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Massing of the Colors Evokes Pride, Emotion

The annual Massing of the Colors and Service of Remembrance ceremony that took place June 14, gave most everyone a swell of emotion. For some it may have been patriotism, for some pride and for some... heartbreak. For some of those in attendance in the shadow of the State Capitol, it may have been all three. One thing is certain - it was an impressive event that touched many people.

The event was put on by the Salem Chapter of the Military Order of the World Wars in honor of Flag Day, and was dedicated to Oregon servicemembers who have lost their lives during military service in Afghanistan and Iraq. At one point in the event, there was a reading of names of each of the Oregon servicemembers who have died in Afghanistan and Iraq.

"Flag Day is about history, patriotism, respect and community participation," said Jim Willis, Director of the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs. "This heralded celebration is first and foremost a day to promote pride in America's flag, respect for the many brave men and women who have defended this country and a solemn salute to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice."



Massing events clockwise from top right: H-60 Blackhawk flyover opens the event; H.A. (Mac) MacDonald welcomes all as Master of Ceremonies; Guest Speaker - Paula Brown, Deputy Director, ODVA; American Legion, Girls State sing *America the Beautiful*; Chaplain COL. John Dinsmore, ORARNG leads the invocation; National Anthem performed by Annamarie Wilson; Parade of Colors led by Bag Piper, Darroll Morehouse.

Veterans Day Convoy

The Fourth annual convoy to observe Veterans Day will take place again this November. Starting at the Clark County Fairgrounds in Vancouver, the convoy will travel south on I-205 and end at the Korean War Memorial in Wilsonville.

Be sure to mark the date of November 5, 2006 on your calendar if you plan to participate. The fairgrounds will be open at 7 a.m. and before-the-drive activities will start at 8 a.m. The activities will include guest speakers, musical entertainment, and various Honor Guards. *Taps* will be played following a 21-gun salute.

This event has been received with great enthusiasm over the last four years and the number of participants has grown each year. A donated new, un-wrapped toy, which will be given to family members of deployed servicemembers, will provide access to park in the sponsor area. Sponsor area vehicles will leave first, leading the convoy on its way.

More information will be provided in the September/October issue of the *VETS NEWS* or you can contact the Coalition of Troop Support at 503-777-1701, or Vietnam Veterans of Oregon at 503-622-6084 or visit www.vvoamc.com.

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Director's Message

Data Theft From The Federal VA



As most of you know, the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has discovered that an employee took home electronic data from the VA that contained the names, social security numbers and dates of birth for up to 26.5 million veterans and some spouses. That data was stolen by persons unknown.

In addition, it has been learned that the stolen information also contained information on some 2.2 million active-duty military personnel, National Guard and Active Reserve personnel.

One of the most important of the concerns caused by this theft is the issue of Identify Theft. To find out more about the theft and to learn what you can do to protect yourself, please visit the ODVA website at www.oregon.gov/ODVA and then click on VA Data Theft.

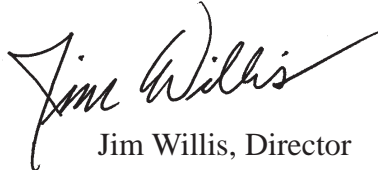
This site will continue to be updated, as more information is available. One thing that you can do is to take advantage of your right to one free credit report per

year. You can request this report from one of the three major credit bureaus – Equifax, Experian or TransUnion at www.AnnualCreditReport.com or by calling 1-877-322-8228.

Checking your credit report is always a good idea, but you will also want to pay special attention to statements for your major credit cards as well as your debit card.

Hopefully the criminal investigation into this massive data theft will determine that none of the data has been used illegally but unless or until that happens, we all need to protect our credit and our identification.

On another subject entirely, I want to thank everyone involved for making the Gold Star Families honors luncheon and ceremony a great success. This event was a first of its kind here in Oregon and was put on to show these families how much we honor and appreciate their sacrifice and the courageous and honorable service of their loved ones.


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Atomic Veterans to Celebrate

Members of the Oregon Atomic Veterans organization will be celebrating Atomic Veterans Day in Oregon on July 16th. All veterans and their families are invited to a celebration at the Linn County Fairgrounds and Expo Center in Albany beginning at noon. A ceremony will begin at 1 p.m.

In 2005, the Oregon Legislature approved House Concurrent Resolution 9 (HCR9), sponsored by State Senator Ted Ferrioli. HCR9 designates July 16th of every year as Atomic Veterans Day in Oregon. The first atomic bomb was tested on July 16, 1945 in Alamogordo, N.M., which later prompted President Ronald Reagan, in 1983, to declare July 16 as National Atomic Veterans Day.

“This first anniversary celebration will bring more recognition to some forgotten veterans. Recently, I’ve had several veterans call me who didn’t know about our organization or weren’t aware that they could talk about what they’d experienced,” said Fred Schafer, State Commander of the Oregon Atomic Veterans organization. “Many didn’t know about the July 16th celebration and wanted to join in. The more people who hear about us, the more we can reach out and help these veterans and their families.”

In 1996, atomic veterans were released from their military oaths of secrecy. The Veterans Health Administration (VHA) then followed by recognizing these veterans as eligible to receive VA medical care.

The VHA reports that between 1945 and 1962, approximately 195,000 U. S. servicemembers participated in the post-World War II occupation of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan following the atomic bombings there. Additionally, approximately 210,000 mostly military members are confirmed as participants in U.S. atmospheric nuclear weapons tests in the United States and the Pacific and Atlantic oceans prior to the 1963 Limited Test Ban Treaty. Others were nuclear technicians responsible for the operation and maintenance of nuclear power plants on aircraft carriers or submarines.

Additional veterans were exposed to depleted uranium munitions during and after the Gulf War.

Special guest speakers at the Atomic Veterans Day ceremony will include State Senator Ted Ferrioli, State Representatives Donna Nelson and Jeff Kropf, and Jim Willis, Director of the Oregon Department of Veterans’ Affairs.

The Linn County Expo Center is located off of Interstate 5 at exit 234A. For more information about the celebration or Atomic Veterans, call Schafer at 541-258-7453 or Frank Farmer at 541-258-7453.



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Eagles Lodge Donation

On May 13, Rob McNeilly, President of Cornelius Eagles Lodge No. 4177 presented a donation of \$750 to the Oregon Veterans' Home located in The Dalles. Paula Brown, Deputy Director of the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs, was on hand to accept the donation on behalf of the Home.

The donation was the result of the hard work and dedication of lodge members including military veteran, George Anderson.

ODVA is extremely thankful for this and all contributions that are received for the Home. Donors can be assured 100% of all donations go directly to enhancing the lives of the residents at the Home.

Disabled Veterans License Plates Changing

The look of disabled veteran registration plates is changing. Right now these plates are issued on a yellow background with blue lettering. Beginning September 20, 2006, DMV will start issuing disabled veteran plates on the regular issuance "tree" plate background.

The configuration of the plate will be slightly redesigned. The "D" will be smaller and moved to the upper left side of the plate, with the first number printed directly beneath the "D." The other numbers will be printed on both sides of the tree (two on each side) with the word permanent across the bottom and veteran down the right side.

It was brought to the attention of DMV that some veterans have not taken advantage of the permanent disabled veteran plate because they consider the yellow background offensive or undignified. In an effort to address this issue, DMV looked at the possibility of changing the disabled veteran plate design. DMV does not have statutory authority to create a new graphic design for the background. They do, however, have the authority to issue the plate on the tree background, currently used as the regular issuance plate on most vehicles. Because of size and readability issues, the yellow background plate will still need to be used for disabled veteran plates issued to motorcycles and mopeds.

All previously issued disabled veteran plates will remain valid and can continue to be transferred. Anyone wanting to apply for replacement of their existing yellow background plates with the tree background can do so at their local DMV office or through the mail. DMV needs a completed and signed Application for Registration Renewal, Replacement or Transfer of Plates and/or Stickers, Form 268, and \$15. The form is available at DMV offices or on line at www.OregonDMV.com. If applying through the mail, their address is DMV, 1905 Lana Ave. NE, Salem OR 97314. If you have any questions you may contact DMV at (503) 945-5000; Portland area (503) 299-9999; or call your local field office.

Please remember:

- Permanent disabled veteran plates can only be issued to a veteran who has a service-connected disability that qualifies you as a disabled veteran under ORS 805.100.
- Disabled veteran plates may be used on any vehicle except a vehicle used for commercial purposes or a low-speed vehicle.
- Disabled veteran plates do not allow parking in designated disabled parking spaces. You must have a disabled parking placard to park in a disabled parking space.



Logon to the ODVA Homepage

Everyone at the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs strives to provide relevant and timely information to Oregon veterans. As such, the ODVA website online at www.oregon.gov/odva has been updated to include *Veterans' Employment* and *Veterans' Education* webpages.

The *Veterans' Employment* page provides information about state and public employment, veteran preference points, and contact information for Employment Department local veterans' employment representatives and disabled veterans outreach program specialists. (See related article on page 9).

Oregon veterans' can now easily access *Veterans' Education* information on a new webpage. The webpage also links to the Department of Education, Veterans Education section which is the State Approving Agency for high schools, universities, private colleges, community colleges, and licensed private career schools in Oregon.



Veterans and the Great Outdoors

A program originated on November 11th, 2005 by the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) helps service-connected disabled veterans gain free access to hundreds of state parks. The program provides service-connected disabled veterans with an access pass that allows them to camp in RV and tent campsites free of charge and free access to 26 day-use-fee parks. This program is helping some veterans re-discover the great outdoors and the natural beauty of Oregon.

To apply for the Oregon State Parks access pass, a veteran must provide the required document (a letter from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) that states that the veteran qualifies as service-connected disabled) and complete the one-page application. The process is simple, but it takes a few weeks for OPRD to process the application and mail you your pass. If you believe you qualify, call the VA at 1-800-827-1000 to inquire about obtaining a letter.

To obtain an application for the Veteran's Park Pass call the Oregon State Parks information center at 1-800-551-6949 or you can download an application from the Internet by visiting the OPRD website at www.oregonstateparks.org. Once completed, mail the application along with a copy of the letter from VA to:

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department
ATTN: Veteran's Park Pass
2501 SW 1st Ave, Suite 100
Portland OR 97201-4751

To make a camping reservation by phone, call 1-800-452-5687 and be sure to state that you are a disabled veteran. Currently, reservations made on the Internet do not qualify for the discount. The Veteran's Park Pass program provides camping for 5 days at a single state park, and 10 days total in all state parks each month.

Some basic rules apply to this card.

- Only the disabled veteran is authorized use of the ID card.
- You must carry a photo ID while at the park and be prepared to show it to park employees.
- It is non-transferrable, even to other disabled veterans.
- A replacement card must be ordered if the card is lost.
- The card expires in four years. Renewal applications will be sent out before the expiration date. Notify OPRD with an address change.
- This program is for state parks only.

Richard Walkoski, Recreation Programs Manager for the OPRD, has declared the program a success. "One goal of the program is to get these veterans back to the parks to enjoy the outdoors," Walkoski says. The statistics we're seeing show we are accomplishing that goal."

Since the program began, OPRD has issued approximately 3,500 veterans with the credit card-sized access passes.

The OPRD reservation center, Reservations Northwest (RNW) also sees success in the program. Since the program began on Veterans Day 2005 through June 10th 2006, qualifying veterans have 1,115 stays totaling 2,420 nights camping. Advanced reservations are encouraged and the numbers through summer of 2006 beginning June 11th 2006 are looking positive. Veterans have booked 563 stays for a total of 1,260 nights.



ORANG Celebrates 65th Anniversary

It began on April 18, 1941 when 117 men answered the call to serve in a newly-formed Army Air Corps flying unit in Portland on Swan Island. The 123rd Observation Squadron (O.S.), under the command of Major Robert Dodson, became the forerunner to what has become the Oregon Air National Guard (ORANG).

With six of the original members as special guests, nearly 100 people gathered at Portland Air Base on May 27, to celebrate the ORANG's 65th anniversary. The six, all in their eighties were Glenn Currey, Les Donis, Forest Lembkie, Fred Parish, Cliff Shaffer and Bob Wall.

The 123rd OS's longtime organizer, former Technical Sgt, Fred Parish, 85, exclaimed that he and his group were very happy to be honored.

"We're just damn pleased to be anywhere," he joked. Out of the first 117 guys that signed up, there's only 15 of us originals left, and we were lucky to be one of them. Thank you all for honoring us today."

Parish noted that from September 1941 until the attack on Pearl Harbor, the men of the 123rd O.S. were activated to train at the old Swan Island airport and later at Gray Field at Fort Lewis Washington. Soon after the attack, the men were reassigned to various training

units around the country. The members of the 123rd OS served in every theater of operation in World War II.

Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs Director, Jim Willis praised the ORANG's 65 years of dedicated service and closed the event by reading a proclamation signed by Governor Ted Kulongoski that declared April 27, 2006 as Oregon Air National Guard Day.

Willis and ORANG Brigadier General Jim Cunningham presented each of the six men with a framed copy of the proclamation with newly-minted 65th ORANG anniversary coins as mementos.



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. Those who contributed during the months of April and May 2006 are listed below:

Oregon Paralyzed Veterans of America
Loree Reinhardt
Klea Espy
Darlene Witt
Margaret Macaulay
American Legion Umpqua Post 16
VETERAN License Plates
American Legion Baird-Heaton Post 152
Charitable Checkoff Donations
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Dr. Calvin Collins
Dale and Margaret Tilden
American Legion Post 116
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George Porter
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JoAnna Sering
Larry and Gudrun Fry
Steve and Sharon Crabb
American Legion Pioneer Post 149
Vance Morris
Charles Thompson
Sharon and Gary Beckman
Jaqueline Rees
Warren Day
Marine Corps League, Rogue Valley Detachment
Mrs. Halliday
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Lutheran Women's Missionary League, Lincoln City
Guy VanOrman
Lutheran Church Auxiliary #2624
VFW Lincoln County Auxiliary #2624
Nelda Williams/Benny Payne Estate
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Gold Star Families Honored

More than 300 people gathered on May 7, at the Portland Airport Shilo Inn to take part in a special honors luncheon for Gold Star Families. Several veterans' organizations and other veteran supporters joined to honor the families who represented losses from World War II to the current wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Approximately 120 Gold Star mothers were presented with the Mothers Medal of Honor,



The Blessing of the Room is performed by Aaron Gentry of the Klamath Tribes.

and approximately 80 Warriors Medal of Valor were presented to Oregon Gold Star families. The Medals of Valor were for the service of their loved ones who lost their lives during WWII, Korean War, Vietnam, Afghanistan, Iraq, and other conflicts and strategic areas while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces.

"Being involved in honoring Oregon's Gold Star families was a deeply moving and meaningful experience for me and our ODVA staff," said Jim Willis, Director of the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs and the event's Master of Ceremonies. "The loss of their family members must never be forgotten and their service and sacrifice on behalf of our state and nation must always be honored and remembered."

Guest speakers included the Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army and Distinguished Service Cross recipient Larry Deibert and Sergeant First Class Vince Jacques of the Oregon Army National Guard, who was injured in Iraq in an incident that resulted in the death of one of his comrades.

The event was organized by the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs, the Coalition of Troop Support, the Afghan-Iraqi Freedom War Memorial Foundation, Marshall Tall Eagle II, Inc., and the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde.



Free Chiropractic Services Offered

Stories about private businesses that try to give something back to war veterans in return for their service sometimes go unheard. Dr. Cafferty of Gresham, a Korean War veteran whose son and grandson served in Iraq is giving back by offering one full year of chiropractic services at no charge to service members returning from Afghanistan and Iraq. Cafferty knows that veterans can face nights of sleeplessness due to pain and discomfort resulting from injuries suffered during their military serving. He provides treatments intended to help relieve physical pain that may also help renew the human spirit.

Cafferty believes that the level of stress that troops frequently operate under for extended periods of time can make it difficult for them to turn off their heightened level of awareness when they return home. If the increased level of stress fails to diminish systems within the

body can be affected. Physical injuries can further complicate the well being of the body, especially those types of injuries that may never fully heal.

Veterans returning home from combat zone deployments may not be aware of their body's ongoing reaction to their extended exposure to stressful elements. Many may not immediately experience symptoms until they have compounded into serious physical ailments. Dr. Cafferty believes that, "Stress is a medical condition which can be improved or even managed through chiropractic care".

For information, call Dr. Cafferty's office at 503-492-2000 or visit his website online at www.caffertychiro.com. The Cafferty Chiropractic Center is located at 1135 NE Kane Drive in Gresham.



Oregon Veterans' Home Gift Form

"Give to those who have already given of themselves"

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

- \$35 - \$64, you will receive one Oregon Veterans' Home remembrance pin. Remembrance pins are designed especially for our valued donors. The distinctive emblems can be worn on a lapel, vest, jacket, blouse, hat or tie.
- \$65 - \$99, you will receive two remembrance pins.
- \$100 or more, you will receive two remembrance pins and for one year your name will appear on the "Wall of Gratitude", the Home's donor recognition display, which is prominently located in the lobby area of the Home (updated annually).

Here is my gift in the amount of: _____

I prefer not to receive an emblem

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

Credit Card: VISA MasterCard

Account #: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Signature: _____

I am making my donation to the Oregon Veterans' Home

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____ Zip: _____

Send acknowledgements to: Name & Address: _____

Your gift qualifies for a charitable contribution tax deduction.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE OREGON VETERANS' HOME
The Place Where Honor Lives!

Please clip this form and mail with your donation to:

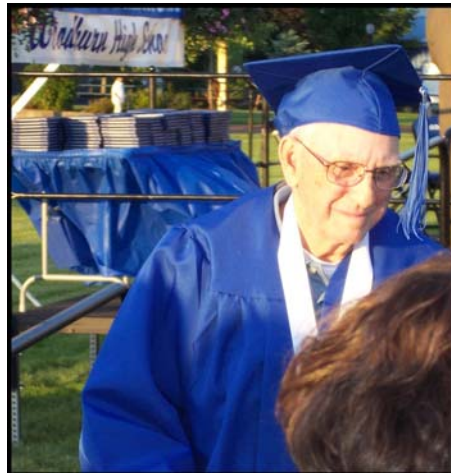
Oregon Veterans' Home, c/o ODVA, 700 Summer Street NE, Salem, OR 97301-1285



Attaining a Lifelong Dream

Lifelong dreams are coming to fruition for some Oregon war veterans. That dream is the satisfaction of holding a high-school diploma. Many Oregon wartime veterans who missed opportunities to complete high school are receiving their diplomas. More importantly, these veterans are participating in graduation ceremonies, which in some instances, fulfills a lifelong dream.

Former Army Sergeant Kenneth Shane walked with the Woodburn High School graduating class of 2006 to receive his diploma. Shane entered into the halls of Woodburn High School in 1941. While attending high school in Woodburn, World War II raged on and had yet to hit the shores of the United States. Turning 18 before finishing high school, Shane volunteered for



Kenneth Shane receives diploma.

the United States Army. The class of 2006 and the entire crowd roared in cheers as Walt Blomberg, the Superintendent of Woodburn Schools took time out of his speech to honor Shane and explain the details of his service. The cheers were a testament to the wave of support and gratitude for the service and sacrifice of Shane.

Dreams were also fulfilled at Lebanon High School for Mr. Frank Bushey. Bushey left high school his senior year and served in Vietnam as an infantryman with the U.S. Army. After leaving the service Bushey worked the shipyards of Puget Sound for 33 years. Determined to make a dream come true, Bushey attended Linn Benton Community College to attain his GED.



Hats off to Vets at the Oregon State Fair!

Veterans looking to attend the Oregon State Fair should plan ahead to save big. The Oregon State Fair is recognizing the service and sacrifice of Oregon veterans by providing free admission during the first weekend of the fair. The dates of free admission are Saturday and Sunday, August 26 and 27. All veterans are invited to use the ticket printed in the newsletter to gain free entry to the State Fair. Simply cut out the voucher above and present it at any admission gate.

The fair begins Friday, August 25 and runs through Labor Day, September 4th. With 11 spectacular fair days scheduled there will be something for everyone. In addition to the Fair's traditional offerings, and a wide variety of entertainment opportunities, the nonprofit group Remembering America's Heroes will provide special veterans activities in the Salem Armory Auditorium. "A Tribute to Veterans," a 40's USO-style show will occur both Saturday and Sunday at 2:00 pm. Remembrance displays, and military memorabilia will be featured in the Jackman-Long Building.

Tickets went on sale June 2nd for big name concert entertainment. Concerts are scheduled to take place in the L.B. Day Amphitheatre and the Pavilion. The lineup includes country music stars Sara Evans and Trace Adkins. Rock legend Ted Nugent takes the stage opening night and The Steve Miller Band takes the stage Labor Day weekend. Veteran vouchers are only available from the Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs. If you need an extra voucher you can call our office and we will mail one out. Additional vouchers are also available at our website, www.oregon.gov/odva.



World War II Memorial Registry: Honor a Veteran

The memory and contributions of America's "Greatest Generation" is symbolized at the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. Visitors to the Memorial's website can continue to honor these U.S. citizens who were part of the war effort—either a veteran or someone who did their part on the home front—by entering their name, hometown and branch of service online into the World War II Registry of Remembrance.

While more than 16 million Americans served in World War II, just over 1.5 million are registered with the Memorial.

The Memorial was dedicated on May 29, 2004, and honors those who served in the U.S. Armed Forces, the more than 400,000 who died, and all who supported the war effort from home. The Memorial is flanked by the Washington Monument and the Lincoln Memorial, on the Capitol Mall, and is open to visitors 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Once a veteran is registered, a certificate can be downloaded and printed that displays the registered information, including the veterans' name, branch of service, home town, and the name of the person who honored them along with a brief description of what they did in the military during war.

To register any eligible American on the Memorial's Registry, visit: www.wwiimemorial.com and selecting WWII Registry. You may also register someone by calling 1-800-639-4992.



ODVA State Veterans' Home Loans

While interest rates for many home loans have moved sharply higher this past year, the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA) continues to offer low-interest rate home loans to eligible Oregon veterans.

At the time this article went to press, ODVA 30-year loan fixed rates were as low as 5.50 percent. The Department strives to maintain below-market interest rates for State veterans' home loans to Oregon's eligible veterans.

The maximum loan amount for veterans is currently \$417,000. In some cases, the ODVA can loan up to 100 percent of the appraised property value. All loans are currently made at fixed rates and veterans may choose a maximum loan term of up to 30 years.

To be eligible, a veteran must have been honorably discharged from military service and served at least 210 consecutive days on active duty for purposes other than training, unless they were discharged due to a service-connected injury. Honorably discharged veterans with less than 210 consecutive days of active duty service, should call to determine their eligibility.

Call 1-800-828-8801, ext. 2070, or in Salem call 503-373-2070.



Canby Vietnam Memorial

The Canby Vietnam Memorial Fund is sponsoring a “Buy a Brick” campaign to help raise funds for the proposed memorial to be built in Canby, Oregon. The memorial location is on Highway 99E across from the Canby Burgerville.

The memorial is currently in the middle of the first of three phases. The goal of the first phase is to get the helicopter mounted and in position. The Holland Corporation has donated the land for the memorial and a Vietnam era helicopter has been donated and restored. The National Guard helicopter is on permanent loan from the U.S. government.

Extensive planning culminated with an April 22nd groundbreaking. However, continued



fundraising is needed. The Vietnam Era Veterans Memorial Committee is spearheading fund-raising efforts with a “Buy a Brick” campaign to help build the foundation for the memorial. Bricks are

available for donations of \$50. Each brick accommodates up to three lines containing 14 characters on each line or two lines of 20 characters each. The bricks will be placed as part of the memorial.

To obtain a brick, or to make a donation of any size, checks can be made payable to “Canby Vietnam Memorial Fund” and mailed to On The Rocks NW, Attn: Canby Vietnam Memorial, P.O. Box 748, Canby, Oregon 97013. For brick donations, remember to indicate what you wish to have inscribed.

The target date for completion is Veterans’ Day 2007. For more information about the memorial visit www.canbyvietnameramemorial.org or you can call Barry Lucas at 503-310-5499.



Mother Pays Tribute To Her Fallen Son

Everyone deals with the loss of a loved one in different ways, and that holds true for Karla Comfort.

Karla’s son, Lance Cpl. John M. Holmason died in December of 2005 along with nine other Marines when an improvised explosive device detonated in Fallujah, Iraq. Upon attending her son’s funeral and seeing a vehicle adorned with a tribute to the Vietnam War Memorial, Comfort said to her other son

“I don’t want people to forget the sacrifices that my son and the other Marines made.”

Comfort had been living in Farmington, Michigan when she was notified of her son’s death. She drove her two-day-old Hummer to

there is a depiction of Marines carrying their fallen comrades through the clouds to their final resting place. The American flag drapes across the hood, with the words “Semper Parati” crowning the front windshield. The spare tire cover carries the same eagle, globe and anchor design that her son had tattooed on his back.

Comfort decided to move back to her hometown of Portland. Making her way across country from Arkansas to Oregon was a way for her to share her son’s story while coping with her loss.



Josh, “We should do something like that for John.”

Recalling her son’s love of Hummer vehicles, Comfort decided to purchase one and have it painted with a paint scheme that paid tribute to him and his fellow servicemembers.

“I wanted to let people know (Marines) are doing their jobs honorably,” said Comfort. “I

Benton, Arkansas where AirbrushGuy & Company artist Robert Powell set to work changing the plain black vehicle into a rolling tribute on wheels.

Powell donated his time and effort to paint the vehicle, charging Comfort only the cost of the paint.

Two hundred and fifty man-hours later, it was complete. On the left side of the vehicle,

“What got to me was when people would salute the guys (Marines),” said Comfort.

Holmason had been deployed in Iraq for five months. Comfort admits that she worried the entire time he was gone until she got the letters indicating the date he was coming home. Said Comfort, “I let my guard down when I found out he was coming home... I still cannot believe it happened.”



Magazine Subscription Program

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

The individuals listed below have recently joined dozens of previous donors to this meaningful program. Their generosity is greatly appreciated by our veteran residents.

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Air Show to Host Veterans

Free parking and admission along with special covered seating is being offered to a limited number of veterans at the Oregon International Air Show in July. The air show will be held in Hillsboro, at the Hillsboro Airport, July 15 and 16.

The Northwest Veterans Commemoration Committee is again partnering with the air show to offer this free opportunity to the first 200 veterans who pre-register to attend. The offer includes admission, an airfield parking pass, and seating at the 'Veterans' Chalet' for the veteran and his or her guest. Once the veteran has registered, admission items will be mailed to veterans prior to the event.

"Last year we were able to host 200 veterans and their guests each day of the show," Justice

said. "We want veterans of all ages to enjoy a day at the air show."

While the event registration ended on June 16th, coordinator Scott Justice (Lt. Col., Ret.) said his group would still admit veterans on a space available basis if they register by July 10th.

On Saturday, July 15th, the gates open at 2 p.m. with the Air Show set to begin at 4:30 p.m. On Sunday the 16th, gates will open at 9:00 a.m. and the Air Show will begin at 11:00 a.m.

To pre-register please provide your name, mailing address, phone number and whether or not you will be bringing a guest, to Ron Anderson by either email at execflunky@comcast.net, or Fax to 503-427-0285. You may also provide your information by calling 503-682-7020, just be certain that your message is clearly spoken and all needed information is provided.



Bataan Survivor Receives Medals

More than 60 years after he survived the infamous Bataan Death March in 1942, Omar McGuire of Eugene, was presented with military medals he had earned.

In March 2006, a curious McGuire, 85, sent copies of his military records to the U.S. Air Force Personnel Center at Randolph AFB, Texas to request a Purple Heart. The Air Force determined on May 15th that he was eligible to receive both the Purple Heart and POW medals.

The Purple Heart is awarded in the name of the President of the United States to any member of an armed force or any civilian national of the United States who, while serving in or with one of the U.S. Armed Services has been wounded or killed in any action.

McGuire was presented the medals by the Governor and Oregon Air National Guard commander, Brig. Gen. Jim Cunningham in the Governor's ceremonial office. The retired postal worker paid tribute to his wife, Lucy-Le who also helped pin the medals on her husband.

"Anyone who can love and put up with a former POW is someone very special," he said. "Thank you for that, Lucy-Le,"

"I've spent much of my life surrounded by men and women for whom duty, honor and country are not mere words," said Kulongoski, who was a Marine in the early 1960s. "Mr. McGuire's service of courage under fire is a legacy inherited by all veterans."

McGuire was 19 and an Army Air Corps mechanic stationed on the Bataan Peninsula in the Philippines in April 1942. He and his fellow soldiers repelled early Japanese attacks. McGuire was injured three times. On

April 9th, he was among more than 75,000 American military, Filipino military and civilians who surrendered. While being beaten, tortured and some even killed by their captors, these prisoners of war were forced to march nearly 100 miles across the peninsula to prison camps in what would be called the Bataan Death March.

A POW for more than three years in the Philippines and Japan, McGuire was forced to build bridges, roads, and military airstrips, and eventually worked in an enormous steel-manufacturing complex in Kokura, Japan. On the morning of August 15, 1945, U.S. bombers attacked the city causing fires and smoke—smoke that would save the lives of McGuire and thousands of other POWs.

Kokura was to have been the target for the second U.S. atomic bomb that day, but because of the smoke, the American B-29 bombers were diverted to their alternate target—Nagasaki.

When he was debriefed in the Philippines after the war, McGuire didn't report his injuries. Like many servicemen, he just wanted to return home.

After retiring in 1986 from Temple City, Calif., McGuire and his wife of nearly 60 years, Lucy-Le, moved to Eugene to be closer to their family.

McGuire is a member and the past-National Commander of the American Defenders of Bataan and Corregidor organization.



Omar McGuire receives the Purple Heart and Prisoner of War medals from Governor Ted Kulongoski.

Employment Help For Veterans

When our nation's veterans complete their service commitment to this country, most soon after begin the search for work within the civilian ranks. For these veterans who may be seeking this kind of assistance, help is available.

The President's National Hire Veterans Committee, which was created by the Jobs for Veterans Act (Public Law 107-288), has designed a website (www.hirevetsfirst.gov) to help employers find qualified veterans, and to help veterans make the best use of a national network of employment resources. This committee has made it their mission to boost employer awareness regarding the value veterans bring to the workplace.

One way for prospective employers to meet prospective employees is the One-Step Career Center located on the HireVetsFirst website. There are nearly 2,000 One-Stop Career Centers nationwide where employers can go to receive assistance in connecting to and recruiting veterans. Visit the One-stop Career Center at www.servicelocator.org to help determine the closest help for your employment needs.

One-Stop Career Centers offer a wealth of resources including specialized Local Veterans' Employment Representatives (LVER's) and Disabled Veterans' Outreach

Program (DVOP) staff who work solely with veteran populations and can provide relevant veteran applicant referrals.

A business or organization depends on reliable, resilient human capital. Veterans of America's Armed Forces have the skills, training and character to meet the tough challenges of today and tomorrow.

10 Reasons to Hire Vets

1. Accelerated learning curve.

Veterans have the proven ability to learn new skills and concepts.

2. Leadership.

The military trains people to lead by example as well as through direction, delegation, motivation and inspiration.

3. Teamwork.

Veterans understand how genuine teamwork grows out of a responsibility to one's colleagues.

4. Diversity and inclusion in action.

Veterans have learned to work side by side with individuals regardless of diverse race, gender, geographic origin, ethnic background, religion and economic status as well as mental, physical and attitudinal capabilities.

5. Efficient performance under pressure.

Veterans understand the rigors of tight schedules and limited resources.

6. Respect for procedures.

Veterans have gained a unique perspective on the value of accountability.

7. Technology and globalization.

Because of their experiences in the service, veterans are usually aware of international and technical trends pertinent to business and industry.

8. Integrity.

Veterans know what it means to do an honest day's work.

9. Conscious of health and safety standards.

Thanks to extensive training, veterans are aware of health and safety protocols both for themselves and the welfare of others.

10. Triumph over adversity.

In addition to dealing positively with the typical issues of personal maturity, veterans have frequently triumphed over great adversity.



MIA's Found After Decades of Searching

"We will never forget." These words have become quite common after terrorists hijacked four planes on September 11, 2001 attacking the World Trade Center Twin Towers and the Pentagon.

The words have come to suggest we will never forget those who died in the deadly attacks, that those who died did not die in vain. But the words mean even more. They mean more because there have been other American casualties of other wars and other battles around the globe. There are many who have died fighting for our country, and there are those whose ultimate fate has been left unclear.

This is more than a sentiment. It is a course of action. It is a mission. The quest to find and identify the remains of some of those missing from past conflicts continues. Many families are finally finding closure for their hollow hearts. A feeling that resulted from not knowing the fate of their loved ones.

The Department of Defense recently announced the recovery and identification of 12 servicemembers that had previously been listed as Missing in Action (MIA). One of the recovered, U.S. Army Corporal Henry D. Connell, was reported missing during the Korean War.

The other eleven servicemembers found were all reported missing during World War II. They are Ensign Leland L. Davis, Jackson, Miss.; Ensign Robert F. Keller, Wichita, Kan.; Seaman 2nd Class Elwin Alford, Bogalusa, La.; Seaman 2nd Class Dee Hall, Syria, Okla.; Aviation Machinist Mate John H. Hathaway, Lafayette, Ind.; Aviation Radioman 2nd Class Robert A. Smith, Glen Dive, Mont.; and Aviation Pilot 3rd Class Albert J. Gyorf, Wilbur, Wash.; all Navy.

The seven-man crew was aboard a U.S. Navy PBY-5 Catalina that took off from Kodiak Island, Alaska, on June 14, 1942, to attack Japanese targets in Kiska Harbor. They encountered inclement weather near the target, as well as heavy Japanese anti-aircraft fire. Their plane crashed on the Japanese-held island of Kiska with all seven aboard.

The four others are pilot Capt. Douglas R. Wight of Westfield, N.J.; co-pilot 1st Lt. Herbert W. Evans of Rapid City S.D.; crew chief Cpl. John W. Hanlon of Arnett, Okla.; and radio operator Pfc. Gerald L. Rutgers, Jr., of Tacoma, Washington.

On March 27, 1944, a C-46 crewed by these four airmen departed a base in Kunming, China, on route to Sookerating, India, as part of the massive allied resupply missions over

the Himalayan Mountains, referred to as the "Hump." En route one of the crewmen called out for a bearing, suggesting the aircraft was lost. There was no further communication with the crew. The aircraft never reached its destination, and searches during and following World War II failed to locate the crash site.

Recent discoveries have shone light on these cases of missing persons. In each case, a team led by the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC), excavated the sites where human remains, aircraft debris and personal items had been found.

JPAC scientists and Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory specialists used mitochondrial DNA as one of the forensic tools to help identify the remains. Laboratory analysis of dental remains also confirmed the identifications.

These cases serve as examples of how ongoing efforts are underway to find and return missing servicemembers to their families. The return of missing servicemembers, alive or deceased, is a priority for our military, our government and our people. For the sacrifices they have made have helped provide us with the freedom we enjoy, and therefore we must always say... "We Will Never Forget."



Collector Argo Donates “Ruptured Duck” Collection

Ernio Argo has been collecting things since the 1960s. From die cast automobiles, airplanes and tractors to classic cars and old-fashioned gasoline pumps, Argo, 74, has enjoyed being a collector. In 1988, he added another item to his list of collections and since then he has been given or has purchased more than 700 of them.

The item is a small pin called a “Ruptured Duck.” The pins were awarded between September 1939 and December 1946 and were worn above the right breast pocket by World War II servicemen and women.

Argo discovered the pins or the “duck” as Argo calls them, while looking for car parts. Argo became serious about collecting the pins and soon placed an advertisement in the VFW’s national magazine. “The first pin I bought was at an L.A. garage sale. The lady selling them said if I could tell her what it was, it was mine for a dime,” stated Argo. Soon afterwards, “One duck would come in the mail or there might be quite a few flying in to me. They’re fun to collect because they’re small and easy to care for.”

A Korean War veteran and member of the 1st Marine Division and the Reserves (1951-59), Argo’s collection began growing. Getting his ducks in a row—many rows—he secured them inside glass frames and began displaying his growing collection that also included more than

100 cloth patches that were worn on military uniforms.

After obtaining the pins’ history from the U.S. Army, Argo learned that the bird on the pin was actually an eagle. Yet, that eagle resembled a duck. A popular phrase of that era, “They took



Ernie Argo holds part of his display

off like a Ruptured Duck,” combined with the pin’s symbolism of World War II veterans going home, gave the pin its nickname.

The pin also indicated to MP’s (military police) that the wearer was traveling and not AWOL (absent without leave) from the military. Wearing the pin allowed veterans to wear their military uniform for an extra 30 days after being discharged since clothing was in short supply throughout the war. Many veterans wore the pin on their suit lapels for many years following the war.

The original “Ruptured Duck” was a cloth patch showing an eagle inside a wreath. Pins issued later were black in color, but were changed to a gold brassy hue so they could be seen against the darker fabric of a uniform.

“The first pins were round plastic. Some were plain looking and others were shinier. There are tie clasps with Ducks on them, belt buckles, and bigger Ducks were mounted on license plate holders,” Argo said. “A guy once sold me 31 pins, 15 Sterling silver pins and a two tie clasps for \$180.”

In recent years Argo has sold many of his other collectables, and despite that each pin has a value of between \$5 and \$200, Argo won’t sell them. Instead he donated the framed Ruptured Duck collection to the Oregon Department of Veterans’ Affairs as an educational display.

“They’re a piece of history and I want to share them with people,” Argo said. “Every time I see one, I know the people wearing them are from the World War II era or they’re connected to someone who was. They’re an historic symbol of the end of World War II.”

The collection will be on display in the Oregon Department of Veterans’ Affairs lobby in Salem until the end of 2006.



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Annual Veterans’ Pow-Wow

The Fourteenth Annual Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Veterans’ Pow-Wow will be held on July 7, 8, and 9. The event will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Friday with the Royalty Pageant and will take place on the pow-wow grounds located at 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, Oregon. Grand entries are scheduled for noon on both Saturday and Sunday.

The pow-wow is sponsored by the Northwest Indian Veterans Association and

the Grand Ronde Veterans Honor Guard and is open to all veterans and the public at no charge. Camping and parking, as well as dinner Saturday afternoon and breakfast Sunday morning will also be available free of charge. No drugs or alcohol are allowed at this event.

Drums, dancing, a raffle, and much more are planned. Contact person for the event is Gene LaBonte who can be reached by calling 503-879-5342.



Veteran Wins Raffle Grand Prize

Recently, the Afghan-Iraqi Freedom War Memorial Fund, held a fundraiser that included selling raffle tickets for a chance to win a stainless steel barbeque grill and half of a beef.

The winning ticket, drawn May 1 in the Director’s Office of the Oregon Department of Veterans’ Affairs (ODVA) in Salem, belonged to Ron Ray of Grants Pass.

“This is wonderful. It’s the first time I’ve ever won anything in a raffle,” said Ray who bought his winning ticket at the Grants Pass Gun Show.

M.J. Kesterson, the Afghan-Iraqi Freedom War Memorial’s coordinating founder said the

fundraiser earned \$2,600. “He (Ray) even gave us a donation to the memorial,” Kesterson said. “This was fun to do and it puts us that much closer to the goal needed to build the memorial. But we are still accepting contributions.”

Donations for the Afghan-Iraqi Freedom War Memorial can be made online at www.freedomisntfreeoregon.org or by mailing your check made payable to the Afghan-Iraqi Freedom War Memorial Fund to:

Afghan-Iraqi Freedom War Memorial Fund
763 Cessna Street
Independence, Oregon 97351



Locate a Veterans' Service Officer

Oregon is fortunate to have numerous individuals committed to helping veterans. Throughout the state, veterans can obtain assistance from a number of veterans' service officers.

The Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA) partners with National Service Officers (NSO's) and County Veterans' Service Officers (CVSO's) throughout the state to assist veterans. This partnership connects veterans with information about benefits to which they may be entitled and to the individuals who can help them in securing those benefits. A new addition has been made to the ODVA website to provide information about veterans' service officers in Oregon.

So what is a veterans' service officer and how can they help you? A veterans' service officer, whether with the state, county or a veterans' service organization, is an individual who assists veterans, their dependents and survivors, with obtaining benefits to which they are entitled as result of their military service. Veterans' service officers are advocates for veterans and their families.

Veterans have earned certain benefits as a result of their service to their state and nation. Survivors and dependents of veterans may also have benefits available. Benefits are provided only to those who apply. Because the laws covering veterans' benefits are very complex, you are encouraged to obtain assistance with applying for them. Veterans' service officers can provide this service and assist with making certain that you are aware of all benefits to which you are entitled.

A full listing of veterans' service officers can be found on page 12 of this publication and now online at www.oregon.gov/odva. Just click on the text that reads veterans' service officers for contact information, mailing addresses, and office hours.

Veterans who need assistance with identifying and contacting a veterans' service officer, and veterans who do not have Internet access, can contact ODVA at (503) 373-2085 or toll free 1-800-692-9666.

Healing Field Event to be Held in Salem

Coming to Salem on the fifth anniversary of the terrorist attack of September 11, 2001, is a Healing Field event. This event is being organized by the City of Salem, Salem Area Chamber of Commerce, Oregon National Guard and the Oregon Exchange Clubs and will be held September 8-11, 2006.

Numerous Healing Field events have been held in cities across the United States and this year Salem will be one of fifteen cities in the country to host a Healing Field. The event will include a combined field of more than 4,500 U.S. flags to honor those who died during 9-11 and in Iraq and Afghanistan since.

The smaller separate fields will be designated to honor a specific group such as those who died in Tower 1 of the World Trade Center, Tower 2, the Pentagon and each of the aircraft.

Several ceremonies are being planned to take place throughout the event. Currently, the planners of the event are seeking Businesses and individuals who would be interested in sponsorships for the event in order to help provide the funds necessary to purchase all the flags that are needed. To date some of the sponsors include Les Schwab Tires, Boeing of Portland, Bank of the Cascades and KSND Radio.

Those interested in donation or sponsorship opportunities should contact Jerry Thompson at 503-364-9468. Checks can be made payable to Memorial Healing Field – Salem, and mailed to Healing Field, P.O. Box 13163, Salem, Oregon 97309. More information about the Healing Field is available at: www.healingfield.org/salem.



Reunions

USS Truxton DLGN/CGN-35 will be holding a reunion in Bremerton, Washington, August 2-6, 2006. For information contact Jerry Lane, 10893 Reef Sands Road, El Paso, Texas 79924-1143, telephone 915-821-1436.

Gamewardens of Vietnam Association Inc., will be holding its 2006 Reunion at the Denver Tech Center Hyatt Regency Hotel in Denver, Colorado, August 3-6, 2006. If you need more information, call 307-237-5755 or email wwcater571@bresnan.net.

Guadalcanal Campaign Veterans reunion honoring their 64th anniversary will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Arlington, Virginia, August 4-7, 2006. For further information, contact Gordon Morgan, GCV President at 503-254-6848 or email GCVets@aol.com.

63rd Infantry Division Association is having a reunion at the Drawbridge Inn in Fort Mitchell, Kentucky, August 16-20, 2006. If you have any questions please contact Edward Fowle, Reunion Chairman at 937-325-1990.

636th Radar Squadron biennial reunion will be held in Condon, Oregon, August 11-12, 2006. Contact Dave Klein at 541-504-8934 or email dvan636@bendnet.com, for more information.

Marine Air Control Squadron 9 (MACS-9) will be holding a reunion at the Crystal City Doubletree Hotel in Arlington, Virginia, August 9-13, 2006. For information contact R.A. Lashbaugh at 503-760-7171 or email Rlash@att.net.

USS Bon Homme Richard will hold a reunion at the Hilton Hotel in St. Paul, Minnesota, August 10-12, 2006. Contact Don Deycous at 509-754-2946 or email arladon@nwi.net for more information.

11th Armored Cavalry Regiment (Blackhorse) will hold its third annual Eugene Blackhorse Picnic Saturday, August 12, at the home of Al Murphy from 12:00 p.m. to 4 p.m. For Information, contact Adrian Vaaler at 541-344-2113 or email adrianvaaler@gmail.com.

The Fighting 69th Infantry Division Association is holding its 59th annual reunion August 14-20, in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania. Contact Robert Heisler at 503-463-9524 for more information.

75th Division Veterans Association, Inc., will be having a reunion at the Sheraton Hotel in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, August 23-26, 2006. Please contact James Warmouth at 317-241-3730.

16th Armored Division will hold its annual reunion at the Holiday Inn in Wilsonville, Oregon, August 23-27, 2006. More information can be obtained by contacting Nelson Havel, 15819 Red Clover Lane, Sherwood, Oregon 97140, telephone 503-625-3217 or email nelsonhavel@msn.com.

USS Princeton CV, CVA, CVS-37 and LPH-5 will hold a reunion in Portland, Oregon, at the Red Lion Hotel on the Columbia River, August 26-29, 2006. Contact Roger McMullin at 503-659-8356 for more information.

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