have an opportunity to donate a portion of their tax refund to the Oregon Veterans' Home in an effort to offset some of the costs of caring for residents who may need some financial assistance.

To date, the Oregon Veterans' Home has received no General Fund dollars from the state for the operation and maintenance of the facility.

Please take the time while filling out your personal state income tax this year to include the code for the Oregon Veterans' Home on the Charitable Check-off portion of your tax form.

In order to donate a portion of your refund to the Veterans' Home, simply locate the "other charity" option of your tax form (Long form, line 62 and Short form, line 32). Then enter code # 12 for the Veterans' Home. That's it! You're done. The Oregon Department of Revenue takes care of the rest.

If you have any questions about the Charitable check-off campaign, call the Oregon Department of Revenue at 503-378-4988 or the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs at 503-373-2385. 

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 a Remembrance Pin.

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

Credit Card: VISA MasterCard

Account #: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Signature: _____

I am making my donation to the Oregon Veterans' Home

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____ Zip: _____

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Your gift qualifies for a charitable contribution tax deduction.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE OREGON VETERANS' HOME
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Please clip this form and mail with your donation to:

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

Filling the Uniform

The Greater Salem Area Veterans Organizations (GSAVO) would like veterans to consider submitting photographs of themselves in their military uniforms along with a short description of their military service.

The goal is to connect photographs and stories with some of the extra uniforms that have been donated to GSAVO for their traveling displays. The uniform exhibits travel to various locations and serve as living reminders of the service and sacrifice for our freedom.

Call Mac MacDonald at 503-364-4299 for more information about sharing your story and submitting a photograph.

VA Awards Grants for Oregon's Homeless Veterans

Oregon's homeless veterans will have greater access to assistance thanks to a \$466,077 grant awarded to The Salvation Army of Portland by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

VA Secretary Jim Nicholson, said dedicated partnerships with community and faith-based organizations will help to end homelessness among veterans. "Oregon veterans answered their country's call to serve during its greatest times of need, and now some live without shelter. This grant will help them get back on the road to self-reliance."

The Salvation Army's grant for this project is one of 52 grants recently announced by VA (worth nearly \$11.6 million) awarded to public, private non-profit and faith-based groups for programs assisting homeless veterans.

Located in Portland at 3134 West Burnside Street, the Salvation Army will provide

services that include job training and referrals. Mental health and substance abuse treatments will also be offered.

This latest round of grants brings to more than 10,000, the number of community-based beds provided by public and community non-profit and faith-based organizations with VA funding in 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

VA is the only federal agency that provides substantial one-on-one contact with the homeless, and has the largest integrated network of homeless assistance programs in the country. In many cities and rural areas, VA social workers and other clinicians conduct extensive outreach programs, clinical assessments, medical treatment, alcohol and drug abuse counseling and employment assistance.



Veteran's Property Tax Exemption Deadline is April 1

Along with a tax exemption for disabled veterans, a property tax exemption is also available to certain National Guard servicemembers and Reservists who are activated to federal service.

Property tax exemptions will not occur automatically. Application must be made on or before April 1, 2007 with your county assessor's office.

Forty percent or more service-connected disabled veterans could 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.

- ✓ Applications are due on or before April 1.
- ✓ Surviving Spouses can file 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.

Oregon National Guard and Reservists called to active duty on or after January 1, 2005, and who served for more than 178 days during the tax year may be eligible for an exemption from taxation of \$60,000 of the assessed value of a property in Oregon. If a qualified servicemember is killed in action, the lawful occupant of the servicemember's home may file for the exemption.

Qualified servicemembers can claim their exemption by completing and filing the Oregon Active Military Servicemember's Exemption Claim. Forms should be returned to the county assessor's office along with any other documentation necessary on or before April 1, 2007 for the 2007-2008 tax year.

The new active military forms are available online at www.oregon.gov/DOR/PTD/docs/303-084.pdf.

To obtain more information about either 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.



Veterans and War Memorial Grants Given

In a move to honor Oregon's thousands of servicemembers and veterans, the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) announces the first cycle of its Veterans and War Memorial Grant program on January 2, 2007.

"We are pleased to have the opportunity to help honor Oregon's soldiers and commemorate their service to Oregon and the country," says Tim Wood, OPRD Director.

Grant funds are available to Oregon non-profit veterans' organizations that are looking to build a memorial on public land. Funding for the grants comes from a portion of OPRD's lottery funding. In 1998 Oregon voters passed Measure 66, which dedicates a portion of Lottery proceeds to OPRD. Since that time, more than 20 million dollars has been awarded in grants.

OPRD is accepting applications for Veterans and War Memorial grants until March 2. Grant recipients will be notified May 10 upon approval from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission. For more information go to www.oregonstateparks.org.



Korean War Veterans Assoc. Seeking New Members

The Korean War Veterans Association is seeking members who served in any U.S. military branch of service in Korea prior to, during or after the Korean War.

To be eligible for membership, a veteran must have served honorably:

- In Korea, including the territorial waters and airspace, between September 3, 1945 to June 25, 1950
- Within or outside of Korea from June 25, 1950 to January 31, 1955
- In Korea from February 1, 1955 until the present time.

For non-military members, an Associate or an Honorary Membership is also available.

Additional information and clarification of a Korean-era veteran's status and eligibility for membership is available by calling Howard Myers at 503-684-2846 or email: lualen1@excite.com.

Albany Timber-Linn Park Veterans Memorial To Grow

Oregon veterans can look forward to growth of a Willamette Valley memorial located in Albany at the Timber-Linn park. The memorial land site will be roughly 15 times the size of the current site and will form into the shape of the state of Oregon. Albany city officials donated the land and will be responsible for the conceptual design. The City Council has given approval for the project and is part of the city's bigger plan to renovate the entire park.

Linn County Veterans Memorial Association (LCVMA) will be responsible for

raising funds to pay for necessary construction costs related to building the memorial. The new design includes a plaza of flags for representation of each branch of service in the United States Armed Forces. New flagpoles and walk will commemorate the country's wars and the contributions of the military.

The grounds are home to a World War II-era cannon. The cannon has been a fixture at the memorial site since the late sixties. This cannon will continue to be part of the new memorial design. Names of honorably discharged Linn County veterans will be

added to the memorial, including those killed in action during combat.

Organizations and individuals interested in donating to construction costs are encouraged. Plans for a 'Buy a Brick' campaign are underway.

For more information or to make a donation, contact Robert Dominguez at 541-643-1095, or call LCVMA Chairman Garner Pool at 541-974-6889.



Afghan-Iraqi Memorial Dedication Ceremony Held In Salem

In a week of downpours and blustering winds, the dedication ceremony for the new Afghan-Iraqi Freedom Memorial was greeted by much more welcoming conditions. As the grey skies parted and the sun shone through, people gathered on the soggy grounds of the Oregon Veterans' building in Salem on November 11, a most suitable day for this kind of event... Veterans Day.

site occurred on September 11, and by Veterans Day – a mere two months later – it was complete.

Jim Willis, Director of ODVA, began the ceremony followed by a posting of the colors by the Oregon Army National Guard. The event was book-ended by Dorcas Smith who sang the national anthem as well as *God Bless America*, and Chaplain Col. (ret.) Richard

As the event concluded, there was nary a dry eye as closing remarks and military fly-over gave way to the fountain waters being turned on for the first time.

The entire event was enveloped by an abnormally sunny November afternoon as gray skies parted just long enough for the ceremony before the rain returned.



Clockwise from above: Betsy Jeffries, wife of fallen Army Specialist Joseph Jeffries, helps their son point to his father's name engraved on the memorial's marble wall while State Representative Donna Nelson looks on; MJ Kesterson, Master Sgt. Michael Dukes, Rep. Nelson and ODVA Director Jim Willis watch an Army National Guard Blackhawk Helicopter fly-over; Spectators and guests watch as the first jets of water are released on the fountain during the November 11, ceremony.

A wide array of people comprised the 400-plus in attendance including veterans, Gold Star families, dignitaries, the media and the general public. They came to celebrate the completion of the new memorial, but more so to pay their respects and honor those who have lost their lives in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Although the plans for the memorial had been in the works for some time, the actual construction took very little time for completion. Official groundbreaking on the

Meyers offered the invocation and benediction.

Speakers included Governor Ted Kulongoski, Maj. Gen. Raymond Rees, Oregon's Adjutant General and Legislative Representative Donna Nelson. Bill McMichaels, builder and designer of the memorial, as well as Clay and MJ Kesterson whose son Erik died while serving in Iraq, and who served as the impetus for the memorial also spoke at the event.

The Afghan-Iraqi Freedom Memorial is an oval-shaped fountain, containing mirror-finished steel plates symbolizing the world's continents. Above the area which would be the United States, is a statue of a U.S. soldier kneeling down and reaching out to help others. The memorial sits between Oregon's Medal of Honor Memorial and the All-Wars Memorial on the north lawn of ODVA's campus at 700 Summer St. NE in Salem.

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Gifts For The Oregon Veterans' Home



Above: Jack LaBox and Frank Wells presented a check for \$100 to ODVA Deputy Director, Paula Brown on November 14 at ODVA. The money from the American Legion Forty and Eight is for the Oregon Veterans' Home in The Dalles.



Recently at the Oregon DAV Mid Winter Conference, Oregon DAV Dow. V. Walker Chapter 25 Commander James Burns presented ODVA Director Jim Willis with a check for \$1,000 as seed money for a second Veterans' Home.



Larry Kaufman, 15th Regional Commander of the Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW) helps display some of the packages that comprise 1,500 personal health and comfort items to be given to the Oregon Veterans Home.



All Military Event Slated

The Marine Corps Family Foundation, along with the Marine Corps League Detachment 881 have joined forces to create a summertime fundraising event honoring Oregon's military, past and present. The event will be an All Military Gala to be held at the Salem Conference Center.

Veterans and active-duty servicemembers of all branches of military service are encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Connie Riecke with the Marine Corps Family Foundation, at cjr@marinecorpsmoms.com or call 503-409-5905.

Murals on Construction Truck Honors Veterans

A special construction truck and trailer covered with patriotic murals has drawn attention since early-November in the Portland metro area. The truck's owner, Rick Peters, has the 75-foot-long, 2007 Peterbilt truck and trailer fully adorned with patriotic renderings to specifically honor all who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces.

An investment adviser, Peters and his wife Elizabeth say thanking veterans is serious business. He built the truck to raise public awareness. "It is our duty and our honor to serve all those who have served. This truck is also a reminder to all of us that freedom is not free," he added.



Peters said his first day on the road, a woman who had noticed the truck followed him into a fueling station. After parking, she got out of her car with tears in her eyes to shake his hand and thank him for the beautiful "rolling tribute." Her son is serving in Iraq.

Portland artist, Jere Harley, did the artwork and told Peters it was one of the most rewarding projects he's ever worked on.

The Peters drove their truck in several Veterans' Day parades and will continue delivering their message wherever they travel.



Helmets to Hardhats Program Means Jobs for Veterans

There's good news for Oregon veterans looking for work – businesses in the construction trades are looking for workers, and they are interested in veterans. Helmets to Hardhats (HTH), administered by the Center for Military Recruitment, Assessment and Veterans Employment is working to facilitate this natural pairing.

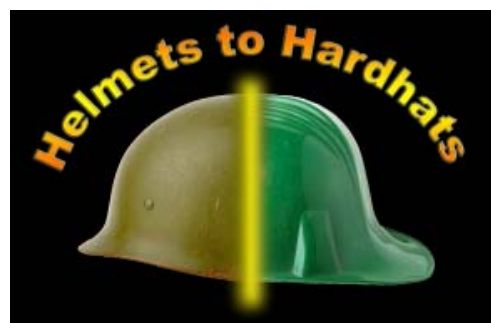
Some Oregon National Guard units are comprised of construction battalions, which means many veterans already have construction skills. In addition to those with construction experience, veterans in general are of interest to these employers because of their maturity, discipline, and work ethic.

Veterans with advanced construction skills can enter the industry at a high level, with full credit for their experience. Others, including veterans with no previous construction experience, may be considered for an apprenticeship program in one of several construction trades.

Apprentice programs may offer pay and benefits while the veteran is learning. In addition, with many apprenticeship programs, veterans can utilize the Montgomery G.I. Bill or various state, National Guard or Reserve educational funding sources.

The HTH program is unique in that it utilizes special relationships with hiring managers in the building and construction trades. These managers invest a lot of time and money into each apprentice, and they know HTH will provide them with a consistent source of serious, disciplined workers who are looking for careers, not just jobs.

Veterans should contact a Local Veterans Employment Representative (LVER) or Disabled Veterans Outreach Program representative (DVOP) at the nearest state employment office, or find more information online at www.helmetstohardhats.org or call 530-644-1389.

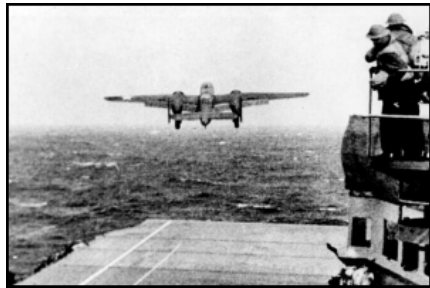


Doolittle Raiders Take Part in Veterans Day Events

Five former Army Air Corps members who were part of a famed World War II bombing mission, traveled to Washington D.C. to participate in many Veterans Day events, including wreath-laying ceremonies at the Air Force and Navy Memorials.

The "Doolittle Raiders," the surviving members of commander Lt. Col. James Doolittle's World War II raid over Japan, also met with servicemembers at the Pentagon and nearby Bolling Air Force Base.

Air Force Secretary Michael Wynne paid tribute to the Doolittle Raiders during a wreath-laying ceremony at the Air Force Memorial saying, "these magnificent (memorial) spires that soar upward call to mind the unlimited horizon of the human spirit, a spirit that dwelled in you



A "Doolittle" B-25 Takes Flight.

as you pulled your B-25s off the USS Hornet in the Pacific on that historic day."

Former crewmembers of the Navy carrier USS Hornet met with the Doolittle Raiders at the Navy Memorial. The 16 Army Air Corps

B-25s that carried the men to Japan on April 18, 1942, were launched from the Hornet four months after the Pearl Harbor attack. While the bombing mission on targets in Tokyo, Yokohama, Kobe and Nagoya caused little damage, it positively affected America's morale, changed the tone of the war in the

Pacific and the defeat of Japan in 1945.

Of the original 80 airmen who took part in the raid, 16 remain. They try to hold an annual reunion to pay tribute to their fellow Raiders who have died since the last time they met.



DoD to Review Military Awards

In an effort to ensure that servicemembers who serve or have served in combat are eligible for the appropriate military recognition, the Department of Defense (DoD) has begun a comprehensive review of military awards and decorations.

Representatives from each branch of service, the Joint Staff and the Institute of Heraldry will comprise a working group to review the current qualification requirements and make recommendations for new qualification criteria.

The review of the awards is expected to continue over the next six to eight months. It will analyze the requirements for such awards as honor and valor awards with particular focus on clarity of criteria and processes and the "V" device and the Purple Heart medals in eliminating disparate qualification criteria among military services.

Other reviews will include expeditionary medals in how the theater of operations is defined and a review of Iraqi and Afghanistan campaign medals with regard to subsequent awards of these campaign medals. The goal being to appropriately recognize service over multiple tours in those theatres of operation. Other award qualifications may be reviewed as well.

The nature of warfare has changed and this evolution has forced changes in how the DoD defines boundaries of combat actions. The review will include whether the operating "box" is the theater of direct action, or whether it might extend far beyond the particular combat zone, yet involve direct threats to American lives.



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NAAV Meeting

The National Association of Atomic Veterans (NAAV) will be holding a meeting at the Tigard Legion Hall located at 8635 S.W. Scoffins Rd., on January 15 at 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. If you plan to attend, please contact Duane Gaddis at 503-618-8793.

Upcoming 2007 Military Reunions

The U.S.S. Rasher SS/SSR/AGSS269 will be holding their reunion from October 5-8. The event will take place in Manitowoc, Wisconsin. For more information, contact Bob Biden at 507-263-3882 or email rjbdonsr@reconnect.com

1st Infantry Division (the Big Red One) will hold their 89th Annual reunion from August 8-12, at the Millennium Hotel in St. Louis Missouri. The reunion is sponsored by the Society of the First Infantry Division located in Blue Bell, Pennsylvania. Anyone who served in the Big Red One or any unit attached, is cordially invited to attend the reunion. Details and reservation forms will be available after March 1 on their web site, www.1stID.org or from Society of the First Division, 1933 Morris Rd. Blue Bell, Pennsylvania 19422.

Magazine Subscription Program

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Where to Turn, When Life Turns Upside Down

Living With Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder

Oregon veterans of all ages face Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). PTSD is simply a debilitating psychiatric stress disorder that can occur following traumatic experiences or life-threatening events. Symptoms of PTSD can occur immediately after the event or they can lay in dormancy waiting to strike many years later.

A 2004 report from the New England Journal of Medicine indicates that one out of every six combat soldiers returning from Iraq and Afghanistan will experience “significant levels of depression and emotional anxieties consistent with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.” PTSD causes people to have stress reactions that do not go away on their own, or may even get worse over time.

Experiences and events such as conducting combat operations, involvement in automobile accidents, witness to the detonation of an Improvised Explosive Device (IED), and sexual trauma are just a few of the tragic events that can trigger the onset of PTSD. The invisible symptoms of PTSD slowly begin to take hold and turn a veteran’s life upside down and inside out.

Veterans of war zones are subjected to high-tempo operations and a heightened awareness also known as hypervigilance. Alert duty of 12-20 hour days for months or even years on end is common for most operations in a war zone. Coupling hypervigilance with a traumatic event can spark PTSD. Finding a way to turn off that ready-alert awareness or hypervigilance oftentimes becomes a daily struggle for some veterans suffering from PTSD and related symptoms.

The Invisible Price of War

The three main symptom clusters of PTSD include re-experiencing, emotional numbing, and hyperarousal. Some of the symptoms exhibited by someone who may be experiencing PTSD range from memory loss, difficulty sleeping, nightmares, and flashbacks to feelings of detachment and estrangement. These and other symptoms usually begin to impair daily living. Since the debilitating stress disorder is part of the psychiatric makeup of an individual, invisible symptoms such as emotional numbing, phobia, anxiety and depression may unknowingly cause impairment that possibly leads to dangerous reactions and actions including compulsion, hallucinations, bursts of anger and suicidal behavior.

Family members of veterans who are facing PTSD should take note of changes in the mental well-being and physical health of all family members.

PTSD and related symptoms can also develop years after an event. Perhaps one of the most tragic symptoms is that of re-experiencing the trauma in memories, dreams, and flashbacks. Anniversaries of tragic events can also increase sensitivity and awaken the chronic stress reaction. Veterans and their families should also be concerned with increased alcohol or drug intake.

A recent nationwide symposium identified key areas of change in America’s veterans. The symposium, sponsored by the veterans service organization, American Veterans (AMVETS), recently released a report of findings titled “A Focus on the Changing Needs of America’s Veterans.” The report indicates that more than one million American servicemembers have served overseas in the Global War on Terrorism (GWOT) and that the increasing non-mortal casualties in Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) and Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) are the basis for reevaluating the needs of the men and women who wear the uniform of the U.S. Armed Forces. The report identified fear of discrimination and stigma that doggedly keeps veterans from acknowledging PTSD.

Additionally, the report cites confusion for veterans who wish to find and access services.

The report identifies that female veterans are underserved for PTSD related problems. Findings of the report also address issues that females face during readjustment and how they vary from that of male veterans. The report recommends the U.S. Department of Veterans’ Affairs (VA) provide “...flexibility in PTSD programs for women, including the option of gender-specific programs.” The report further recommends, “Every VA Medical Facility should have a full-time woman veteran’s program manager, mental health manager, and family therapist for immediate family members.” A free copy of the report is available online at www.veteransnationalsymposium.org.

Oregon Resources

Oregon is at the leading edge for PTSD resources. When the Portland Vet Center opened 26 years ago, it was the only specialized PTSD treatment program in Oregon. Vet Centers are now also located in Eugene, Grants Pass, and Salem. Vet Centers offer programs and services to help veterans during post-war readjustment and the transition back to civilian life. Understanding the nature of the stress determines where the veteran should seek help. Vet Centers are staffed with professionals that specialize in helping veterans and making that

determination. Individual, marriage, family and group counseling is available as well.

Eight Community Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOCs) serve veterans across Oregon in Bandon, Bend, Brookings, Eugene, Klamath Falls, Ontario, Salem, and Warrenton. Help is also available through the VA Medical Center (VAMC) in Portland and the VA Roseburg Healthcare System. The VA Southern Oregon Rehabilitation Center & Clinics (VA SORCC) in White City, is the VA’s only federal free standing Rehabilitation Center and serves as a regional and national resource for underserved special populations.

Just like any illness, leaving the symptoms untreated can cause more problems down the road. Veterans should know that help is available and encouraged. The National Center for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (NCPTSD) is a special center within the VA. The NCPTSD provides advancement of “clinical care and social welfare of America’s veterans through research, education, and training on PTSD and stress-related disorders.” The program offers educational resources for veterans, mental health care providers, researchers, and the public online at www.ncptsd.va.gov.

Funding and Eligibility for VA Care

Senate Bill 3421 of the 109th United States Congress has been passed and awaits the signature of the President. The Bill will add \$65 million for increasing the number of clinicians treating PTSD. Director Jim Willis of the Oregon Department of Veterans’ Affairs (ODVA) applauds this investment into the veteran rehabilitation community. “PTSD outreach programs should remain in place and I think it is imperative that the VA health care budget receive the necessary funding to deal with the ongoing research and treatment of this very real disorder,” he said.

Veterans needing assistance for any PTSD or other medical symptoms must be enrolled into the VA medical system before scheduling an appointment. The VA provides cost-free health care services and nursing home care for conditions possibly related to military service for veterans with combat service after November 11, 1998, for a period of two years beginning on the date of their separation from active military service. Veterans who served in any combat zone and received a military campaign ribbon are eligible for Vet Center services. Family members of combat veterans are also eligible to receive Vet Center readjustment services.

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Willis understands the issues surrounding the funding increases required to meet the needs of Oregon’s military men and women. “PTSD continues to be one of the most challenging veteran issues occurring as a result of their wartime service,” stated Willis. Surviving parents, spouses, children, and siblings of servicemembers who die of any cause while on active duty, including servicemembers federally activated in the Reserve and National Guard, may seek bereavement-counseling services from Vet Centers. It is important to note that Vet Center staff will not turn away a veteran or family member, but they must be enrolled in the VA to receive continued treatment.

Every veteran in Oregon can find local resources through a County Veterans’ Service Officer (CVSO). ODVA also staffs Veterans’ Service Officers (VSO’s) in Portland and Salem. Service Officers assist veterans with claims seeking compensation and pension benefits for service-connected disabilities such as PTSD. Veterans should be prepared to meet with the Service Officers by bringing their copy of Form DD-214.

ODVA also provides an interactive web-based directory as a service to veterans, families, survivors, and the public for geographically locating Service Officers throughout the state of Oregon. Additionally, all of Oregon VA Healthcare facilities mentioned in this article can be located using the directory that includes maps with driving directions. A full listing of CVSOs and VSOs can be found on page 12 and online at www.oregon.gov/odva.

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Bend Veteran Honored by ODVA

In gratitude for his selfless efforts on behalf of Central Oregon veterans, Mike Ward received a Director’s Commendation Award presented by Jim Willis, Director of the Oregon Department of Veterans’ Affairs on behalf of the Department and its Governor appointed Advisory Committee (VAAC) in recognition of his exceptional volunteerism.

Advisory Committee Chair David Fairclo shared at the VAAC’s fall meeting in Bend, a special thanks from all veterans in the Bend area. Fairclo said: “Mike’s volunteered at the Deschutes County Veterans Service Office for over 15 years. He’s a key member of the Central Oregon Veterans Council and is the glue that bonds veterans together when completing community projects. We’re extremely grateful for Mike’s talents.”

Volunteers Needed

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If interested please contact Tracy Buckley of the Oregon Military Museum at 503-557-5359 or by email at tracy.buckley@or.ngb.army.mil.

Veterans Speak at High School’s Living History Days

Several Oregon high schools held special events to honor veterans during the Veterans Day holiday.

For the fifth year, McNary High School in Keizer invited military veterans to participate in the Living History Day, November 17. More than 25 mid-Willamette valley veterans who served from World War II to Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom, addressed students in their classrooms. McNary’s event coordinator, Jason Heimerdinger, said the experiences that were shared, combined with answers to questions, created a positive learning experience.


The veterans were also the guests of honor at a student assembly where they were introduced and given a standing ovation by the student body and staff. Following the event, Heimerdinger said, “Many teachers said that their students learned a different perspective from two veterans who came from different eras of service which was even more interesting.”

In Stayton, Oregon Department of Veterans’ Affairs Deputy Director, and U.S. Army veteran, Paula Brown served as the

keynote speaker at that high school’s student-run “Salute to Our Heroes” event on November 7. Student organizer Elyssa Johnson, 16, understands the importance of respecting all veterans. Her father recently served a tour of duty in Iraq.

“Veterans appreciate it when we remember and honor them. It’s a big deal for us also to be involved, to work with veterans and involve our community,” Johnson said.

Other veterans groups were honored during Living History Days at Milwaukie and Oregon City High Schools on November 10. The volunteer veterans spent time educating students in and out classrooms and were involved with other activities. ODVA Director Jim Willis, who attended the Oregon City event, said the interaction between veterans and students is an excellent way for these vets to impart true stories of the history of which they were a part.

“Combining generations together to listen, ask questions and discuss the past, fosters a mutual respect and brings everyone closer together,” Willis said. 



Lap Robes For Veterans

On December 19, the Chemeketa Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) presented the Portland VA Medical Center with more than 50 lap robes for Christmas. Regent Laura Howard, Barbara Kiueffer and Tammy Mansfield were the coordinators of the project. Others who helped out were Anna Maria Pittman, Dora Phillips, the Senior Estates Quilting Club of Woodburn and the South Salem Wal-Mart.

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