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The Cavalry is back from Iraq; G Troop and 3-116



Staff Sgt. Theron Roe of Monmouth (right) plays with his 16-month old daughter Taylor as his wife Marlene watches. Members of G Troop were united with their family members after a welcome reception formation on Oct. 29 at Fort Lewis.

Story and photos by Staff Sgt. Russell Bassett, 115th MPAD

FORT LEWIS, Wash. — After a year of fighting insurgents and providing security for civilians in northern Iraq, approximately 550 Oregon National Guard Soldiers are now returning home.

One hundred and seven members of G Troop, 82nd Cavalry arrived 4 a.m. Oct. 29 at McChord Air Force Base in Washington. More Oregon Soldiers, from 3rd Battalion, 116th Cavalry, were right behind them, arriving Nov. 2, 3 and 5 at McChord.

A light rain greeted the returning Soldiers as they stepped off the plane. In Iraq, they often faced temperatures over 125 degrees Fahrenheit, and they rarely experienced rain.

"It felt so good to be in the rain again," Sgt. 1st Class Kim Fox of Albany said. "We called it freedom rain."

Many Soldiers commented on how nice it was to see green trees again. One soldier, breathing in deeply, commented on how wonderful the air smells here, compared to Iraq, where constantly burning oil refineries fouled the air.

G-Troop's area of operations in Iraq was Forward Operating Base Gainsmills, near Kirkuk, in Kurdish-controlled

Northern Iraq. The impoverished area gave many of the Soldiers a whole new appreciation for their home country.

"They built their houses out of the ground you walk on, mostly mud huts with straw," Master Sgt. Neil Brooks of Redmond said. "To see how much better we live compared to the Third World, it's astounding."

The Oregon troops regularly faced enemy attacks, mostly in the form of Improvised Explosive Devices or roadside bombs.

"It wasn't a Cold War-style threat," Sweethome resident Staff Sgt. Tommy Smith explained. "People we were shaking hands with one day were the same ones that were trying to blow us up the next. Some routes were so heavily bombed that it looked like the surface of the moon. My eyes would hurt looking along the road for IEDs."

Despite their vigilance, several bombs found their mark, and one G Troop soldier, Staff Sgt. Kevin Davis of Lebanon, was killed April 8 when the vehicle he was riding in hit a bomb.

"That was the worst," Brooks said. "Nothing sucks more than losing a soldier. It hurt and everyone took it hard, but they remained professional. We still had a mission to do."

Staff Sgt. Tim McCrary of Beaver-

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Two Oregon aviators killed in helicopter crash in Afghanistan

Stories by Spc. April L. Dustin,
State Public Affairs Office

Two Oregon Army National Guard Soldiers were killed when their CH-47 Chinook helicopter crashed near Deh Chopan, Afghanistan on Sept. 25.

Co-pilot Warrant Officer Adrian B. Stump, 22, and flight engineer, Staff Sgt. Tane T. Baum, 30, were part of an infiltration mission when their helicopter was shot down by a rocket propelled grenade after delivering troops to the designated landing zone.

Both Soldiers were from Pendleton, Ore., and members of Detachment 1, D Company, 113th Aviation Battalion. The unit mobilized in January for a one-year deployment to Kandahar, Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

The incident also claimed the lives of three other Soldiers aboard the aircraft. Two Nevada Army National Guard members; Chief Warrant Officer John M. Flynn, 36, from Sparks, Nev. and Sgt. Patrick D. Stewart, 35, from Fernley, Nev., both members of 113th Aviation Bn. headquartered in Stead, Nev. The third Soldier killed in the crash was Sgt. Kenneth G. Ross, 25, from Peoria, Ariz., of 7th Bn. 159th Aviation Regt. (Active Duty Army), based in Giblestadt, Georgia.

Memorial funds have been established in each Soldier's name at Community Bank, 1220 Southgate, Pendleton, OR 97801.

Donations can be mailed, or deposited at any branch office in the name of either WO1 Adrian B. Stump or Staff Sgt. Tane T. Baum.



Staff Sgt. Tane T. Baum

Baum was born May 17, 1975 in Pendleton, Ore. He attended school in both Pendleton and Athena, Ore., graduating from Weston-McEwen High School in 1993. During his youth he was active in soccer, cross country, basketball, and bike riding.

Baum married his high school sweetheart, Tina May (Brocheau) Baum, of Pendleton, in 1997 and the couple had two children.

The Baum family said he loved hunting, riding motorcycles, and spending time with his two sons.

Baum joined the Army National Guard in 1995 choosing to pursue a full-time career with Det. 1, D Co. 113th Avn. Despite his fear of heights, Baum became a flight engineer, participating in fire-fighting missions throughout Oregon.

He also assisted in a major rescue mis-

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Warrant Officer Adrian B. Stump and Staff Sgt. Tane T. Baum were killed on Sept. 25, 2005 when their CH-47 Chinook helicopter was shot down by enemy fire near Deh Chopan, Afghanistan.

Baum was a flight engineer, Stump was a pilot for Det. 1, D Co. 113th Aviation, based in Pendleton, Ore.

Soldiers' photos courtesy of Det. 1, D Co. 113th AVN

Below: A rose is framed in front of the window of a Chinook helicopter with the American flag in the background during the Memorial Service for Staff Sgt. Tane T. Baum Oct. 6.

Photo by Spc. April L. Dustin, State Public Affairs



Warrant Officer Adrian B. Stump

Stump was born July 9, 1983 to Jerry and Ann Stump. He grew up in Pendleton as the first of four children, graduating from Pendleton High School in 2002. He was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed backpacking, camping, and hunting.

Stump's family and friends said he became obsessed with his dream of flying at a young age. Sgt. Jonathon Moore, Stump's best friend, said he would get into trouble in school for reading books about helicopters hidden inside his text books.

"Adrian had an infatuation with flying since the third grade," said Moore. "When the Chinooks moved into town, from then on out he wanted nothing else."

At the age of 14, Stump experienced his first airplane and helicopter ride and soon

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Families eagerly await as 550 Oregon Soldiers process through Fort Lewis

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Staff Sgt. Tim McCrary of Beaver-creek was Davis' best friend in Iraq. "I couldn't believe it," he said about hearing his friend had died. "All of us were supposed to make it back home." McCrary was one of several soldiers from the unit who were wounded in action. On Aug. 31, the vehicle he was in hit a bomb, and a piece of shrapnel tore out much of his lower back, hitting his spine. The sergeant was rushed to Kirkuk, then Germany and back to the States. After four operations, he was able to rejoin his unit at Fort Lewis. He considers himself lucky. "Someone was definitely watching over me," McCrary said. The soldiers seem to believe in the importance of what they were doing. "Our mission wasn't in vain," Brooks said. "We're doing a lot of good over there. It's a great feeling to know that we're helping democracy grow in that country. It won't happen over night, but we helped plant the seed." "I think we should be there," McCrary agreed. "If we don't do what we are do-

ing now, it's only a matter of time before they're setting bombs alongside our roads." Iraq behind them, the Oregon soldiers are looking forward to spending time with their families and getting back to their lives. "It's great to be home," said LaGrande resident Master Sgt. Jerry Schacher of 3rd Bn., 116th Cav. who arrived Oct. 24 to help prepare the way for the rest of the battalion. "These citizen soldiers have lives outside of the military. They have lives they want to get home to. The light is at the end of the tunnel." The Oregon troops were welcomed home alongside members of 1st Battalion, 163rd Infantry from Montana at a 1 p.m. welcome reception formation Oct. 29 at Fort Lewis, Wash. Fox's wife, Natalie, said seeing her husband again was "like a miracle." "It's amazing to have him back," she said. "I didn't think this day would ever come. Our nephew deployed before him, so it was always in the back of our minds, but when it happens to you, it's totally different." Sandra and 4-year-old Jonathan Schneider of Albany drove up to Fort Lewis to welcome

back husband and father Spc. Jack Schneider. "His spirits are very good because he knows he is coming home," Sandra said of her husband. "He called when the plane touched down and it was good to hear the happiness in his voice, instead of the sadness." Maj. Gen. Randall Mosley of the Montana National Guard and Maj. Gen. Raymond F. Rees of the Oregon Guard thanked the troops for their service, calling them heroes. "We are so thankful that you have returned safely," Rees said. "Thank you so much for everything that you have done, for your wonderful service to this country." The troops had a day to spend with their families and then reported back 7 p.m. Oct. 30 for the 5-7 day Demobilization Solider Readiness Processing at Fort Lewis. All the soldiers should be back in Oregon by mid-November. Another welcome reception formation was held Nov. 2 for the main body of 3rd Bn., 116th Cavalry. Demobilization ceremonies will be Nov. 13 in Redmond for G Troop and Nov. 16 in LaGrande for 3rd Bn. 116th Cav.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Russell Bassett, 115th MPAD Sgt 1st Class Kim Fox hugs his daughter Andrea, at McChord AFB, Wash., on Oct. 29. Fox and 106 other members of the Oregon National Guard's G-Troop, 82nd Cavalry arrived back in the United States after a year in Iraq.

Baum: honored as a strong, quiet hero

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sion on Mount Adams in August 2004. He became a sergeant in March 2000, and was posthumously promoted to the rank of Staff Sergeant. Hundreds attended his memorial service on Oct. 6, held inside the hangar of Army Aviation Support Facility #2 in Pendleton. Oregon Governor Theodore R. Kulongoski, Oregon National Guard Adjutant General Maj. Gen. Raymond F. Rees, and general officers from both Oregon and Nevada attended the event. Boquets of flowers surrounded a CH-47 Chinook in front of a giant American flag draped from the ceiling. Members of the Pendleton community held signs of support and waved American flags outside the building to honor Baum as bagpipes echoed throughout the walls of the hangar. "No greater love hath no man than this; that a man lay down his life for his friends," said Pastor Kenny Harrington, quoting the Bible. Governor Kulongoski and Maj. Gen. Rees addressed Baum's family and friends. "There are many definitions of valor, but none better than being in a slow-moving helicopter, near the ground in a war zone, in support of fellow Soldiers and that is what Staff Sgt. Baum did," said Kulongoski. "To (the family and friends of Staff Sgt. Tane Travis Baum) I say that neither I or the people of Oregon can fully share your terrible pain and grief," said Kulongoski. "But we can promise to always remember him and to forever honor his courageous service to our State and Nation." Rees reinforced to the family that Baum will never be forgotten. "Every one of us who have

served, especially those who served along with him, will have that indelible memory, that constant reverence for his sacrifice and yours," Rees said. "The Oregon National Guard has a new rank of heroes to join with the historic heroes of yester-year," Rees continued. "We will always mentally admire their confidence and competence, but more importantly, we will always hold them in our hearts for their courage and total commitment. We will always hold in our hearts — a strong and quiet hero — Staff Sgt. Tane Travis Baum." At Olney Cemetery, the motorcade passed through a blur of red, white and blue as supporters lined both sides of the driveway waving flags. During the graveside service, Tina Baum was presented the Oregon State flag by Governor Kulongoski and the American flag by Maj. Gen. Rees. Following the echo of the 21-gun salute and the trailing notes of the bugle-playing TAPS, all that could be heard was the pulsing sound of rotor blades from the helicopter that Baum loved so much, a CH-47 Chinook flying low in his honor. The Baum family said they are proud of Tane's accomplishments and will miss his light, his smile, and his love. Baum is survived by his wife, Tina and two sons, Dyllan, 6, and Caelan, 4, mother and stepfather, Brenda (Kuhlmann) Davis and Gary Davis, of Athena; father and stepmother, Danny R. Baum and Ruth M. Baum of Pendleton; brothers, Thad Baum, Joseph Baum, of Pendleton, and Monte Davis, of Athena; and sister, Elizabeth Davis, of Athena.

Stump: taught others to live life "All-in"

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began regularly visiting the Army Aviation Facility. He took every opportunity to ride in the helicopters, making sure he was present for all the recruiting events. Stump enlisted into Det. 1, D Co. 113th Avn. in 2000, at the age of 17. Many of his comrades joked that by the time Stump joined the unit, he had more flight time than they did. Stump graduated with honors from his flight school at Ft. Eustis, Va. He was able to use his flight training to assist a major rescue mission in October 2003 in the mountains of California's Yosemite National Park. "He found his calling early in life," said Father Mike Fitzpatrick, the priest officiating over the memorial. "In the midst of sorrow it is a source of consolation that Adrian was able to spend most of his young life doing what he loved." Several hundred people packed the Army Aviation Support Facility Oct. 15 for Stump's Celebration of Life ceremony as guitars and violins played music. The smell of pine filled the air from a large display of trees surrounding a Chinook helicopter, commemorating Stump's love of both the outdoors and helicopters. The Stump family said he was never known to be without a smile and he brought joy into the lives of those he encountered. He was one of those people who would light up a room and they were inspired by his relentless pursuit of his dreams. "Perhaps the most unique aspect of Adrian's character was the way he led and inspired people almost subconsciously through his deeds," said Harry Beckwith, Stump's long-time friend. "He modeled ideal human behavior, he was a person for others. The world needs more people like him and I could only hope that all

of us can be only half as good at the end of our lives as Adrian was throughout all of his." Chief Warrant Officer Dave Long, a fellow pilot, said he was impressed with Stump's piloting skills. He told a story of Stump maneuvering a Chinook helicopter through a blinding cloud of dust in Afghanistan. Stump volunteered for the Afghanistan deployment because he couldn't stand to see his friends deploy without him. He said Stump's passion for life and practical jokes brightened the dreary days in hot, dusty Kandahar. "On his flight helmet Adrian wore a patch that read 'All-in', a phrase borrowed from Texas Hold-em poker — when you're bettin' the ranch," said Long. "It symbolized Adrian's whole attitude towards life. Those of us who were lucky enough to know him, learned from him how to make the most of our lives. We learned from him how to live the rest of our lives: All-in." A letter to Stump from his parents was read at the Celebration of Life ceremony: "Ready or not you landed in our lives and instantly in our hearts. You began leading us down the wonderful path of parenthood and taught us so many things along the way. We grew up with you, we had all our firsts with you, what a great adventure. When we look back, we realize that you have always been our pilot." Governor Theodore R. Kulongoski and Adjutant General Maj. Gen. Raymond F. Rees both addressed the large gathering of Stump's family and friends and presented the Oregon State flag and American flag to Stump's parents. The ceremony was concluded with a 21-gun salute, the playing of TAPS, and a Missing Man Formation flyover of F-15 jets from the 142nd Fighter Wing.

Bulgarian Air Force pays a visit to Oregon Air National Guard

Story by Capt. Michael Braibish, Deputy State Public Affairs Officer

KINGSLEY FIELD, Ore. — A delegation of senior officers from the Bulgarian Air Force visited Oregon in mid-October. The goal of the visit was to lay the ground work for an upcoming exercise between the Oregon Air National Guard and the BUAF in 2006.



Photo by Pfc. Timothy Brownlow, 115th MPAD Maj. Georgi Konstantinov Krastev Chief of Staff for the Bulgarian Air Force, trains on a parachute trainer hanging harness used for pilot survival training at Kingsley Field ANGB, Klamath Falls, Ore.

The Bulgarian's visited both the Portland Air National Guard Base and Kingsley Field in Klamath Falls to familiarize themselves with how Oregon conducts fighter training and air traffic control. The Bulgarian delegation included Maj. Gen. Mladen Kazakov, Deputy Chief of Training for the BUAF, and seven field grade officers who will facilitate a dissimilar air combat training (DACT) exercise between the ORANG and BUAF in June of next year. Maj. Gen. Kazakov received an F-15 orientation flight. He came away very impressed with the airframe. "The only way I could use to describe it is fantastic," Gen. Kazakov said after the flight. A delegation from the ORANG will go to Bulgaria early next year to further prepare for next summer's exercise. The familiarization visits between the ORANG and the Bulgarian Air Force were arranged under a program run by U.S. European Command. U.S. Army Major Dana Hampton, who coordinated the visit for EUCOM, said the stay was part of the Joint Contact Team Program to provide familiarization training to former Soviet Union aligned nations that are now part of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. "The visits help NATO members create and convert their military to be compatible and comparable with other NATO forces," said Hampton. The Tennessee National Guard has been the official state partner to Bulgaria through the JCTP, and the ORANG



Photo by Pfc. Timothy Brownlow, 115th MPAD Officials from the Bulgarian Air Force met with members of the Oregon Air National Guard's 173rd Fighter Wing at Kingsley Field in, Klamath Falls, Ore. BUAF members were familiarized with the F-15 Eagle, fighter operations, and command and control procedures utilized by the ORANG.

is now supporting Tennessee's lead with the former Eastern-Bloc nation. A joint-force delegation comprised of Oregon Air and Army National Guard members visited Bulgaria in 2004 to unveil a memorial dedicated to WWII bombardier Lt. David Kingsley, who was killed in Bulgaria in 1944 when his heavily damaged

B-17 crashed near Sunhozem, Bulgaria. Talks between ORANG and BUAF officials regarding the 2006 deployment began during the 2004 trip. Kingsley was posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for his heroic actions. Kingsley Field in Klamath Falls, Ore. is named in his honor.

Command Message



Maj. Gen. Raymond F. Rees
Adjutant General, State of Oregon

For this issue's Command Message, Maj. Gen. Rees wanted to share a eulogy he delivered Oct. 15 at the Army Aviation Support Facility in Pendleton, Ore. for Warrant Officer Adrian B. Stump who was killed Sept. 25, along with Staff Sgt. Tane T. Baum, in Afghanistan when their CH-47 Chinook was shot down.

Anne and Jerry, Julie, Molly, and Riley. Family and friends of the Stumps, Governor Kulongoski, fellow Soldiers and Airmen: I did not know Warrant Officer Adrian

Stump, but I knew of him by his deeds. How did I know of him – by a picture.

About two years ago someone sent me a picture. I cannot recall where or how I saw the picture but it was absolutely stunning. It was a picture of a CH-47 at 13,000 feet – not looking up, but looking down from a rock ledge in what looked like a box canyon – no maneuver room and literally in thin air. It was a picture taken by a climbing party with an injured, immobile climber waiting to be rescued.

Adrian was in that helicopter and he was just 20 years old.

I wear wings. I served in an air cavalry unit in RVN. I saw a lot of heroics. I can tell you that most helicopters at those altitudes do not work very well no matter how skillful or bold the pilots and the crew. In fact, I can tell you Huey pilots had to literally bounce off mountain tops in RVN because they could not get enough lift to take off. In this picture, this was not just a simple approach to a pinnacle. That crew had to maneuver and literally back up to that ledge and those of you who have been at altitudes in the mountains know that there is no such thing as smooth air on the mountain tops.

Imagine the wonder, the gratefulness and the relief of those being rescued and imagine the skill and courage of that crew.

I think that picture defines Adrian's love of helicopters, his willingness to risk everything for his fellow man, his sense of

pride in working as part of a well-trained team, and his approach to every challenge as an opportunity – an approach that was simultaneously fearless and passionate, not a common combination.

Adrian was not just any crew chief or any flight engineer or any pilot, and his helicopter is not just any helicopter. The CH-47 is the most powerful in the Army's inventory – it is unique in its ability to operate at high altitude. The short-comings of other helicopters are evident in unforgiving places such as Afghanistan. It was inevitable that a unit with the renown of D Company, 113th Aviation and its skilled crews would be called to serve there to fight the Taliban and Al-Qaida.

Adrian worked hard to finish flight qualifications, join his comrades in Kandahar and fly this wondrous machine. IT WAS HIS WAY. From the moment he enlisted it was HIS WAY.

He enlisted in 2000 while he was still in high school. He never stopped. He never looked back. Adrian took advantage of every opportunity in his military career to make the most of his passion for flying and his service including training, support to law enforcement, rescues, fire fighting – he did them all.

At school he demonstrated his leadership, receiving awards for military excellence as a squad leader, honor graduate, aviator, officer and finally — the summit of military aviation — combat pilot with many hours in some of the worst terrain in the world. And he achieved all of this by his 22nd birthday.

I did not know Adrian, but I know him now. I know him by his deeds. By any measure he was a hero.

The Oregon National Guard, our state, our community, our country are blessed to have sons such as this who inspire us all by their sense of purpose, their courage, and the example of selflessness which only a few truly possess.

His family has repeatedly told us that he was honored to serve his country. I would humbly tell his family, from all of us here in uniform, we and this nation have been honored by the service, the life and the example of Adrian and by the sacrifice of his loving and gracious family.



Photo courtesy of Det. 1, D Co. 113th AVN
Warrant Officer Adrian Stump was part of the crew in this CH-47 helicopter during a rescue mission in Yosemite National Park in 2003.



Command Sgt. Major Thomas R. Moe,
State Command Sergeant Major

Professional organizations support needs of Soldiers and Airmen

Almost every profession has an organization that allows its members to come together and promote the profession, present ideas to better the profession, and to present a face to the public.

There is an expectation that if you are member of a profession that you will be a member of a professional organization of your peers. Lawyers have their bar associations, doctors have their medical associations, and industries have their associations. We as the profession of arms also have our own associations.

I had the opportunity to attend the Enlisted Association of the National Guard's (EANGUS) annual convention in August. As the convention progressed I was reminded of the really great work that EANGUS and other professional organizations do for the Soldiers and Airmen of the National Guard and the active components.

Every state and territory was represented at the convention and the topics were diverse,

but they had one common theme: How can our service be made better? Issues of retirement benefits, money for full time manning, funding for family programs, health care for reserve forces, pay, and taxes were some of the many things discussed and presented for action at the national level. Many of the same people who were at the convention will also be representing us before Congress to encourage Congress to make changes in the laws to improve our benefits.

There are several professional organizations dedicated to supporting servicemen and women. The EANGUS is dedicated to promoting the status, welfare and professionalism of enlisted members of the National Guard by supporting legislation that provides adequate staffing, pay, benefits, entitlements, equipment and installations for the National Guard. Non-Commissioned Officers Association (NCOA) was established to enhance and maintain the quality of life for noncommissioned and petty officers in all branches of the Armed Forces, National Guard and Reserves. The Association of the United States Army (AUSA) is a private, non-profit educational organization that supports America's Army - Active, National Guard, Reserve, Civilians, Retirees and family members.

All these organizations share a common theme; being the voice for all components of Army and Air service. They are your legislative representation to serve as your legislative advocate on issues that affect you and your family. They foster the public support of the Army's role in national security and provide professional education and information programs to the force.

My message is this: We are all members of a profession; the Profession of Arms. We need to support our professional organizations by becoming members of whatever association that you choose. EANGUS, NCOA, AUSA are all fine organizations who are working for you and your benefit. Your membership is important because that is what provides them with a voice that gets listened to, both locally and nationally.



Chief Master Sgt. Rodney R. Smith,
State Command Chief Master Sergeant

Leadership is about being a mentor

This year we have been asked by the National Guard Bureau to do an Air Force Climate Survey. The theme this year is "Speak Today, Shape Tomorrow". This survey measures how people feel about leadership, supervision, training, recognition and other aspects of the Air Force. It is offered every two years, and provides a total force perspective from its population that includes active duty, civilians, Reserve and Guard.

This year you are being asked to provide feedback on your immediate supervision. This is your opportunity to tell us how we are doing when it comes to running our organizations. After you have completed the survey, it is sent directly to the Guard Bureau, and statistics are forwarded to individual units so the command can assess what the climate is for their respective units.

This is a great tool for your senior leadership to use to help shape the future of our organization. The survey runs through November 23 and will measure 11 climate factors and 15 enduring competencies. It can be completed online anytime during the survey period from either a government or personal computer. Individual identities are protected, and every response is reviewed for consideration. I ask all of you if you have not already done so to please complete the survey. What you say does count and your participation can help form the way we do business here in Oregon. The survey can be found at <https://afclimatesurvey.af.mil>.

The second important point I'd like to cover is our upcoming Fiscal Year. Indeed, all Oregon units (the Wings and the COG) are going to be extremely busy getting ready to exercise their war-time tasking through an ORI next summer. The COG will be very busy getting organized, putting together their own operation. Days are busy and the stress level is high, but I

believe it is nothing that cannot be overcome if we all pull together and do our part.

A lot of hard work and additional time is going to be required to get us through this year. This is where I call upon our Senior NCO's to step up and take a leadership role. Senior personnel must be ready to assist junior Airmen if they stumble. Our Senior Leaders should be helping by coaching, teaching, mentoring and training. As Senior Enlisted Leaders, we should be going out amongst our Airmen, talking to them and asking questions, getting their comments and concerns. We need to find out what the concerns are of our enlisted personnel and what objectives we are going after and how to make this a cohesive force.

A big question comes to mind as I write this article: "What can we do better as Senior Enlisted Leaders to help our young Airmen make our units viable and operational?" I believe the Senior Enlisted force sets the mood or the tone for our Junior Enlisted. We have to come into each day with a positive attitude and spread that out within our areas of influence.

You have heard this before, and will undoubtedly continue to hear this phrase throughout your career, (and I personally strongly believe in this): "You praise people in public and you criticize behind closed doors." If you have Airmen doing an outstanding job, tell them. But also make sure the people who work around them hear it too. At the same time don't criticize people or put them down in the presence of their peers. This is not good for business.

You may think that these are just words, but pay attention to the reaction of the people around you when you either praise or admonish them. Airmen do pay attention to what we say and how we act, so let's be professional in all we do. We have to keep putting our best foot forward, and the more positive we are as Senior NCO's, the more positive all of our Airmen will be. It all comes down to treating your Airmen the way you want to be treated. Remember we used to be in their shoes at one time or another, and if we treat them right they will be with us for a long time. The converse is true; if we treat them badly, we will lose them for sure — along with all the valuable time and training we have invested in them.

We were put into leadership positions because of our ability to train and lead our folks. Let us be the ones they look up to, make them feel comfortable to where they can come to you and ask questions, for that is how we also learn.

To all the enlisted Airmen and Soldiers of the Oregon National Guard, I can truly say that I am very proud of you. We have shown the nation that we can step up to any challenge that is thrown our way, and do the job better than anyone else. Yes, we train hard and we play hard, but in the process we also show the world we are the best. Without your commitment and your employer support we could not accomplish what we need to do. You truly are the best of the best. Keep up the outstanding work.

I salute you.

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The Big Easy

(and the not so easy)

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Tech. Sgt. Walter Hinton, of the Washington Air National Guard, assists personnel from the Portland Air Base's 142nd Fighter Wing in loading a KC-135 Stratotanker with Meals Ready to Eat (MREs) bound for Louisiana.

The Oregon National Guard was one of the first responders deployed to New Orleans to assist with law-enforcement, security, and rescue and recovery efforts following Hurricane Katrina's swath of destruction, which began when the storm made landfall on August 29.

More than 1900 Oregon Soldiers and Airmen descended upon the city, bringing with them the collective hopes and prayers of fellow Oregonians.

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Oregon National Guard troops make themselves comfortable aboard a C-5 transport aircraft, bound for Louisiana.

Hurricane Katrina slammed into the Gulf Coast August 29 leaving a path of destruction the size of Kansas. New Orleans, and its surrounding parishes were some of the hardest areas hit by the Class-IV hurricane. In the wake of the destruction, Oregon Army and Air National Guard troops led the way in the relief effort of Hurricane Katrina as Operation Joint Task Force Pontchartrain-Rita reached full force.

New Orleans, a thriving town famous for its art, culture, culinary delicacies and annual Mardi Gras festival, was — and still is — struggling to survive after massive flooding and wind damage rocked the city. Indeed, the city will have to redefine itself once the floodwaters have receded.

With most of the city's population evacuated, the task of rescue, recovery, and rebuilding began. One of the many locations Oregon Army National Guard units occupied was The Academy of Holy Angels convent and the New Orleans Center for Creative Arts.

Located on Saint Claude in New Orleans' 5th District, the Catholic convent became a military compound housing 1186th Military Police Co., 2-218th Field Artillery Bn., C Co. 141st Support Bn., and 115th Mobil Public Affairs Detachment. It also doubled as the Civil Military Operations Center.

Sgt. Scott Shively, with the 1186th Military Police Co., arrived Sept. 2, and found the nunnery swamped by three feet of water. To make matters worse, frantic civilians throughout the surrounding areas were resorting to unimaginable crimes against fellow citizens in the parish.

"Vigilantes and looters were creeping through at night attempting to strong arm residents for their houses," said Shively. "But it's getting better — there's less crime [now that we're here.]" he continued.

The 5th district is a heavy crime area that normally averages 325 homicides a year, and is one of the poorest communities in New Orleans. Indeed the desperate situation created by the storm amplified the neighborhood's problems.

"It's like a war zone out there" Shively added.

Thanks to the efforts of the men and women of the Oregon Army and Air National Guard, New Orleans residents were able to return to their homes in peace.

September 14, 2005



Maj. Marty Plotner, 142nd Security Forces Squadron Commander, discusses the areas of New Orleans that his troops are responsible for. The squadron checked houses from which 911 calls were placed in the first days of the flooding caused by Hurricane Katrina checking to see if any of the residents needed assistance or provisions.



Story by
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Left: Staff Sgt. Charles Essler of Portland, Ore., carries a Siamese cat rescued from an apartment building in North New Orleans during a door to door external search on Sept. 15. Photo by Tech. Sgt. Roger M. Dey.

Right: An Oregon National Guard patrol from C Co., 2nd Battalion, 162nd Infantry moves up Paris Ave. in North New Orleans, verifying that no one is in need of help or evacuation, and to chart the boundaries of the receding floodwaters. Photo by Tech. Sgt. Roger M. Dey.

Below: Brig. Gen. Douglas A. Pritt, of the Oregon Army National Guard, briefs key leaders of Task Force Pontchartrain before troops are deployed to areas around North New Orleans to conduct rescue, recovery, and security duty. Photo by Pfc. Timothy Brownlow, 115th MPAD.

Below Right: The amount of vehicles and equipment at the England Air Park staging area hints to the large scale of operations and level of involvement of the Oregon National Guard in assisting officials in Louisiana with security, rescue, and relief efforts following Hurricane Katrina. Photo by Spc. Michael Gann, 115th MPAD.



Left: Spc. Ryan Klein of Dayton, Ore., uses spray paint to mark an apartment building, indicating that no survivors were seen or heard during a door to door external search by boat in North New Orleans on Sept. 15. Members of the 2nd Battalion, 162nd Infantry and the 41st Brigade, Oregon Army National Guard, deployed to New Orleans to participate in the search and recovery efforts in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. Photo by Tech. Sgt. Roger M. Dey.

Left: Staff Sgt. Roger Rouleau, of The Dalles, Ore., carries a Siamese cat rescued from an apartment building in North New Orleans during a door to door external search on Sept. 15. Photo by Tech. Sgt. Roger M. Dey.

Right: Canal Street in downtown New Orleans lives up to its name, as almost four feet of water inundates the famous thoroughfare. Oregon National Guard members used boats to navigate the flooded city, rescuing stranded citizens, and bringing relief supplies to those who chose to stay in their homes. Photo by Pfc. Timothy Brownlow, 115th MPAD.

Below Right: An exhausted Oregon National Guard Soldier sleeps on a cot under the watchful eye of a statue of Jesus at the Academy of Holy Angels Convent in New Orleans on Sept. 14. The convent was made into a makeshift base of operations for Oregon Army and Air National Guard members involved in search efforts in the north New Orleans area. Photos by Tech. Sgt. Roger M. Dey.



September 15, 2005



An Oregon National Guardsman from the 2nd Battalion, 162nd Infantry uses a bleach solution to decontaminate boots and waders worn into the receding floodwater and sediment covering much of New Orleans. The water was treated like a biological contaminant due to the levels of raw sewage, oil, and other hazardous materials.

September 17, 2005



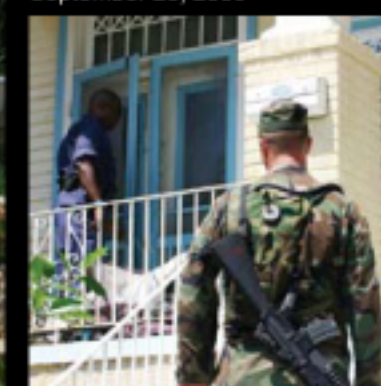
A Cadillac reemerges from receding floodwaters at an apartment complex being searched by elements of the Oregon Army National Guard's 2nd Battalion, 162nd Infantry. Members of the 41st Brigade, Oregon Army National Guard, were deployed to New Orleans to participate in the search and recovery efforts in the wake of Hurricane Katrina.

September 23, 2005



Soldiers with the 1186th Military Police Co., Oregon Army National Guard, check the credentials and intentions of a local New Orleans citizen during the chaos which plagued the city in the weeks following Hurricane Katrina's wrath. Once they determined he was not involved in any criminal activity, he was allowed to go on his way.

September 25, 2005



Soldiers with the 2nd Battalion, 162nd Infantry, Oregon Army National Guard, assist New Orleans Police Officers in a door-to-door search of North New Orleans after the flood waters receded to check on the city's residents.

News Briefs

Governor signs legislation for Soldiers

SALEM, Ore. – Governor Theodore R. Kulongoski signed into law a package of bills affecting Oregon National Guard, veterans and their families on Monday, Oct. 10. The legislative package brings educational benefits, emergency financial assistance, and job skills training into the hands of soldiers. The legislation signed includes House Bills 3504 and 2681, Senate Bills 1100 and 233.

“Too often, our Soldiers are paid only in lip service, but with this package of legislation, we are making a commitment as a state to support those who risked their lives and their futures to defend us, our freedoms and the principles that serve as the foundation of this great nation,” Kulongoski said.

House Bill 3504: Creates the Oregon Veterans’ Emergency Financial Assistance Fund within the Oregon Department of Veterans’ Affairs to provide emergency financial assistance to veterans and their immediate families to cover temporary housing, food, transportation or medical costs; Expands the ODVA education benefit program from \$35/month to \$150/month; Establishes the Oregon Troops to Teachers program to pay tuition for veterans who commit to teach in Oregon; and requires the Oregon Military Department to reimburse active members of the armed forces for the cost of hunting and fishing licenses.

House Bill 2681: Requires school districts to issue high school diplomas to veterans who did not complete high school because of wartime military service since the Korean War and who request the diploma. Future combat veterans are also eligible for the benefit.

Senate Bill 1100: Complements HB 3504 by expanding the reach of the Oregon Military Emergency Financial Assistance Fund for the Military Department to provide hardship grants and loans to members and immediate family of National Guard members on active duty; Establishes program in the ODVA to enhance and expand services provided by county veterans’ service offices; and allows students attending post-secondary schools who have been called to active duty to complete their course work or withdraw from courses without penalty.

Senate Bill 233: Supports homeownership for veterans by expanding a home loan and assistance program within the ODVA that helps connect below-market interest rate loans to qualified, eligible veterans for home acquisition and home improvement. For more information on the home loan program please contact the Oregon Department of Veterans’ Affairs at 503-373-2005 or 1-800-828-8801 ext. 2005. To read these bills visit www.leg.state.or.us.

Free Taekwondo lessons for Soldiers and family

National Guard members and their immediate families (spouses and children) are welcome to receive free Taekwondo lessons every Wednesday from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Anderson Readiness Center, 3255 State St., Salem, Ore.

The lessons are being provided courtesy of Grand Master Hong Sik Kim, owner of Kim’s Taekwondo. Kim is a member of the Oregon State Defense Force.

Edward Corothers, sixth degree black belt, will be the instructor.

For more information call Edward Corothers at 503-472-1520 or Hong Sik Kim at 503-653-0200.

Marksmanship training available at Camp Adair

The Small Arms Readiness Training Section will conduct rifle and pistol marksmanship training at Camp Adair January through September 2006.

The training is open to all members of the Oregon National Guard.

Highly skilled instructors will offer quality, focused training giving Guard members an increased level of shooting skill and a thorough understanding of the basic principles of marksmanship.

Although use of unit weapons is preferred, arrangements can be made to have a rifle or pistol provided.

The point of contact for this training will be Master Sgt. Jeff Arnst via email at jeff.arnst@us.army.mil.

Check the SARTS webpage for dates and additional information at www.mil.state.or.us/SARTS.

Oregon Guard ‘plays’ at OSU’s Reser Stadium



Photo courtesy of OSU Beavers Marketing Dept.

Lt. Col. Raymond Meyer, commander of Recruiting and Retention, receives the game ball before the OSU vs. BSU game Sept. 10. Presenting the game ball is Jess Lewis (left) a former OSU All-American defense tackle who brought down USC’s star running back, O.J. Simpson, just short of a touchdown in 1967.

Story by Sgt. 1st Class Gower D. Talley, Marketing NCO

During ‘Guard Day at the Beavers’ more than 200 Oregon Army National Guard members joined 40,000 Beavers football fans at Reser Stadium in Corvallis, Ore. Sept. 10 to watch Oregon State University play Boise State University.

‘Guard Day’ began at the fan-fair where Beaver fans had a chance to climb the ORNG rock wall and try their luck at the new football toss.

The football game itself began with the colors being posted by Junior ROTC cadets from Oregon City High School, who took the place of ORNG color guard members who were deployed to assist in hurricane recovery efforts. Sgt. 1st Class Mark Browning sang the national anthem and the game ball was presented to Lt. Col. Raymond Meyer, the new battalion commander for Recruiting and Retention Command.

Soldiers, fans, and football players all endured a mix of weather during the game from sunshine to marble-size hail all within a span of 45 minutes.

In a nail-biter of a rematch from last season, the Beavers football team squeaked by the Broncos for a win of 30 to 27.

Retirees with combat-related disabilities encouraged to apply for compensation

Since enacting Combat Related Special Compensation in December 2002, officials have processed applications from only 90,000 of an estimated 600,000 eligible military retirees.

CRSC is a \$22 billion program endowed by Congress to compensate active and reserve retirees with disabilities related to combat or hazardous duties.

Army officials suspect that some retirees have not applied because they believe they are already receiving CRSC compensation, when in fact they are receiving Concurrent Retirement and Disability pay, which is taxable and has smaller payments. For example, the monthly payment for a 50 percent rating under CRSC is \$663 tax-free, while the taxable monthly payment for CRDP is \$153.

Disabled retirees who are not certain which pay they receive should check their Defense Finance and Accounting pay stub. To qualify for CRSC, claimants must be retired with at least 20 years of active or reserve service; receive retired pay off-set by VA payments; and have a disability rating of at least 10 percent.

Eligibility for CRSC requires a documented “combat-related” disability relating from; conditions simulated war such as a named exercise; an injury incurred while performing hazardous service, such as flying, diving or parachute duty; an injury caused by armed conflict resulting in a Purple Heart; and presumptive cases involving conditions such as exposure to Agent Orange or radiation.

Retirees who apply for CRSC should be prepared to document their claims with evidence showing their disability is “combat-related” under the conditions described above. For more information on CRSC, call toll-free at (866) 281-3254 or e-mail questions to CRSC.info@us.army.mil.

Service members invited to view Heroes Truck



Photo courtesy of John Davis, Aftermarket Events

The world famous “Heroes Truck” has been making a memorial trip across the country and will make a tribute stop in Portland Nov. 19 and 20 at the Portland Expo Center during the Performance Fest Truck & Auto Accessory Expo.

The customized 2005 Chevy pick-up honors America’s military heroes with airbrushed paintings of Soldiers, Airmen, Marines, Sailors and other symbols of freedom on every inch of the body. Owner and creator Dale Ison, of Hillsboro, Ohio, will be available at the Expo for interviews about the art-work.

“I knew we had to bring this show truck to Portland,” said John Davis, President of Aftermarket Events Inc. “It is deserving of America’s military to see this truck, the artwork is just heart-wrenching.”

The “Heroes Truck” is the only show automobile that has ever been allowed in the courtyard of the Pentagon – when Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley dedicated the truck to America’s armed forces.

Military service members may attend the Expo for half price, by showing their military ID card. The event will also showcase 350 hot rods and muscle cars (including cars from The Dukes of Hazard, Smokey and the Bandit, Herbie The Love Bug, and Mad Max) and 200 custom motorcycles. The 2-218th Field Artillery Bn. will also be displaying their recruiting HMMWV.

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Above: CH-47 Chinook helicopter crewmen and Pakistani military members unload relief supplies in a remote town in Northern Pakistan, on Oct. 12. The U.S. Army delivered disaster relief supplies and services following the 7.6 magnitude earthquake that struck the region Oct. 8.

Right: Sgt. Timothy Bayer, flight engineer, for the Oregon Army National Guard's Det. 1, D-Co., 113th Aviation Bn., based in Pendleton, Ore., unloads relief supplies from the rear of a CH-47 Chinook helicopter in Northern Pakistan on Oct. 12. Bayer's unit is currently stationed in Kandahar, Afghanistan.

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Home tax exemption for qualified Soldiers and veterans

Oregon National Guard Soldiers and veterans are now eligible for a \$60,000 tax exemption from the value of their home.

The Oregon House of Representatives passed House Bill 2945 and 2945B which provides tax relief for Soldiers who are deployed for more than 178 consecutive days and veterans who are at least 40 percent disabled.

"Too often, our soldiers are paid only in lip service, but this legislation demonstrates a commitment from the state to support those who risked their lives and their futures to defend us," said Governor Theodore Kulongoski.

The bill takes effect Nov. 4 for tax years beginning in 2005. Soldiers participating in deployments may only claim the exemption for the year in which they are serving on active duty status.

In order to take advantage of the tax break, claimants must not have a combined income of more than 185 percent of federal poverty guidelines for the year in which claiming the exemption. Qualified veterans and Soldiers must file claims with their tax assessor to receive the exemptions.

For surviving spouses of a war veteran remaining unmarried, the exemption shall apply to the period preceding the date of the first remarriage of the surviving spouse.

Beginning in the year 2006, the current property tax exemption for disabled veterans will increase and disabled veterans will be able to claim the exemption because of the bill's changes to current income restrictions.

For more information on eligibility requirements call the Oregon Department of Revenue at 1-800-356-4222 or 503-378-4988. To read the full text of House Bill 2945 visit www.leg.state.or.us/index.html.

ORNG assists large marijuana bust



Photo courtesy of Maj. Kevin J. Dial, 1249 Eng. Bn. and Col. Richard Williams, Counter Drug

Spc. Jonathan Mullins, Spc. Jason Adsit and Pfc. Michael Fraser, from B Co. 1249th Engineer Bn., help law enforcement officers clean-up and transport seized marijuana. During the month of October, the Counter Drug Support program and 1249th Engineer Bn. received a tasking from Wasco County Sheriffs Office, Oregon State Police and Bureau of Land Management to assist with seizure of a large illegal marijuana plantation in Southern Wasco County near Maupin, Ore. The Counter Drug Support program and the 1249th Engineer Bn. continue to be critical assets for the state, making the war against drugs "One Step Better."

Free use of Oregon State Parks for Soldiers, vets

Active Duty military personnel on approved leave and disabled veterans are eligible for free use of Oregon State Parks beginning November 11, 2005. In the past, Oregon State Parks allowed qualifying veterans and active duty servicemen and women free park use on Memorial Day, Independence Day and Veteran's Day. Now the State Parks Department has extended that privilege all year long.

Qualified veterans and active duty service members are eligible for a fee waiver at traditional campsites including full hookup (sewer, electricity and water), electrical and tent sites, and parking in all 26 state parks that charge a day-use fee. Free use of the campsites will be limited to no more than five consecutive days and no more than 10 days in any calendar month. Campsite reservation fees (\$6 per site) will still apply.

When arriving at a park veterans must show a letter from the Department of Veterans Administration (VA) documenting their disabilities, or a VA photo identification card with an annotation citing the holder's disabled status in order to obtain a camping or day-use fee waiver. License plates issued by the state that display the "disabled veteran" designation also will be honored. Active duty military personnel on leave must show current military ID cards and approved leave papers.

To reserve free use of a campsite, veterans and military personnel must call Reservations Northwest, at 1-800-452-5687. Reservations cannot be made over the internet. Campsites may be reserved up to nine months in advance of the date of arrival.

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