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## GOVERNOR SIGNS BILLS AFFECTING VETERANS

In July and into August, Governor Kulongoski continued to sign bills that had passed through both the House and Senate during the recent legislative session. In the July-August issue of *VETS NEWS* a legislative update was provided. That information was current through the date the issue went to print.

Below are a few bills of interest to veterans that were signed by the Governor since the last issue.

**Senate Bill 590** – Governor signed June 20.

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

**Senate Bill 822** – Governor signed June 20.

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. It also allows a veteran to use preference more than once, and brings Oregon's veteran preference policy for public employment in line with the federal policy.

**Senate Bill 859** – Governor signed July 17.

Expands the number of entities that must be printed on Oregon income tax return forms for charitable donations by refund check-off. It requires that all Charitable Check-off entities rotate between the form and the roster or instruction booklet. The Oregon Veterans' Home is a Charitable Checkoff participant that stands to benefit as a result.

**House Bill 2155** – Governor signed July 16.

Increases the maximum loan amortization period for home loans made to veterans from 30 years to 40 years.

**House Bill 2208** – Governor signed July 31.

Makes veterans enrolled part-time in course



**Governor Kulongoski signs legislation creating new veteran license plates for drivers in the state of Oregon. Many such bills affecting veterans were passed in the 2007 Oregon Legislative Session.**

of study or professional training eligible for state financial aid.

**House Bill 2023** – Governor signed June 27.

Modifies active duty military service requirements needed to qualify for military homestead property tax exemption.

**House Bill 2237** – Governor signed June 27.

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 3009** – Governor signed June 27.

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

**House Bill 3161** – Governor signed June 25.

Consolidates numerous veterans plates into one, more attractive, veterans' plate. Provides a Gold Star family recognition plate.

**House Bill 3201** – Governor signed July 31.

Creates a federal tax credit for the first year of a physicians' participation in TRICARE. Also creates a credit for physicians who provide medical care on a regular basis to residents of the Oregon Veterans' Home.



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## Director's Message



# OPERATION HERO MILES

In a previous message, I pointed out a number of persons and groups that are helping members of our armed forces and their families. These efforts for "help tomorrow's veterans today," is something we can all do in one way or another.

### Operation Hero Miles

One way you may be able to help is to donate your unused frequent flyer miles to military personnel and their families. You can do this by contacting Operation Hero Miles on the internet at [www.heromiles.org](http://www.heromiles.org). The website explains how your donation is currently being accepted by ten of the nation's major airlines. You can also call 1-888-294-8560 toll-free for information.

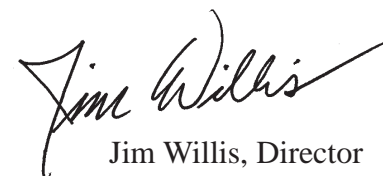
### Linn County Veterans Memorial

Recently I talked with members of the Linn County Veterans Memorial Association. They tell me that in over a year since they began their effort to build a new memorial, that much

progress has been made and they plan to dedicate this new memorial to the veterans of Linn County on Saturday November 10, 2007 at 4:00 pm. at Timber Linn Park in Albany.

The memorial will be built in the shape of the state of Oregon and will include flowerbeds, a 155mm artillery piece, a plaza area and bronze plaques from the original veterans memorial. Over 25 local businesses have stepped forward with donations of money, labor and materiel to complete the project.

Six flagpoles will grace the area along with memorial bricks containing the names and branch of service of local veterans. To purchase a brick or to make a donation to this worthwhile project please call Bob Gore at (541) 967-6936 or email at [Bobgore47@comcast.net](mailto:Bobgore47@comcast.net) or call Dean Booth at (541) 990-7715 or email at [deanvicky@yahoo.com](mailto:deanvicky@yahoo.com). Congratulations to these great veterans on their success with this worthwhile project.

  
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## WINGS OF FREEDOM COFFEE CLUB

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# U.S. BLIND GOLF ASSOCIATION SEEKS OREGON MEMBERS

For people who are legally blind or are losing their sight and are interested in golf, there is good news. The U.S. Blind Golf Association (USBGA) is recruiting golfers to become part of a growing organization for the sightless.

Korean War veteran, and former U.S. Marine, Chuck Ponder is one of two members of Oregon's new chapter. He says he has lost about three-quarters of his sight and is



encouraging veterans or anyone who is vision impaired and would like to golf or assist blind golfers to become involved in their group.

"Just because one is blind or losing their sight doesn't mean they can't enjoy playing golf," Ponder said. "Former USGBA President Bob Andrews lost his sight in combat while serving in Vietnam. Golfing is great exercise plus, you don't have to be a veteran to join."

Oregon is already on the USBGA's map. In 2005, Oregon City hosted a national tour event and Woodburn played host to a USGBA international golf tournament in 2006. This year's USBGA National Championship will be held September 23-27, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Anyone interested in learning more about the USBGA in Oregon should call Ponder at, 503-363-0923 or Ron Plath at 503-635-3715. Visit the USBGA website at [www.blindgolf.com/](http://www.blindgolf.com/).



## VETERAN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Veterans of Operations Enduring Freedom or Iraqi Freedom are eligible to apply for college funding through the Horatio Alger Association's Military Scholarship.

A former newspaper reporter and teacher in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, Alger was known more as a popular novelist who wrote more than 100 books.

The deadline for the applications is September 28. For eligibility requirements, more information and to download applications forms, go to [www.horatioalger.com/index.cfm](http://www.horatioalger.com/index.cfm).



# VA NEWS & NOTES

## National Suicide Prevention Hotline

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has ramped up mental health outreach by providing round-the-clock access to trained professionals. This includes a national suicide prevention hotline for veterans. The toll-free hotline number is 1-800-273-TALK (8255).

"All service members who experience the stresses of combat can have wounds on their minds as well as their bodies. Veterans should see mental health services as another benefit they have earned, which the men and women of VA are honored to provide," Secretary Jim Nicholson said. Online information can be accessed by visiting [www.mentalhealth.va.gov](http://www.mentalhealth.va.gov).

## Wounded Warriors Report Delivered

The President's Commission on Care for America's Returning Wounded Warriors report is complete and was delivered to the White House the morning of July 25. The Commission conducted a comprehensive review of services America is providing to our wounded warriors. Bob Dole, a disabled World War II veteran, along with University of Miami President Donna Shalala were appointed by the Commander-in-Chief to investigate problems at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. In the afternoon, the President jogged with two wounded warriors on the South Lawn of the White House.

In a post-jog interview President Bush said, "First of all, the spirit of that report is, any time we have somebody hurt, they deserve the best possible care, and their family needs strong support. We've provided that in many cases, but to the extent we haven't, we're going to adjust. In that recommendation, there are things the United States Congress should do, and I call upon them to do it."

The entire report can be downloaded from [www.pccww.gov](http://www.pccww.gov).

## Oregon Agencies Funded to Help Homeless Veterans

Homeless veterans in 37 states, including Oregon will get more assistance thanks to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) selection of 92 community organizations to receive funds for transitional housing this year. On July 11, the VA announced that homeless veterans in Medford and Portland will have more resources.

Interfaith Care Community of Medford is being funded with \$182,792 that allows for 16 beds. In Portland, Transition Projects, Inc. is being funded with \$148,519 to provide 13 beds. Today, it is estimated that in the U.S. approximately 200,000 veterans may be homeless on an average night, which represents a 20 percent reduction during the past six years.

## Nicholson to Resign

Secretary of Veterans Affairs Jim Nicholson announced he has tendered his resignation to President George W. Bush, effective no later than October 1. Nicholson, a Vietnam Veteran, was sworn in as Secretary of Veterans Affairs on February 1, 2005.

Nicholson said he wants to return to the private sector. "This coming February, I turn 70 years old, and I feel it is time for me to get back into business, while I still can." He stated he has no definite plans at this time.

He also addressed an assembled group of Washington VA employees and those watching around the country on VA's closed-circuit television. In his message to employees, Nicholson told them how privileged he felt to have worked with them in fulfilling our nation's promises and obligations to its veterans.



## - Correction - Aid and Attendance Benefit Information

In the July-August issue of *VETS NEWS* an article titled "Aid and Attendance Benefits" appeared on page 9. The article contained some false information and we offer our apologies for any inconvenience this may have caused.

In clarification, the article stated in the sixth paragraph that Aid and Attendance benefit amounts were in addition to regular compensation or pension that the VA might already be paying a recipient. That is not so. The amounts given included the total benefit available, combining Aid and Attendance and either compensation or pension benefits.



**Tino Ornelas,**  
**Advisory Committee Chair**

## A MESSAGE FROM THE VETERANS' AFFAIRS ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR

I must say, being elected the new Chair of the Governor's Advisory Committee to the Director of the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA) is quite an honor. As I assume command in September. I will do my best to uphold the duties of the Chair, and to move our committee forward.

First, I would like to thank outgoing Committee Chair, David Fairclo, for his great leadership and service to the Committee and to the Department.

My family's military history is as follows: My maternal uncle was a Marine at Guadalcanal and Iwo Jima. My father served in Europe with the U.S. Army and was in the Battle of the Bulge. Another uncle, also in the Army, was in the Korean War. As for myself, I served four years in the U.S. Navy, which included one year in Vietnam.

My message today is two-fold, and I begin with a pair of issues:

### **VETERANS' HOME**

The first item on any Oregon veteran's list is to help all other Oregon veterans. At the top of this list is our Oregon Veterans' Home. We need more veteran's homes, like our Home in The Dalles. If you want to see success up close, please visit the Home or at least visit the ODVA website. You will be amazed at the efficiency and care all veterans and spouses are afforded. Indeed, we need about four new homes, situated throughout the state, to assist all of Oregon's veterans. I urge you to contact your state legislators and ensure their support of veteran causes. We must have a steadfast presence with our duly-elected officials, or we pay the consequences of being ignored or worse, forgotten. This is an area of great need that takes untold hours of planning and political maneuvering, which cannot be fully explained in this paragraph. You will be hearing more from me about this in future issues of the *VETS NEWS*.

### **VETERAN ASSISTANCE**

I am not talking about the homeless or those veterans who do not help themselves. For those, there are numerous government sources that are in place and ready to help. This statement may prove to be very controversial, and I am sure I will receive numerous letters and calls. However, as

with any society, we must direct assistance and mentorship to those who are expanding their horizons, who are upstanding citizens and who will contribute to the good of all.

We, the veterans from World War II through Vietnam, are already established and contributing. But, we have many new and younger veterans who need us, as we can mentor and help alleviate the blockades and bumps they will encounter. They are our future. They have immediate needs, such as housing, schooling and benefits. Perhaps above all else, they could use guidance in starting or entering the business world.

When I came home from Vietnam, I was completely on my own, as all of us were. I had to hide my military background in order to get a job. In fact, I was instructed to remove any reference to being in the U.S. Navy from my resume. We cannot let this happen to our veterans ever again.

Jim Willis, the Director of the ODVA, is well aware of these problems and is initiating processes to open new avenues for veterans.

The end of this message is directed to all Oregon Hispanic or Latino veterans (I prefer the word Latino). I realize there are veterans of all ethnicities and we all are bonded by our contributions, by honor, duty, and country. Yet, it is important that Latino veterans become more involved in our community and our state. Together, we can accomplish many things, assist others less fortunate, and share our knowledge and heritage. I am asking all Latino veterans to contact me. I need your help in organizing an effective community group that will be heard and recognized in Oregon from end to end.

Understand that I tried this once before and failed miserably. It seems the Latino veteran is not interested in what happens to all veterans across Oregon. Prove me wrong.

In closing, please remember, the Advisory Committee is in place to assist the Director of the ODVA and to help make a difference for all veterans in our wonderful state.

## DoD INSTITUTES "WEARABLE POWER" COMPETITION

In an attempt to equip America's fighting forces with portable electricity to power their electronic equipment, the Department of Defense is instituting a "Wearable Power" competition in which prize money will be paid to the ones who come up with the most efficient means of giving our troops in the field the electrical power they need for their high-tech equipment.

John Young, Director of DoD's Defense Research and Engineering, announced a public prize competition on July 5, to develop a wearable electric power system for the military. The competition will take place in the fall of 2008 and will pay prizes of \$1 million for first place, \$500,000 for second and \$250,000 for third place.

Today's military personnel carry essential electronic equipment such as radios, night vision devices and global positioning systems, all of which run on batteries. The batteries for these devices can be heavy, and this competition is, in part, to devise a way of lessening the weight of such batteries.

The objective of the competition is to design a wearable prototype system that can power a standard servicemember's equipment for 96 hours, which weighs less than half of current batteries. All components, including power generator, electrical storage, control electronics, connectors and fuel must weigh four kilograms or less, including any attachments.

A public forum will be held in Washington D.C. to brief potential competitors on the technical details, rules and requirements. Details on the forum, as well as contest registration and rules are posted on the Defense Research and Engineering website at [www.dod.mil/ddre/prize](http://www.dod.mil/ddre/prize).



## NORTH COAST STAND DOWN

*"A Project of HOPE for our Veterans"*

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Talk with VA Benefit Counselors and Claims experts

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Warrior Hall

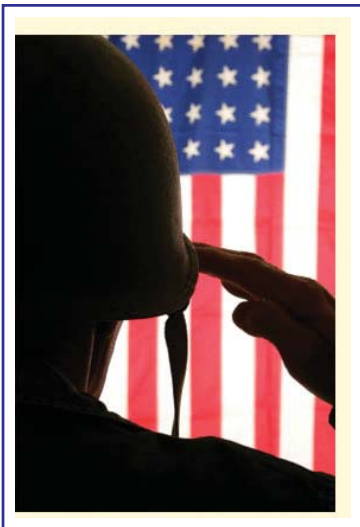
**Saturday, September 8, 2007**  
**10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

For information contact Roberto Ybarra at 1-800-643-5409 ext. 246 or email [Roberto.o.Ybarra@state.or.us](mailto:Roberto.o.Ybarra@state.or.us)

## CELEBRATION OF HONOR IN LINCOLN CITY

A three-day celebration to recognize the contributions of all veterans will be held in Lincoln City, September 28-30.

The Celebration of Honor event will include activities for veterans and their families, in many locations throughout the city.



Some of the scheduled events are as follows:

### Friday-Sunday

- **Chinook Winds Casino** — 1,000 flag Veterans of Oregon Field of Honor will be displayed.

### Saturday

- **The Connie Hanson Garden** - Open house with refreshments and a free tour.
- **Kenny's IGA North** - Free Kiwanis Barbeque featuring pulled pork from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **The Community Center** - Kids Carnival, with jugglers, clowns, and face painting, starting at 12 p.m. Along with Geo Cache, starting at 2 p.m.
- **Theatre West** - Showing of Soldier's Heart – II, a theatrical performance will be free to veterans at 7 p.m. (Suitable for adults only)

### Saturday – Sunday

- **The Bijou Theater** - Free popcorn to veterans with ticket purchase.
- **North Lincoln County Museum** - Military Exhibit for veterans and their families from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free.
- **Tanger Outlet Mall** - Presents veterans with free coupons books totaling \$350 in savings throughout the mall.
- **The Pendleton Outlet** - Drawing for a free "Grateful Nation" Pendleton woolen blanket.

### Sunday

- **Chinook Winds Casino** - Free outdoor concert featuring the Western Hemisphere Orchestra from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., followed by the rededication of the Veteran's Memorial along with a medals presentation at 2 p.m.

For more information contact Teresa Simmons at 541-996-5815 or email [teresas@chinookwindsgaming.com](mailto:teresas@chinookwindsgaming.com), or visit [www.oregoncoast.org/honor](http://www.oregoncoast.org/honor).

## REAL AMERICAN HEROES MOTORCYCLE RIDE TO BENEFIT DEPLOYED TROOPS

The Marine Corps Family Foundation will sponsor a ride north from Eugene and south from Tigard meeting in Salem. On September 15, a fun-filled day is planned beginning with registration from 8 - 9 a.m. along with coffee and pastries before the ride at the BMW Motorcycles of Western Oregon locations in Eugene and Tigard. The rides begin at 9 a.m. with riders from each starting point coming together around 12 p.m. at the Anderson Readiness Center, 3225 State Street NE, Salem. The Outback Restaurant will cater a steak and chicken lunch, along with entertainment and a raffle.

Registration for the ride is \$30. Currently serving military will receive a discounted registration of \$20. Registration packets are available at BMW Motorcycles of Western Oregon stores in Eugene at 2891 W 11<sup>th</sup>, and in Tigard at 12010 SW Garden Place. All proceeds from the ride will be used to benefit Marine Family Foundation projects that support deployed troops. For other troop support projects, visit their website at [www.marinecorpsfamilyfoundation.org](http://www.marinecorpsfamilyfoundation.org)

For more information, contact Deb Conrad 541-974-6948, or email [deb@marinecorpsfamilyfoundation.org](mailto:deb@marinecorpsfamilyfoundation.org)



## "FLYING TIGER" JERNSTEDT TURNS 90, GOVERNOR HONORS HIS SERVICE

Oregon's first air war ace and one of the original members of the American Volunteer Group (AVG), the Flying Tigers, Ken Jernstedt, celebrated his 90th birthday on July 20. Governor Ted Kulongoski paid tribute to the milestone and honored the former state legislator with a personal letter and a commemorative plaque.

During a family reunion on July 21 in Wilsonville, Jernstedt's long-time friend and fellow-World War II veteran, Staryl Austin, presented mementos and best wishes from the governor. A member of the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs Governor's Advisory Committee, Austin said "It is a real privilege for me to represent Governor Kulongoski and to present this recognition on such a great occasion to a good friend and fellow P-47 pilot."

The Governor's plaque recognized Jernstedt for his faithful and honorable contributions to the nation, state and his community. His letter congratulated Hood River's elder statesman and former mayor.

"Part of your legacy will be that your personal and professional successes have never overshadowed your love of country or your desire to be a good neighbor – and a giving friend," Kulongoski wrote.

With more than 50 family members watching, Jernstedt stood and remarked that he felt honored. "This is a wonderful surprise. I've had a very interesting life. I've known Ted since we served in the senate together and have always liked him."

Jernstedt served 22 years in the Oregon legislature as a State Representative (1967-69) and State Senator (1969-89). He also served



PHOTO COURTESY OF STEPHEN KUROWSKI

**Former Flying Tiger pilot Ken Jernstedt (right) stands next to friend and fellow WWII fighter pilot, Brig. Gen. (ret.) Staryl Austin, after receiving 90th birthday greetings and a commemorative plaque from Governor Ted Kulongoski.**

as the mayor of Hood River where he still resides with his wife, Gen.

He prides himself on having the shortest floor speech in the history of the state legislature. In the 1970s, a fellow lawmaker's arguments were essentially the same ones Jernstedt planned to make. When called upon to speak, he rose and said, "Ditto."

While an AVG Flight Leader between September 1941 and July 1942, Jernstedt is credited with destroying more than 10 Japanese aircraft, including five aerial kills. He later served as a P-47 experimental test pilot at Republic Aviation.





# 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 June and July 2007 are listed below:

Oregon Paralyzed Veterans of America	Warren Cook	Glenn Welden
Larry and Sarah Keil	Gary Van Orman	Gerald and Hannelore Schleining
Scott and Julie Wood	Allan Rosa	Frank and Judy Vogel
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Pauline Scott	Wilma Nelson	Russell DeGroat
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Ron and Donna Lake	4 <sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, NW Chapter	Jack and Carol Magnuson
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James and Marion Crews	MOAA, Salem Chapter	Military Order of the Cootie,
Military Order of the Purple Heart Post 539	Jerry Willis	Grand Pup Tent of Oregon
Joan Waite	National Order of Trench Rats,	Dorothy and Jack Culbertson
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Joseph and Joy Vital	James and Barbara Vahey	Gold Star Wives
MOAA, Portland Chapter	Gayle A. Lowe	John and Jacqueline Bentley
Eugene Melvin	Douglas Bomarito	
Al Drenkhahn	Ray and Barbara Swank	

# OREGON VETERANS' HOME CELEBRATES 10TH ANNIVERSARY

The Oregon Veterans' Home in The Dalles is currently the only skilled nursing care facility in Oregon built for, and dedicated to, veterans. This year, the Home will mark its 10th anniversary.

In honor of this milestone, a celebration will be held on October 23, at the Home, which is located at 700 Veterans' Drive. The celebration will begin at 11 a.m. Families of current and past residents, as well as the public are invited to attend.

Over 800 veterans have resided at The Home since it opened in 1997.

Over the last ten years, the Home has maintained an exceptional level of care and respect for residents and also continues to be involved with local community events.

Join the Home in celebrating ten years as *"The Place Where Honor Lives."*



## TRICARE BENEFICIARY DATA AT RISK

In another example of personal information being exposed to hackers and ID thieves, data for nearly 600,000 households enrolled in TRICARE stored on a government-contractor's unprotected computer server could have been exposed to hackers.

TRICARE has announced plans to head off any possible threats beneficiaries may experience.

The Department of Defense and the Science Applications International Corp. (SAIC) are mailing letters to beneficiaries whose data was put at risk. An incident response center has been set up and can be reached toll free within the United States at 1-888-862-2680, or collect at 1-515-365-3550 from outside the United States.

Information on steps TRICARE beneficiaries can take to protect themselves from identity theft is available at [www.tricare.mil/tmaprivacy/itpr.cfm](http://www.tricare.mil/tmaprivacy/itpr.cfm)



## FREE YOGA CLASSES FOR RETURNING VETERANS

Indigo Yoga invites veterans returning to Oregon to attend yoga classes at their facility at 3276 Commercial St NE, in Salem. Download a class schedule from their website at [www.indigowellnesscenter.com](http://www.indigowellnesscenter.com), or call 503-370-9090 for more information.



# VETERANS' HOME GETS NEW BUSES

On July 17<sup>th</sup>, two new buses were delivered to the Oregon Veterans' Home. Mt. Hood VFW Post 81 donated \$55,000 towards the purchase of a Recreation Bus in memory of Edwin McGlothlin (former quartermaster of the Post).

Previously, the Home had one bus that was used for both recreation and transporting residents to medical appointments. The new buses have accommodations for up to four wheelchairs, where the previous bus had only two.

Residents are keeping the bus busy – having already attended the Ft. Dalles Rodeo and Parade and several softball games to cheer on their OVH team.

A second bus was funded largely by donations from the Jimmy Hands Trust Fund (a former resident of the Home) and from the Erwin Sweighoefer Estate.

The residents and staff are very thankful for



Checking out the new buses are: (from left) Butch Gehley, Cheryl Maitland, Sharlene Busch, Van Moore, Linda Adams, Larry Lane, Paula Brown, Harold Damm, Robert Haltiner, Jason McArthur and Dick Lucht.

these generous donations and are extremely proud of these new vehicles.

"It is a great honor to be part of the "family" here at the Oregon Veterans' Home. I enjoy the interaction with residents and look forward to seeing and talking with them every day," said Linda Adams, Admissions and Liaison Officer.



### Oregon Veterans' Home Gift Form

"Give to those who have already given of themselves"

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

- \$35 - \$64, you will receive one Oregon Veterans' Home remembrance pin. Remembrance pins are designed especially for our valued donors. The distinctive emblems can be worn on a lapel, vest, jacket, blouse, hat or tie.
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Check is enclosed  (Please make checks payable to the "Oregon Veterans' Home".)

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I am making my donation to the Oregon Veterans' Home

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

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**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE OREGON VETERANS' HOME**  
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Oregon Veterans' Home, c/o ODVA, 700 Summer Street NE, Salem, OR 97301-1285

## SEABEES: WE BUILD, WE FIGHT!

The Navy Seabees are known widely as the Construction Force of the United States Armed Forces. During a time of war, the majority of the work being accomplished by Seabees takes place in combat zones filled with intense conflict. The intensity of combat situations, along with unique field training exercises make Seabees mentally and physically able to accomplish arduous duties. Simply stated, they build, they fight and they train.

Seabees also save lives. It was just a few days before Christmas in 1964 when Steel Worker (E) Second Class Leeman A. White attempted to save the lives of a Vietnamese mother and her three children. Forty-two years later, recognition for White's war efforts were made public at the Albany American Legion Post #10 with a gathering of family, friends, military servicemembers and war veterans. For all of those days, weeks and years, White had yet to be awarded the Navy Commendation Medal (NCM), with Combat Valor "V" device.

White was born in Lebanon, Oregon and attended Union High School in Albany. Like many war veterans, White left high school early to serve his country. Shipping off with the Navy, White served two honorable enlistments with the Seabees that included service in the Vietnam war.

Admiral Roy L. Johnson, who at the time was Commander-in-Chief of the U.S. Pacific Fleet (CINCPACFLT), signed the NCM. CINCPACFLT is the world's largest fleet command and currently encompasses 100 million square miles and more than 170 ships and submarines, 1,300 aircraft, and 122,000 Sailors, Reservists and civilians.

Once White returned from the war, he went about his life. Some 42 years later, White's

brother Louie could wait no longer to see his brother get his due. Although the citations and medals had been awarded, White was never formally presented the medal, and never adorned the medal over all those years.



**Retired Master Chief Petty Officer Dave Teem presents and pins the Navy Commendation Medal (NCM) on Navy veteran Leeman White.**

Unique to the event was the common bond with presentation of the medal and citation. Navy recruiter, 1<sup>st</sup> Class Petty Officer Gene Murphy read the citation. Murphy also a Seabee, holds the same steel worker rating Murphy held, along with Seabee Combat Warfare (SCW). The bond strengthened when a Navy Vietnam veteran pinned on the medal and welcomed White home. That Vietnam brother was retired Master Chief Petty Officer Dave Teem, who served in Korea, Vietnam and Desert Storm.

Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs Director Jim Willis, also a Vietnam war veteran, served as Master of Ceremonies for the event. Directly after the ceremony, Willis explained the importance of the medal. More importantly, Willis noted that with or without having the medals, White had known for all these years that he saved the lives of those family members.

## OREGON HONORABLE SERVICE MEDALS TO BE PRESENTED

Dallas High School, located at 1250 Holman Avenue, will be the venue for a presentation ceremony to be held on October 27, hosted by American Legion Post 20 and VFW Post 3203. The ceremony will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium and will feature the presentation of the Oregon Honorable Service Medal to veterans of all eras who were discharged under honorable conditions.

Veterans who are interested in being presented with the Oregon Honorable Service Medal at this ceremony must pre-register. For information regarding the ceremony or requirements for registration, you can contact Veterans of Oregon at 503-622-6084 or contact Jack Magnuson at 503-623-5246. Registration must be completed no later than October 20th.

Veterans must be present to receive the medal as it cannot be mailed and are only presented with the authority of the Veterans of Oregon. The family of a deceased veteran may apply to accept the medal on the veteran's behalf.



## SALUTING THE U.S. FLAG

The United States Senate has passed by unanimous consent a bill clarifying U.S. law to ensure that veterans and servicemembers not in uniform can salute the flag.

**S.1877**, sponsored by Oklahoma Senator Jim Inhofe, addresses the ambiguity of current law, which states that veterans and servicemembers not in uniform should place their hand over their hearts and does not specify whether they can salute the flag.

This bill would amend title 4, United States Code, to prescribe that members of the Armed Forces and veterans out of uniform may render the military salute during hoisting, lowering, or passing of the U.S. flag. The bill now moves to the House of Representatives to be voted on before President Bush can sign it into law.



## OREGON SURVIVOR RETURNS TO MIDWAY ISLAND

It had been 65 years since John Besson of Lake Oswego had been to Midway Atoll in the south Pacific. On June 6, Rear Admiral (Ret.) John Besson, 94, was one of three Midway survivors to return to the site of what historians call the most decisive victory and the most important American naval engagement of World War II.

When the Battle of Midway took place, from June 4-7, 1942, Besson was a 29-year-old assistant engineer assigned in the aft engine room on *USS Pensacola*—a heavy cruiser that was escorting *USS Enterprise* and *USS Yorktown*. "You didn't know what to think. You went to your battle station and



wondered what was going to happen," said Besson, a 1935 U.S. Naval Academy graduate. "My only worry was if a torpedo slammed into the ship, I was in trouble."

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and U.S. Navy co-hosted more than 1,600 visitors and senior government officials, many of whom had arrived aboard a cruise ship to take part in 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary ceremonies and celebrations.

Located nearly 1,300 miles northwest of Honolulu, Midway Atoll is now a wildlife refuge.






# AIR FORCE TO CELEBRATE 60 YEARS

During World War I they were known as the United States Signal Corps. By 1926, the Air Corps became the branch for U.S. Army aviation. In June 1941, the Army Air Forces (AAF) came into being six months before Pearl Harbor.

For years, even before World War II, air-minded leaders planned to create an independent Air Force. During the post-war years, it finally became a reality when the U.S. Air Force was formed on Sept. 18, 1947.

The Air Force will be commemorating 60 years of Air and Space power on September 18, a celebration that began in October 2006 with the dedication of the new Air Force Memorial in Washington D.C.

With its achievements in air superiority, the stated mission of today's Air Force is to *"Deliver sovereign options for the defense of the United States of America and its global interests – to fly and fight in Air, Space, and Cyberspace."* 

## TRIBAL MEMBER WALKS TRAIL OF TEARS

To honor veterans, his Native American ancestors and three family members who died during within the last year, Grande Ronde tribal member Steve Rife walked more than 300 miles along Oregon's Trail of Tears from June 23 to July 7.

A member of the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde, Rife began his journey along the Applegate Trail east of Medford at Upper Table Rock. He then walked along Interstate 5 to Eugene before heading north along Highway 99W. After turning onto Highway 22, Rife continued west to Grand Ronde. Friends drove his motorhome so Rife had a place to sleep and rest during his long trek.


"It was my first time walking the Oregon part of the Trail. There were many hot days,

but I had my late-wife Margi's picture on my Eagle Staff. She kept me going," Rife said.

The Trail of Tears refers to the forced relocation of several Native American tribes beginning in 1831 caused by the "Indian Removal Act of 1830." Although many Americans were against the Act, President Andrew Jackson quickly signed the bill into law. Despite challenges to the Bill by several tribes, tens of thousands of tribal members were forced to relocate by Federal troops assigned to enforce the treaty.



The actual Trail encompasses about 2,200 miles of land and water routes and traverses portions of nine states between South Carolina and Oklahoma. Rife said in the 1840s, tribal bands in Northern California and Southern Oregon were moved by Federal troops and relocated to the Siletz area and Grand Ronde.

The U.S. Congress designated the Trail of Tears National Historic Trail in 1987. Many tribal nations have an account of how the Trail of Tears affected their people. For a general history of the event, go to: [www.nps.gov/trte/historyculture/stories.htm](http://www.nps.gov/trte/historyculture/stories.htm). 

### Magazine Subscription Program

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

The individuals listed below have recently joined hundreds of previous donors in supporting this meaningful program. Their generosity is greatly appreciated by veteran home residents.

**Jackie Poppleton**  
**Joe and Rose Ann Libonati**


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](mailto:adamsl@odva.state.or.us).

## MASSING OF THE COLORS IN PORTLAND

The Portland Chapter of the Military Order of World Wars (MOAA) will present the Annual Massing of the Colors and Service of Remembrance on October 28<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. The ceremony will be held at the Oregon National Guard's Kliever Armory located at 10000 N.E. 33<sup>rd</sup> Drive in Portland.

The ceremony will honor all veterans, living and deceased, and will also pay tribute to all U.S. military members who are now serving.

The MOAA is inviting all veterans' organizations to participate in the ceremony by providing a color guard or honor guard.

For further information and to register, please contact Col. Kathy Page (Ret) at 503-678-2348. 



### MEDAL OF HONOR LICENSE PLATE

**Bob Maxwell, Medal of Honor recipient, shakes hands with Governor Kulongoski at the MOH license plate bill signing ceremony.**

**On June 11, Governor Ted Kulongoski signed HB 2390 allowing Medal of Honor recipients in Oregon to receive the special MOH plate. Maxwell was awarded the MOH for his heroic actions during World War II when he hurled himself on an enemy grenade to shield his fellow soldiers from harm using only his blanket and unprotected body.**

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- \* Ask for a copy the next time you visit ODVA.

# POW-MIA RECOGNITION DAY PROCLAIMED

Governor Ted Kulongoski has proclaimed September 21, to be "POW-MIA Recognition Day" in the state. The proclamation honors the service and sacrifice of American military personnel who have either been captured, held as prisoners of war, or who remain missing in action.

In his official proclamation, the Governor stressed that America must remain determined to gain a full accounting of POWs and MIAs, so they may be brought home with the honor and dignity they deserve.

"When we raise the black-and-white POW-MIA flag as a symbol to these missing Americans," said Jim Wills, Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs Director, "We honor the sacrifices and remarkable determination of those captured as prisoners of war and remember those who remain unaccounted for."

Oregon's observance will again coincide with the National POW-MIA Recognition Day that is celebrated annually on the third Friday in September.



## WARNING TO MILITARY FAMILIES FROM THE AMERICAN RED CROSS

The American Red Cross is warning military spouses about a new identity theft scam that targets family members of deployed troops.

The scam involves people calling a military spouse, or family member and identifying themselves as a Red Cross representative and telling the individual or spouse that their loved one has been injured in Iraq and medically evacuated to Germany. The caller then explains that doctors cannot start treatment until they verify the servicemember's social security number and date of birth.

American Red Cross representatives do not typically contact military members or dependants directly, and almost always work through a Commander or First Sergeant.

The Department of Defense contacts families directly if their family member has been injured.

The Red Cross urges anyone that receives such a call to report the call to a local Family Readiness Group at [www.armyfrg.org](http://www.armyfrg.org), or Oregon Military Department at 1-877-881-5181. For more information regarding this scam, see the Red Cross website at [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)



## LIVING HISTORY DAY SET FOR NOVEMBER

As part of an annual event hosted by Remembering America's Heroes, a special tribute will be given to all Vietnam war veterans attending the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Living History Days at Milwaukie High School on November 5.

Remembering America's Heroes event coordinator Ken Buckles is requesting that Vietnam veterans interested in taking part in the event mail a picture of themselves in uniform while serving during that war as well as a current photo. These photos will be displayed at the event and returned afterwards.

"We can't thank our veterans enough for their service and this is why we set this day aside for them. We want to especially invite all Oregon National Guard members, reservists and other military personnel who

have recently returned after serving in Iraq and Afghanistan," Buckles said.

Veterans of all eras are invited to visit classroom sessions, have lunch and attend the Assembly of Honor Show. Registration ends on October 1. Registration is required to attend the free event.

To register, mail or email a name, address and phone number to: Remembering America's Heroes, PO Box 22680, Milwaukie, OR 97269-2680. Email: [ken@rahusa.us](mailto:ken@rahusa.us). Veterans should also indicate if they are interested in speaking.

For information concerning Living History Day at Milwaukie High School, call, 503-659-5157, or visit their website at: [www.rahusa.us](http://www.rahusa.us). You may also contact schools in your area to ask if they are planning to host a similar event.



## DAUGHTER'S DEDICATION TO FATHER HELPS SERVICEMEMBERS, SURVIVORS

by Dan Long, ODVA Staff Writer

It was one of the first questions asked of Kaye Hansen, former Office Manager and Administrative Assistant for the Tillamook Home Loan Office of ODVA. Little did I know that her answer would be so poignant, and have such far-reaching implications. I wanted to know why she got involved in the Home of the Brave Quilt Project, dedicated to making civil war replica quilts for families of fallen servicemembers.

"Dad is the guiding force behind my dedication to support our troops." Hansen spoke of how he was a great father and a proud, well-respected man who served in both Korea and Vietnam. "He never talked of the wars, I don't believe he ever felt respect or supported by the general public. I was just a teenager then, and although I didn't protest, I didn't thank and honor them either."

This reverence and dedication to her father has led to the support work that Hansen does today. In addition to helping recreate the civil war-era quilts to honor fallen servicemember and comfort their families, Hansen also participates in the "HUGS Project," an endeavor that brings instant relief, and arguably life-saving support, to troops serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The HUGS Project is a program in which volunteers create water-filled neck coolers that troops can tie around their necks to try and stave off the overwhelming heat of the Middle Eastern sun. The unique ties are comprised of a simple cotton bandana with

water absorbing material sewn into them. Once soaked in water for 30 minutes and "mushed up," the material creates a cool tube of relief that can make the scorching heat tolerable.

Letters of appreciation for the coolers have poured in. Some websites pertaining to the cool ties even claim the ties have been life saving when used on those suffering from heat stroke.

The neck coolers are Hansen's gift to those who are currently serving, but the original purpose of the interview was to discuss her other endeavor, the Home of the Brave Quilt Project. The quilting project is a nation wide program, and Hansen is one of the leaders in Oregon. The Oregon Chapter is using the "Album Block" quilt pattern in fabrics that are based on the prints used during the Civil War time period.



**Kaye Hansen stands with a quilt handcrafted for the family of a fallen servicemember.**

During the civil war, a volunteer organization called the United States Sanitary Commission was formed with the purpose of raising supplies and funds for the North, and of overseeing the sanitary conditions of military hospitals.

By 1863, a Sanitary Commission officer believed that "while our Government has one great army in the field, of those who are pouring our their life-blood in its defense, the Sanitary Commission has in the home another great army, composed of the mothers and

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# MILITARY Appreciation Night

Saturday, November 10th, 7pm  
**Portland vs. Dallas**  
Rose Garden Arena

- PRE-SALE ticket opportunity! Tickets are at a reduced rate and will start at \$15 through this special offer.
- Special ceremonies honoring our Veterans, Reservists and Active Duty military personnel.
- Activities prior to the game for the whole family including a special pre-game chat, U.S. Army enlistment ceremony and military bands.
- There is limited availability of tickets.  
**Call 503.963.3965 to order your tickets today!**

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## QUILTS FROM PAGE 10

sisters, wives and sweethearts of our brave soldiers, working scarcely less earnestly and efficiently for the same great end.”

This army in the home, then set forth to produce more than 250,000 quilts over a two year period for the soldiers leaving for the battlefield. Only five of those original quilts are known to have survived and still exist today.

Do the modern era quilts offer the same comfort as their historic predecessors? The feedback says they do. As the family of one lost servicemember writes, “*We received the quilt Friday. We are so proud to have this beautiful quilt and wish to express a heartfelt thank you to you and the others for lovingly making it... It was a special intimate moment for us all. This quilt will always be a treasure to us. And thank you for the service you do for all the families left with patchwork memories.*”

So why does Kaye Hansen work so diligently to make these quilts and special coolers for our servicemembers and their families? “I just want to make a difference for our military families today. That’s why I think of them now, every chance I get, and I have no doubt Dad is smiling down on me now every step of the way.”

Kaye Hansen is looking for volunteers to help with both of these worthy projects. For more information on the Home of the Brave Quilt Project or the HUGS Project, you can contact Kaye Hansen directly by phone at 503-663-4393 or by email at [embroideredlegacies@comcast.net](mailto:embroideredlegacies@comcast.net). You can also find both programs on the web. To learn more, visit [www.oregonhomeofthebrave.org](http://www.oregonhomeofthebrave.org) or [www.thehugproject.com](http://www.thehugproject.com).



## REQUEST FOR VETERANS DAY EVENTS

We are now seeking input about Veterans Day events that are planned for the area where you live.

Each year, the Oregon Department of Veterans’ Affairs (ODVA) strives to publish a comprehensive list of as many Veterans’ Day activities as possible in the November / December issue of *VETS NEWS*.

If you, your group or organization are planning a Veterans Day activity, we would like to know. Please submit in writing the following information:

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

Email to: [stecklr@odva.state.or.us](mailto:stecklr@odva.state.or.us), or mail to: *VETS NEWS*, 700 Summer St. NE, Salem, OR 97301-1285, or by fax to Attn: *VETS NEWS* at 503-373-2362 by October 1. For questions, call ODVA toll free at 1-800-828-8801 extension 2386, or 503-373-2386.



## SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> REMEMBRANCE TO BE HELD

The 7th annual September 11th remembrance will be held at the American Legion Hall in Sheridan. The Hall is located at 125 N. Bridge St. Local veterans are planning a candlelight vigil at dusk with a chili feed to follow. Everyone is invited to attend, especially veterans. The event will begin at 7 p.m. on September 11, Patriots Day at the Flagpole. Speakers may include representatives from government agencies, local fire and police departments, veteran organizations and members from the community.

## MILITARY REUNIONS

**USS Maddox Destroyer Association** contact Cliff Gillespie at 2118 Hines Road, Jennings, Louisiana 70546, or call 337-616-8450. Email [cwgilles45@aol.com](mailto:cwgilles45@aol.com)

**USS Nimitz Nuclear Attack Aircraft Carrier** currently deployed to the Persian Gulf, is looking for shipmates. More than 40,000 U.S. citizens have served on this ship over the past 32 years. Contact Bill Paschall, Commander, U.S. Navy, 478-333-6285.

**Company A, 701<sup>st</sup> MP Battalion, Korean War Era** will hold their reunion September 18-20, 2007 in Lincoln City, Oregon, at The Surfides Inn. For further information contact, Betty or Lefty Marugg, 541-994-7474 or 541-921-1058. For reservations at The Surfides Inn, call 1-800-452-2159. Be sure to mention Company A, 701<sup>st</sup>.

**The USNR Midshipmen’s School** New York City, 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 73012-8998, or call 405-330-4707. Email [kb@clickworld.net](mailto:kb@clickworld.net).

**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.”

**Aleutian Island Veterans** upcoming reunions, October 26-28, 2007 in Archibold, Ohio, and November 11-13, 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](mailto:williwawal@aol.com)

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

**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) 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 483<sup>rd</sup> 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, or call 239-482-7442. Email [Kentg483rd@webtv.net](mailto:Kentg483rd@webtv.net)

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