



VETS NEWS

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Jim Willis, Director

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Rose Festival Parade Celebrates "Greatest Generation"

For nearly a fortnight each year, the Portland Rose Festival brings fun and entertainment of all types to the Portland area, and this year was no exception as the annual event was held on Saturday, June 9.

Each year the Grand Floral Parade becomes the centerpiece of the Rose Festival and this year the all-floral float entries paid tribute to Rose Festival history, incorporating recreations of some of the best floats of the last century. Since 1907, this internationally distinguished parade has been recognized as one of the top five parades in the nation.

In honoring its history, the parade celebrated both past and present generations, among them, *The Greatest Generation*. This generation celebrates the war time years. Patriotic fervor enveloped the throngs of parade goers with a recreation of a World War II era Victory Parade. Pride swelled in the hearts of many as veterans and active-duty servicemembers from several branches and eras of the Armed Forces from WWII to the present day marched through the streets of Portland!

The Royal Rosarians hosted a float for the Wartime Rose Festival Princesses from 1942-1945, who were unable to ride in a parade at that time due to a ban on large public gatherings based on the threat of attack. Spectators were especially excited as a WWII-era tank rumbled down the parade route.



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The "Riderless Horse," Pistol, passes down the parade route. The horse is a symbol of those service men and women who will "ride no more." Pistol carried a scroll listing the 3,397 names of the Oregonians who have died in foreign wars over the past century.

As the battalion of past and present servicemembers marched through the streets, there were many reminiscent and melancholy moments as veterans and spectators alike recalled the days when these heroes came home. Many a tear was surely shed in remembrance of those who will never come home.

The parade began at the Portland Memorial Coliseum and traveled down Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. before crossing the Willamette River and heading for downtown Portland. The route concluded near Civic Stadium after winding through downtown Portland.



Inaugural Military Gala Held in Salem

The 1st Oregon All Military Gala was held in the capital city on Saturday, June 16. Director Jim Willis of the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs served as the Master of Ceremonies for the event that hosted hundreds of guests from across the state and nation. Terry Williams of the Marine Corps League praised the event as a "smashing success" and was ready to begin planning for 2008 as "Oregon's Own" 234th U.S. Army band struck up the party.

Staff Sergeant Christian Bagge flew in from Texas to deliver an inspirational keynote speech. Bagge, a former Oregon National

Guardsman brought to life his personal story of war and triumph over giving his legs in battle after an attack on his Humvee. He spoke of his first thoughts after the attack, while clearly describing his request to tie his wedding band to his wrist. Bagge is now involved in building a memorial in Washington, D.C. with the Disabled Veterans Life Memorial Foundation.

After Bagge completed his speech, he was met with a handshake from World War II veteran and Medal of Honor recipient George Sakato. Sakato and his daughter flew in from

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Director's Message



Legislative Session Adjourns

By the time this issue of the *VETS NEWS* goes to press, the legislative session should be adjourned. As you can see from our 'Oregon Legislative Assembly Winds Down' article on page 10 of this edition, veterans and their families had a good session and I would especially like to thank the members of the legislature for approving the ODVA budget for 2007-09. I would also like to thank those veterans and family members who spent hours of volunteer time during this session to testify on bills important to their fellow veterans and their families. I am also grateful to the dedicated staff here at ODVA for their time and effort during the legislative session.

One of the bills passed during this session will create the Oregon Veterans Recognition License plate program. We would not have been able to pass this bill without the able assistance of DMV Administrator Lorna Youngs and her staff

and I thank her for her support throughout the session. While the final design for the new Veterans license plate is not yet completed, a sample prototype is included in this message to give you some idea of what they will look like in the future.

What we do know is that all of the groups who had a special veterans plate will be included in the new design if they choose to use it. Also featured in the new design will be the choice by our veterans to include the seal from their branch of service, or campaign medals or valor medals.

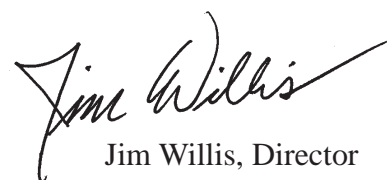
A brochure is being produced to explain how these choices will be made. One of the best features of this new program will be that there will only need to be 500 total renewals of all the various kinds of veterans' plate to ensure the program will continue year to year.

I want to thank the Rose Festival Association for including a salute to our state's veterans as part of this year's Grand Floral parade. The honor paid to veterans is much appreciated and especially the tribute to the Greatest Generation.

In closing, I want to wish our great country a very happy 231st birthday! I hope you will be able to attend some of the many events around our state that honor our country on the 4th of July. Thank you also for your continued support of the Oregon Veterans' Home in The Dalles.

If you have not had the opportunity to visit our Home, please plan to do so when your travels take you to The Dalles. I hope all of you are having a safe and healthy summer and enjoying some time off with friends and family.




Jim Willis, Director

SOVO Office Opens in North Bend

The Southwestern Oregon Veterans Outreach held the grand opening of their new North Bend offices in Pony Village. Local dignitaries as well as leaders of local veteran organizations were on hand to celebrate the opening, and honor area veterans.

Francis Rowan, Coos Bay Vice President of the Vietnam Veterans of America, was on hand as well as Jim Willis, Director of the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs and Coos Bay Mayor, Jeff McKeon to offer some kind words of encouragement and to thank the local veteran community.

After the new offices were officially opened, the congregation moved to the Egyptian Theater where John Neuman, of Vietnam Veterans of Oregon and Members of

the Community, presented the Oregon Honorable Service Medal to all veterans in attendance. Following the speeches, the

veterans lined up and each was presented with the medal as their name was read, a "thank you" and handshake was offered and a salute was rendered.

The new SOVO offices will now serve as the base of operations for the work they had wanted to do during the years they had sought their non-profit status... helping veterans.

Southwestern Oregon Veterans Outreach (SOVO) was formed to help bridge the gap between what is available

and what is needed for Oregon's veteran community. SOVO was formed by veteran and community representatives to assist in filling the needs of veterans.



Vic Diaz presents the Oregon Honorable Service Medal to Dennis Weehunt.



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VA NEWS & NOTES

Three New Veteran Medical Clinics for Oregon

A new U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) medical clinic has opened in East Portland. The clinic is located at 10535 NE Glisan Street in the Gateway Medical Building on the 2nd Floor. The clinic can be reached at 503-220-8262.

The VA announced on May 29th that 38 new veteran clinics will soon open across the nation. The new facilities, called community-based outpatient clinics, or CBOCs, are slated to be operational by October 2008. Dr. James Tuchschildt of the Portland VAMC recently announced a 20,000 square foot clinic will open in Washington County. The VA is still scouting areas for construction.

Officials at the Johnathan M. Wainwright Memorial VA Medical Center in Walla Walla Wash., announced a decision from the VA Central Office for the location of a clinic in La Grande.

Local VA officials will continue to provide updates on the creation of the new CBOCs. For assistance in enrollment, contact the nearest Veterans' Service Officer listed on page 12.

New VA Loan Program Interface

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) recently completed a project to redesign all loan servicing regulations, processes, and reporting requirements. The new regulatory environment is being implemented through process changes, organizational changes, and a new application service. The new application service is called the VA Loan Electronic Reporting Interface (VALERI) replaces the current loan servicing system.

VALERI is slated for implementation beginning in November of this year with Wells Fargo Home Mortgage Inc. Implementation is scheduled for completion by August of 2008. VA will continue publishing implementation information on the VALERI website online at <http://homeloans.va.gov/valeri.htm>. The ODVA home loan website is online at www.oregon.gov/ODVA/loans.shtml.

VA Moves to Strengthen Suicide Prevention

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has announced plans to hire suicide prevention counselors at each of its 153 medical centers.

VA will be reviewing all of the Department's programs to care for the mental health needs of veterans, especially those returning from combat in Iraq and Afghanistan. In May, VA announced an initiative to hire 100 new employees to provide readjustment counseling at each of the Department's 207 community-based Vets Centers.

The Secretary of Veterans Affairs Jim Nicholson said, "Every suicide is a tragedy that sends ripples of pain throughout families and communities. VA health care professionals are committed to provide timely, compassionate intervention, which might help prevent this needless suffering."

The Department spends nearly \$3 billion a year for mental health services to care for about 1 million VA patients with a mental health diagnosis.

Vietnam Memorial to Celebrate 25 Years

Twenty-five years after its dedication, the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington, D.C. will host events over Veterans' Day weekend, November 7-11, and celebrate a quarter-century of being a healing place for veterans and their families.

Beginning on November 7, approximately 2,000 volunteers will read the 58,256 names inscribed on the Wall. The reading of names will take place for 65 hours over a four-day period. This will mark the fourth time in The Wall's history that all of the names have been read aloud in Washington, D.C.

The Memorial stands as a symbol of America's honor and recognition of the men and women who served and those that sacrificed their lives in the Vietnam War. The memorial remains the most visited in the nation's capital with more than 4 million visitors annually.

On April 27, the names of three more American servicemen were inscribed on the walls of the Memorial as their deaths were found by the Department of Defense to have been directly related to the war. Another 14 servicemembers received status changes.



A Memorial Center, which is slated to open in 2010, will be an underground facility with displays relating the Memorial's history and a timeline of the war. Another planned exhibit will feature some of the 100,000 items left at The Wall—a unique legacy for current and future generations to contemplate.

To learn more about the Vietnam War Memorial and the 25th anniversary events, go to: www.vvmf.org/index.

Jerry Pero, Chairman of the Vietnam Veterans of Oregon Memorial Fund, is coordinating a group trip, which will leave Portland, Oregon on November 9th. The trip includes round trip airfare, eight nights at the State Plaza Hotel, and round trip transportation between the airport and the hotel.

Although special events are planned, much of the time will be free for independent sightseeing. Rates range between \$965.00 and \$1,275.00 per person based on the number of people sharing a room. Rates are subject to change.

The deadline for making reservation is August 1st. A non-refundable deposit of \$500.00 per person is necessary to guarantee a space.

For more information, or to make a reservation, please call Diane Jacobus at Nob Hill Travel in Portland by calling 503-227-3530. After hours you may call Jerry Pero at 503-266-1686.



Tri-State Women Veterans' Conference Set for 2008

Women from Oregon, Washington and Idaho will be converging on the new Pendleton Convention Center for the inaugural Tri State Women Veterans' Conference, April 18-19, 2008.

The Washington and Idaho Departments of Veterans' Affairs, in partnership with the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs, are inviting female veterans from all three states to attend the conference free of charge. Registration is required.

A variety of workshops concerning veterans' benefits and entitlements, women's health issues and employment/job seeking tips will be offered on both days.

Bob Welch, the author of *American Nightingale—the story of Frances Slanger, Forgotten Heroine of Normandy*, is scheduled to be the conference's keynote speaker.

Nominations for the Outstanding Woman Veteran Award are now being taken. You may obtain a nomination form, register for the conference or receive more information by visiting the Women's Veterans Conference webpage, www.oregon.gov/odva/wvc.shtml, emailing orwomenvets@odva.state.or.us, or by calling 503-373-2264.



VA Medical Centers Extending Hours

In order to provide more health care for more veterans, especially mental health services, Secretary of Veterans Affairs Jim Nicholson has directed the 153 medical centers of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to keep their doors open longer.

"Illness doesn't follow a 9-to-5 schedule," Nicholson said. "I'm directing our medical centers to provide extended hours to ensure we're there for the veterans who have earned our care."

Although the extra hours apply to many hospital-based programs and services, Nicholson said his latest decision was based upon a desire to ensure VA's more than 9,000 mental health professionals are available when veterans need them.

VA operates the largest integrated health care system in the country and the nation's largest mental health program. About 5.5 million veterans are expected to seek health care from VA's nationwide system this year, accounting for about 800,000 hospitalizations and 60 million outpatient visits.

VA's mental health experts will gather in Washington in July for a four-day conference reassessing the Department's programs for veterans, especially veterans from the conflict in Iraq and Afghanistan.

At this time, the details as to which facilities the extended hours will impact and what the hours will be has not yet been established.



MILITARY GALA from page 1

Colorado to attend the Gala. Two other Medal of Honor recipients, James Taylor and John Finn were unable to attend the event as planned. Brigadier General Raymond Byrne of the Oregon Army National Guard also attended the Gala and sat with Bagge.

Honorary guests at the event also included Gold Star families, and war veterans from the Band of Brothers.

The Gala kicked off with the entire crowd singing the National Anthem as the U.S. Marine Corps 6th ESB posted the colors. A Service Flag Ceremony paid tribute to each branch of the U.S. Armed Forces with recognition to servicemembers, veterans, families and friends alike. The Greater Salem Area Veterans Organization (GSAVO) provided a historical military display at the event.

Director Willis summed up the evening by saying, "This first ever Oregon Military Gala gave thanks to all branches of the armed forces and all eras of service. As we look forward to the 4th of July, it is good to remember those who fought to keep our country free. What a great evening."

Attendees were treated with a gift bag and keepsake photographs. The Gala was title sponsored by Spirit Mountain Casino and Five-Star donors included Ned Baker Real Estate, Willamette Valley Multiple Listing, and Mattress World of Salem. Many donors and raffle gift sponsors helped make the event possible. Planning has already begun for a 2008 Military Gala.

To learn more, call Connie Riecke of the Marine Corps Family Foundation at 503-409-5905.



Veterans' Advisory Board on Dose Reconstruction to Meet in September

The Veterans' Advisory Board on Dose Reconstruction (VBDR) will hold its sixth public meeting September 19-20, in Chicago, Illinois.

The goal of VBDR is to provide guidance and oversight of the dose reconstruction and claims compensation programs for veterans of U.S.-sponsored atmospheric nuclear weapons tests from 1945-62; veterans of the 1945-46 occupation of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan; and veterans who were prisoners of war in those regions at the conclusion of World War II.

The meetings will be held at the Jesse Brown VA Medical Center, Multi Conference Center B and C, Room 2446, 820 South Damen Ave. All interested persons are encouraged to attend.

Advance registration to attend the meetings or to present an oral statement is not necessary. For more information on VBDR, call toll-free 1-866-657-VBDR (8237), or visit www.VBDR.org.



Oregon International Air Show to Host Veterans

The Oregon International Air Show has partnered with the local veteran community to again host veterans and their guests during air show weekend, August 11-12, at the Hillsboro Airport.

Sponsored by Dignity Memorial, the Veterans' Commemoration Chalet exists to honor veterans and acknowledge their service to America. This year the Chalet's coordinator, Lt. Col. (ret.) Scott Justice said 300 passes per day would be distributed on a first come, first served basis.

While registration ended in June, veterans may still be able to register online and be placed on an invitation list. The invitation will then be mailed to them. The first 300 veterans to mail back that form and RSVP

will receive packets containing identification for free VIP parking, admission onto the airfield, and seating for two in the Veterans' Chalet near show center.

This year, the 20th annual air show will again be hosting the U.S. Navy's Blue Angels with their crowd pleasing flying demonstrations. Other performers will include the U.S. Army Golden Knights Parachute Team, an A-10 Thunderbolt and A-1 Skyraider, Sean D. Tucker, Team Oracle and other demonstration teams.

Check for more information online at: www.oregonairshow.com/web/info/dignity-memorial-veterans-chalet.asp. For additional information, call Justice at 503-784-5410 or Fred Suter, 360-326-8172.



Afghan - Iraqi Freedom Memorial Adds Names of Fallen

It was a day of contrasts.

The forecast for May 28 was for sunny skies, but as the morning sun gave way to overcast skies and a chilly breeze, the forecast seemed wrong. Then around noon, the skies



cleared, the sun came through and the gentle breeze felt much warmer.

It was about this same time that the steady stream of motorcycles and riders descended upon the grounds. The roaring of the bikes were a stark contrast to the solemn peace and reverence that the Afghan Iraqi Freedom Memorial offers, and that which would follow in the 1 p.m. ceremony.

Even the purpose of the event had contrasts. It was both a celebration of the lives of those servicemembers who have died in the current conflicts, and a solemn time of mourning and sadness as many Gold Star families were in attendance to honor their loved ones who have been lost.

There was young and old alike in attendance, as bikers stood shoulder to shoulder with bankers and grandmothers who could grace the cover of the Saturday Evening Post. But of all of those attending, it was the Gold Star families, those who have lost a family member in military conflict, who were both honored and were there to honor their loved ones.

The ceremony began with the Grand Ronde Honor Guard posting the Colors and former Miss Oregon, Heidi Rickey singing the National Anthem as a Blackhawk helicopter from the 1042nd Medical Evacuation Company

of the Oregon Army National Guard provided a flyover.

ODVA Deputy Director, Paula Brown offered opening remarks while Chaplain Col. (Ret.) Rich Meyers gave the invocation, benediction and the official laying of the wreath.

A Gold Star father himself, whose son Erik was killed in Iraq in 2004, Col. (Ret.) Scott H. McCrae served as the Keynote Speaker, while an echoing version of *TAPS* was played by Dave, Hanna and Bryce Schmidt.

The centerpiece to the ceremony was the unveiling and reading of the names of the servicemembers who have been lost since the memorial was first dedicated on Veterans' Day in November of 2006.

As the event concluded, the sun was shining brightly in the cobalt blue sky and the water began to flow from the memorial's fountain. The 200-300 guests in attendance slowly began to disperse as the massive collection of motorcycles roared to life and

departed with their attached American flags flapping in their thunderous wake.

Tax-deductible donations are still being accepted by the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs for the Afghan Iraqi Freedom Memorial. Donations are used to cover expenses relating to the Memorial including ongoing maintenance. Existing funds for this purpose have been nearly depleted.



Checks can be made out to *ODVA Memorial Donation* and sent to:

ODVA
Attn: *Memorial Donation*
700 Summer St NE
Salem, OR 97301-1285



Photos, from left: Diverse groups of people gather near the memorial for the ceremony; The memorial has become a popular source of "rubbings," similar to the Vietnam Memorial; Gold Star families were there to honor and mourn their lost loved ones during the ceremony.

5th Annual Troops and Veteran Appreciation Day

Throughout history, America's military has stood ready to serve and protect our freedom.

Come and join in honoring local National Guard and Reserves, active duty and veterans at the 5th Annual Troops and Veteran Appreciation Day on September 22.

The event starts at 11 a.m. at the McMinnville Armory, 333 Armory Way, in McMinnville. The ceremony will be from 1-3 p.m. Speakers will include ODVA

Director Jim Willis, and Operation Iraqi Freedom / Operation Enduring Freedom (OIF/OEF) servicemembers and veterans.

Included will be military history displays, various troop support organizations, patriotic music, local Oregon National Guard Color Guard/Honor Guard; members of the 2-218 Field Artillery, a climbing wall for the kids, Humvee rides, shoot the cannon raffle, barbeque, baked goods and patriotic art sales.

All proceeds will go to the Coalition of Troop Support and the local National Guard Family Readiness Program. Donation of Comfort Kit items for our troops serving in Iraq and Afghanistan are welcome.

For more information, contact Jan or Mike Mullaney at 503-662-3399 or by email at janice_michael@gotsky.com or Jim Gordon at 503-843-3773, jgrus@webtv.net.





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 7, and make a donation today. Those who contributed during the months of April and May 2007 are listed below:

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Become a Friend of the Oregon Veterans' Home this 4th of July

Become a friend of the Oregon Veterans' Home, "The Place Where Honor Lives," this 4th of July by making a tax-deductible contribution.

Contributions to the Oregon Veterans' Home improve the quality of life for veterans residing at the Home. Donations have allowed for the purchase of physical therapy equipment, recreational materials and other needed items. One hundred percent of your donation goes to the Home.

In order to make a donation, simply use the Veterans' Home Gift Form on this page and mail it to the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs, 700 Summer Street N.E., Salem, Oregon 97301-1285.

In Memoriam
Dale S. Albee

July 13, 1919 – May 14, 2007



On May 14, Oregon lost a premier veterans' advocate with the passing of Dale Albee of Prospect, Oregon.

Dale served in the United States Army from 1938 until his retirement in 1960. He was very proud of having been in the US Army Cavalry prior to WWII and the stories of his life in the "horse" Cavalry are legion.

One such story involved Dale's response to a reporter who asked what happened when one was bucked off his horse. With his usual sense of humor, Dale replied that "Horses are herd animals, and if you are bucked off, you can count on them rejoining other horses or going to their daily food source – leaving you, the rider, with a long walk back to camp."

During WWII, Dale served with the Armored Cavalry as a tank commander. He was one of 12 sergeants in his outfit to receive a battlefield commission and at the time of his retirement, had achieved the rank of Major.

Dale's military decorations included a Bronze Star with V, two awards of the Purple Heart medal and the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with five Battle Stars.

Following his retirement from the Army, Dale made it his business to look after his fellow veterans. As a volunteer, he worked at the VA Hospital in Portland and in later years at the VA Hospital in Roseburg and the Clinics and Rehabilitation Center in White City.

Dale also served eight years on the Governor's Advisory Committee to the Director of the Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs including two terms as Committee Chair.

His can-do attitude was infectious and drew people to him to join in his service to fellow veterans. He was a longtime member of the VFW and a member of Chapter 147 of the Military Order of the Purple Heart where he served as the State Adjutant for many years.

Dale Albee set a standard of service to fellow veterans that is a benchmark for anyone who would call themselves an advocate. Well-done, Dale. Rest in peace.

Two Oregon WWII Vets Presented the French Legion of Honor Medal by French Government

More than 60 years after the Allied forces in Europe liberated France from the Nazi regime, two Oregon World War II veterans have been presented France's highest honor for bravery. The French government approved the presentation of the Legion of Honor (Legion d'Honneur) to Portland area veterans John Hodges, 87, and Robert Weiss, 84, for their service during the battle to liberate France from the German Army in 1944-45.

Before a gathering of family and friends, both men received their awards on two separate occasions. The Deputy Consul General, Patrice Servantie, from the French Embassy in San Francisco, presented Hodges his medal on February 22. Hodges said, "I'm most honored to receive this, but I'm accepting it on behalf of my buddies who can't be here."

Hodges' unit, the 616th Ordnance Ammunitions Company, 5th Engineer Brigade, played a vital role in establishing the first ammunition supply facilities on Omaha Beach, Cherbourg, France and at Leige, Belgium.

Weiss received his medal from Consul General Frédéric Desagneaux on March 17. He served in the 230th Field Artillery Battalion of the 30th Infantry Division in France. "One thing I learned from that battle is that determined men can make a difference in the lives of others," Weiss said.

Both Desagneaux and Servantie said it was their personal honor to present France's highest military medal given for "exceptional merit or bravery and for outstanding military accomplishments to the State."



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:

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Credit Card: VISA MasterCard

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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: _____

Send acknowledgements to: Name & Address: _____

Your gift qualifies for a charitable contribution tax deduction.

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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

Retired Marine Officer Receives Medal of Honor from National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR)

In late 2006, members of the Anna Maria Pittman Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) presented Lt. Col (ret.) Herman A. MacDonald for nomination for the NSDAR Medal of Honor and the Historic Preservation Award.

Earlier this spring, MacDonald was awarded the NSDAR Medal of Honor. The award is for Adult Native-born American citizens who have displayed Leadership, Trustworthiness, Service and Patriotism. MacDonald also has recently received the NSDAR Historic Preservation Award for collecting, categorizing, authenticating, preserving, and displaying military uniforms.

MacDonald retired from the U.S. Marine Corps after twenty-five years of service. A combat veteran of the Korean War, MacDonald went on to become the Commanding Officer of Force Reconnaissance at Camp Pendleton. He served during the Vietnam War, taking part in Marine Reconnaissance and assignments with the Navy SEALs and Green Berets. MacDonald also served at Marine



Mac McDonald poses with DAR members, Caroline Koford (left), and Dorothy Madsen after receiving the DAR Medal of Honor.

Headquarters in Washington, D.C. and finished his career with 24 ribbons including Presidential Unit Citations from the U.S. Army and U.S. Marines.

After thirty years of service to his country, he retired in 1978. Continuing his passion for service, MacDonald entered into Salem-Keizer School District to become a schoolteacher. Soon thereafter, he was appointed the principal of the Woodburn

Gervais Alternative High School. After his retirement there, he continued on with public service as a lobbyist for Oregon veterans.

The Daughters of the American Revolution dates back to the late eighteenth hundreds and is headquartered in Washington D.C. and has honored and aided veterans since the birth of the organization. The members of NSDAR is comprised of adult women with lineal descents to patriots of the American Revolution.

Historically speaking, NSDAR has been taking care of veterans since the Spanish-American war. Dr. Anita Newcomb McGee, the founder of the Army Nurse Corps is responsible for setting up the Hospital Corps. Each of the states in the U.S. has chapters and International chapters are found throughout the world. To learn more about DAR visit www.dar.org.



Hats Off to Veterans at the Oregon State Fair!

Free Admission For Veterans With Voucher

The 2007 Oregon State Fair has planned bigger and better events for veterans! Veterans wishing to attend the Oregon State Fair should plan ahead to save big. Once again the State Fair is recognizing the service and sacrifice of Oregon's veterans by providing free admission during the first weekend of the Fair. The dates for free admission are Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, August 24-26. All veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces are invited to use the Veterans Voucher to gain free entry to the State Fair. Simply cut out the Veterans Voucher (at left) and present it at any admission gate.

In addition to the Fair's traditional offerings, numerous special activities have been planned for the weekend. On Saturday at 11 a.m. there will be a parade featuring veterans and the Color Guards of Veteran Service Organizations.

Mo's Restaurants, home of Mo's World Famous Clam Chowder, will generously be providing lunch for veterans and their families

on Saturday. Special commemorative buttons will be handed out to veterans and their families for the free bowl of Mo's clam chowder.

ODVA will once again have an outreach booth fully staffed by Department employees and members of various veterans service organizations. Information about all veteran benefits will be available, including the ODVA Home Loan Program.

Military displays will be set up in the Jackman-Long building and will feature military memorabilia, artifacts, photos and uniforms. The 'Faces of the Fallen' display will also be provided by Remembering America's Heroes.

Additional information about the State Fair is available online at www.oregonstatefair.org. Additional vouchers are available from the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs website at www.oregon.gov/ODVA/StateFair.shtml or by calling 503-373-2284.



NOTE: Volunteers are needed to assist with manning the gates for Friday, Saturday and Sunday between 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. (August 24, 25 and 26). If you are interested, please contact ODVA at 503-373-2384 or toll free (within Oregon) 1-800-8801 ext. 2384.

Aid and Attendance Benefits

The Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA) works hard to ensure that veterans receive all the benefits they have earned as a result of military service. One of the ODVA veterans' service officers tasks is to obtain Aid and Attendance (A&A) benefits for veterans and their families.

Veterans, their spouses, or surviving spouses are eligible for A&A if they are receiving compensation or pension, and require the regular attendance of another person to assist in daily activities, such as eating, bathing, dressing, or using the restroom. Compensation and pension include Dependency and Indemnity Compensation, and death pension for surviving spouses.

A&A does not provide in-home care workers, but provides the recipient an extra amount of money to help offset the cost of in-home care.

Because A&A is an added benefit, the applicant must first be receiving compensation

or pension. However, initial applications for either compensation or pension can include a request for A&A if the claimant meets the physical requirements.

When applying for A&A, the federal VA will require the claimant to have their physician complete a report describing the condition of the claimant. This is to ensure that the claimant meets the physical need for A&A.

A&A can provide up to \$1,519 per month to a veteran; \$976 per month to a surviving spouse; or \$1,801 per month to a couple. This amount is in addition to the regular compensation or pension the VA is paying to the recipient.

If you believe you or your spouse qualifies for Aid and Attendance, be sure to schedule an appointment with your local veteran service officer to discuss applying for A&A.

See page 12 for a list of veterans' service officers.



Free Legal Services Offered For Servicemembers and Their Families

In 2003, in recognition of the several thousand members of the Oregon National Guard, and Army, Navy, Marine, and Air Force service members from Oregon who are now serving in Iraq, Afghanistan, and elsewhere, the Oregon State Bar has established a Military Assistance Panel to provide free legal services to service members and their families. The panel will assist on issues relating to the Servicemembers' Civil Relief Act, and the related areas of family law, residential landlord/tenant, and debtor/creditor issues.

The bar is hoping that by donating some of its members' time and talent, it might in some small way alleviate the burden for the state's service members. Servicemembers seeking panel assistance should contact the bar's Lawyer Referral Service at 800-452-7636.

The greatest requirement of service members and their families are in the area of family law. The strains of military service, coupled with the financial losses of active duty, put a tremendous strain on military families. About half of all requests for panel assistance are for family law practitioners. This need is particularly great in many of the state's rural areas.

The only obligation for panel participation is to provide a couple of hours of advice upon referral from bar staff (although in most situations, panel members undertake full representation, to resolve the problem at hand without charge).

Attorneys who join the panel are provided a free, two-credit continuing legal education program on the SCRA and on the related of family law, residential landlord/tenant, and

debtor/creditor issues. The CLE may be taken by either DVD or streaming video.

The panel is open to all lawyers, including those who are not in active private practice and otherwise do not have Professional Liability Fund coverage. For such lawyers, PLF coverage is provided through a special umbrella policy for bar certified *pro bono* programs.

Attorneys interested in joining the Military Assistance Panel should visit the following web site: www.osbar.org/programs/map/osbmap.html. Information regarding the panel, including how to join the panel, is available from the website.

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

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

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HIPAA Statement

The Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA) complies with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, known as HIPAA. You may obtain a copy of the ODVA Notice of Privacy Practices anytime by way of the following:

- * Access ODVA's website at www.oregon.gov/odva
- * Call ODVA at 1-800-828-8801 ext. 2141 or 503-373-2141
- * Write to ODVA's Privacy Officer to have a copy mailed to you; or
- * Ask for a copy the next time you visit ODVA.

Oregon Legislative Assembly Winds Down

As the 74th Legislative Assembly winds down there are some Bills still pending action and others that await the Governor's signature. There have been some Bills passed already this session that impact veterans or their families.

As of the date of our submitting this issue of *VETS NEWS* to the printer, below is an overview on the status of various legislative Bills that we feel would be of interest to veterans and their families.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 7 – Filed with the Secretary of State on May 22, 2007.

Recognizes and honors sacrifices that employers make in support of employees who are members of Oregon National Guard and reserves.

Senate Joint Resolution 23 – Filed with Secretary of State on May 22, 2007.

Designates Sunday before Veterans Day as annual Blue Star Memorial Highway Day.

Senate Bill 590 – Has passed both the House and the Senate and will be presented to the Governor for his signature.

Expands crime of criminal impersonation to include impersonation of active member or veteran of the Armed Forces.

Senate Bill 822 – Has passed both the House and the Senate and will be presented to the Governor for his signature.

Requires public employer to provide preference to veteran or disabled veteran if veteran's score on evaluation or civil test is equal to or higher than the score or evaluation of person who is not a veteran or disabled veteran. Also, allows veteran to use preference more than once. Brings Oregon's veteran preference policy for public employment in line with the federal policy.

Senate Bill 859 – Has passed both the House and the Senate and will be presented to the Governor for his signature.

Expands the number of entities that must be printed on Oregon income tax return forms for charitable donations by refund check-off. Requires that all Charitable Check-off entities rotate between the form and the roster or instruction booklet.

Senate Bill 5541 – Governor signed on May 15, 2007.

Appropriates money from state's General Fund to Department of Veterans' Affairs for biennial expenses. (ODVA 2007-09 budget)

House Bill 2157 – Governor signed on April 17, 2007.

Adds unremarried surviving spouse of veteran to those persons who are eligible to receive funds from the existing Emergency Financial Assistance program through the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs.

House Bill 2237 – Has passed both the House and the Senate and will be presented to the Governor for his signature.

Eliminates annual claim filing requirement for veteran homestead property tax exemption, if exemption has been allowed in previous year and the ownership, use and other qualifying conditions remain unchanged. Continues annual filing requirement if basis for exemption includes satisfying maximum total gross income ceiling.

House Bill 2390 – Governor signed on June 11, 2007.

Directs the Department of Transportation to create registration plate recognizing recipients of the Medal of Honor.

House Bill 2447 – Governor signed on April 27, 2007.

Declares January 13 of each year to be Korean American Day. Establishes Korean American Day Commission to promote, organize and coordinate Korean American Day celebrations.

House Bill 2630 – Governor signed on May 31, 2007.

Permits state employee or state officer to authorize deduction from their salary to go to the Oregon Veterans' Home Account.

House Bill 2937 – Governor signed June 12, 2007.

Directs the Department of Veterans' Affairs to provide veterans and health care providers with educational materials on diagnosis, treatment and prevention of hepatitis C.

House Bill 3009 - Has passed both the House and the Senate and will be presented to the Governor for his signature.

Permits a second state Oregon Veterans' Home to admit spouses of war veterans. Eliminates requirement for second Oregon Veterans' Home to obtain certificate of need from Department of Human Services.

House Bill 3161 - Has passed both the House and the Senate and will be presented to the Governor for his signature.

Directs the Department of Transportation to establish a program to issue veterans' recognition registration plate to veteran or veterans' group and the Gold Star Family recognition registration plate.

House Joint Memorial 19 - Filed with Secretary of State on June 5, 2007.

Urging Congress to fund transportation of, and United States Department of Defense to transport, comfort items to troops overseas and request that priority be given in directing health care and benefits for veterans..

House Joint Resolution 7 – Filed with the Secretary of State on April 9, 2007.

Designates December 13 of every year as "Honor Our Oregon National Guard Day" and urges all Oregonians to commemorate this day in appreciation of the Oregon Guard.

House Joint Resolution 12 – Filed with Secretary of State on May 10, 2007.

Encourages Oregonians to join in celebration of Korean American Day.

NOTE: At presstime, the legislative body had indicated their intention to complete this session by the end of June. Once the session concludes, there will be a complete listing of the Bills that affect or may interest veterans that were passed in the September-October issue of *VETS NEWS*.

Southern Oregon Stand Down 2007

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

For information or to volunteer your assistance:
Kathy or Steve Patterson at 541-665-5001

Southern Oregon Stand Down is a non-profit organization.
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Military Order of The Purple Heart National Convention

The Military Order of The Purple Heart (MOPH) will hold their 75th National Convention August 7-11, 2007.

Hosted by the Department of New York MOPH, the event will be held at the Grand Nevele Resort, located 80 miles north of New York City in the beautiful Catskill Mountains. The 800 wooded acres also include a private lake and an 18-hole golf course.

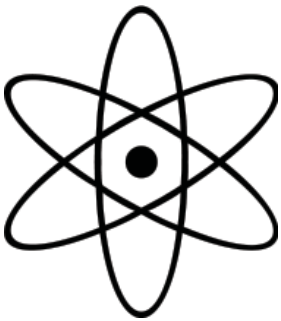
For more information contact the National Convention Chairman, Rick Weeks at 518-465-5692 (Home), 518-364-7298 (Cell). Or by email at Rweeks1@nycap.rr.com

For further information about reservations contact the resort at 800-647-6000, or email www.nevele.com.



Oregon Atomic Veterans to Meet

The Oregon Atomic Veterans (OAV) will be meeting in July to remember the 62nd anniversary of the first U.S. nuclear bomb test and to celebrate OAV Day. The group will meet on July 16, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Tigard American Legion Post 158, located at 8635 S.W. Scoffins St. A potluck lunch will be served.



Oregon Commander, Fred Schafer said this is the fifth of eight meetings in 2007.

Future Oregon meetings this year will be held between 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at one of two locations. A no-host lunch will be served at all meetings. The locations and dates include: August 20 and November 19, at Lebanon Post 51, 480 Main St., and on October 15 at Tigard Post 158. For more information contact Duane Gaddis, 503-618-8793, Fred Schafer, 541-258-7453 or Frank Farmer, 541-259-1559.

The National Association of Atomic Veterans, Inc. (NAAV) is a nonprofit veterans service corporation dedicated to assisting an estimated one million U. S. veterans, from all service branches, who were first hand participants in atomic weapons test detonations, from July 16, 1945 to November 23, 1992.

To learn more about the NAAV, contact Schafer by email, derf@trcschafer.com, or go to the NAAV website at: www.naav.com/.



Military Reunions

The Guadalcanal Campaign Veterans will hold their 65th anniversary reunion August 5-10, 2007, at the Executive West Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky. The GCV is a 501(c)19 non-profit which membership consists of members of the USA, USAAF, USN, USMC and USCG whose service was from August 7, 1942 to February 9, 1943 in and around Guadalcanal. For more information, contact Gordon W. Morgan at Gcvets@aol.com or call 503-254-6848.

The 63rd Infantry Division Association will hold their 59th reunion August 7-11, 2007, at the Tacoma Sheraton Hotel in Tacoma, Washington. For more information, contact Marsh Allen, 7714 Chinook Ave., Gig Harbor, Washington 98335, or call 253-851-3843. Email mallen2321@juno.com.

The USMC Motor Transport Association will hold their 11th reunion September 16-19, 2007 in Baltimore, Maryland. For more information, contact Terry Hightower, P.O. Box 1372, Jacksonville, North Carolina, 28541-1372 or call 910-450-1841. Email usmcmta@charterinternet.com.

The USNR Midshipmen's School New York, New York (Columbia University and the Prairie State), and Northwestern will hold their reunion October 1-3, 2007 in Palm Springs, California. For more information contact Ken Boyd, at 16608 La Paloma Lane, Edmond, Oklahoma, or call 405-330-4707. Email kb@clickworld.net.

The USS Ranger Museum Foundation will hold the national reunion in Oregon to show support for moving the retired aircraft carrier to Portland. The Foundation can be reached at 503-558-8519. Email www.ussrangercv61.org.

Korean War Reunion, the 13th annual reunion for all veterans who served during the Korean War will take place October 1-4, 2007 at the Riverside Resort Hotel & Casino, 1650 S. Casino Drive, Laughlin, Nevada, or call 1-800-227-3849 for reservations and mention this code "C/Korea."

USS Mount McKinley Association will hold their reunion September 12-16, 2007, in Buffalo, New York, for more information contact Lee Temanson, 703-425-6315. Email lateman@comcast.net.

Aleutian Island Veterans upcoming reunions, August 11, 2007 in Clio, Michigan, September 4-6, 2007 in Williams, California, October 26-28, 2007 in Archibold, Ohio, and November 11-13, 2007 in Laughlin, Nevada. For more information please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 130327, Sunrise, Florida. 33313. Or call Al King at 954-423-1852. Email williwawal@aol.com.

11th Armored Cavalry Regiment (all eras) 4th Annual Eugene Picnic will be held August 18, 2007 from 12-5 p.m. For more information contact Adrian Vaaler 2610 Baker Blvd., Eugene, Oregon 97403. Email adrianvaaler@gmail.com.

11th Armored Cavalry Veterans of Vietnam and Cambodia National Reunion will be held September 6-9, 2007 in Louisville, Kentucky. For more information email 11thcavnam.com, or contact Adrian Vaaler, 541-344-2113. Email adrianvaaler@gmail.com.

101st Screaming Eagle Vets will hold their 62nd National Reunion August 8-11, 2007 in Omaha, Nebraska. For more information contact the association at 32 Screaming Eagle Blvd, P.O. Box 929, Fort Campbell, Kentucky 42223. Telephone 931-431-0199 ext 35. Email assocmemberinfo@comcast.net. Or, see the web site, www.screamingeagle.org.

WWII 17th Photo Reconnaissance Squadron will hold their 65th annual reunion October 4-6, 2007 in Santa Fe, New Mexico. For more information contact Al Bailey, 503-232-8051.

The Fighting 69th Infantry Division Association will hold their 60th annual reunion in Salt Lake City, Utah. For more information call Robert Heisler, 503-463-9524.

Oregon Veterans of Underage Military Service will hold their annual "Get-Together" at the Oregon State Fair Veterans' Appreciation Day, August 25, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. The gathering will meet at the Military Display in the Jackman-Long Building. For more information contact Jack Lutz, 503-569-0335.

U.S.S. Estes AGC-12 Association will hold their reunion October 10-14, 2007 at The Holiday Inn Riverfront in Covington, Kentucky. All crewmembers invited to attend. For more information call Noah Joyner 252-536-4283, or Bob Pfeifer 61374 Stardrift Lane, Bend, Oregon, or call 541-330-1134, cell 503-209-8299.

All Navy Net Tender/Layer will hold their reunion October 2-4, 2007, at the Adam's Mark Hotel, 120 Church St., Buffalo, New York, 14202. For room reservations call 1-800-444-2326. For more information contact Harlan Roth, 11820 SW Belmont Terrace, Beaverton, Oregon, 97008.

Army Air Corps WWII 483rd Bombardment Group H Association will hold their reunion October 14-20, 2007 in Covington, Kentucky. For more information contact Kenneth Davis, Sr. 456 Royal Bonnet Court, Fort Myers, Florida, 33908, call 239-482-7442. Email Kentg483rd@webtv.net.

USS Maddox Destroyer Association for information contact, Cliff Gillespie 2118 Hines Rd., Jennings, Louisiana. 70546. Or in the Washington D.C. area, call 337-616-8450. Email cwgilles45@aol.com.

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