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Jim Willis, Director

Linn County Veterans Memorial Dedicated

Albany Oregon, the County seat of Linn County, is home to many veterans. Thanks to a memorial grant, all veterans from Oregon have been honored with a new memorial. The Linn County Veterans Memorial located in Timber-Linn Park honors veterans of all ages, ranks and service branches. The Memorial also pays tribute to Linn County veterans who have died while serving in the military, offering a place of solace for survivors, family members and the public.

The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department's (OPRD) Veterans and War Memorial Grant Program provided the Linn County Veterans Memorial Association (LCVMA) with the funds necessary to expand the Timber-Linn Memorial.

The dedication ceremony was held on November 10, shortly after the Albany Veterans Day parade. It is estimated that 400-



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The new veterans memorial at Timber-Linn Park in Albany honors veterans of all ages, ranks and branches of service.

500 citizens witnessed the historical event which included three waves of flyovers from various aircraft. Jim Willis, Director of the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs, served as the Master of Ceremonies.

Six flagpoles grace the Memorial and represent each branch of service; Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard and Merchant Marines. Uniformed servicemembers and veterans provided a ceremonious flag-raising during the playing of each service-anthem. After each flag was raised, Director Willis read the Armed Forces service creeds.

The Memorial and surrounding property has been designed to form the shape of the state of Oregon. The project was largely successful due to help from local businesses that gave materials, labor and monetary donations.

Along with the new memorial, Timber-Linn Park also offers covered picnic shelters making it a great location for summer barbecues for veteran service organizations and other community groups. Located at 900 Price Road SE, entrance to the park and viewing of the memorial is free of charge. To schedule a group outing in one of the covered picnic shelters, call Albany Parks and Recreation at 541-917-7777.

For more information about the Linn County Veterans Memorial, call LCVMA Chairman, Garner Pool at 541-974-6889.



Peake Confirmed as VA Secretary

By unanimous consent, the Senate confirmed retired Lt. General James Peake, as U.S. Veterans Affairs (VA) Secretary on December 14.

Peake, 63, is the first physician and first general officer to hold the position. A former Army Surgeon General, Peake retired from the Army in 2004. He served 40 years in military medicine and was the lead commander in several medical posts.

President Bush said one of Peake's first tasks would be to continue to implement recommendations of the presidential commission to include aggressively treating Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), streamlining VA processes and strengthening support for families.

Peake's "decades of expertise in combat medicine and healthcare management have provided him with a thorough understanding of the department's responsibility to care for America's veterans," Bush said in a statement. A decorated Vietnam veteran who was wounded twice in combat, Peake "understands the view from both sides of the hospital bed," Bush added.

Peake replaces Jim Nicholson, who stepped down October 1. Gordon Mansfield, the VA's Deputy Secretary, has been serving as acting secretary.

Widely supported by both Democrats and Republicans, Peake has promised lawmakers that he would be an independent advocate for veterans and get needed funding for their care. Dr. Peake was sworn in by President Bush in a ceremony on December 20.



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Director's Message



Following the recent severe flooding and windstorms in Oregon, disaster declarations have been made and the communities impacted are beginning to deal with the aftermath of this serious weather event.

In working to support our veterans and their families, Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs (ODVA) staff and County Veterans Service Officers have been working at the Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs) in St. Helens, Vernonia, Seaside and Tillamook, which are located in the hardest hit counties of Columbia, Clatsop and Tillamook.

Veterans have been able to receive cash assistance through the Oregon Veterans' Emergency Financial Assistance Program and gift cards purchased through the Fred Meyer Corporation. Fred Meyer was selected because they have the items most often identified by the victims of this disaster, i.e., pharmaceuticals, food, clothing, housewares and home repair items. I would also like to offer my appreciation and congratulations to the Fred Meyer Corporation for donating an additional \$500 in gift certificates to our veterans and their families in the affected areas.

The early response to the immediate needs of these veterans and their families is being met and is ongoing at this time. It is clear that the long term effects will take months and in some cases years to overcome.

Having visited each of these sites, it is clear a longer-term solution is needed. Just

Operation Recovery

imagine (as was the case with a number of veteran families) that one day you are employed, your kids are in a local school and you live in your own home. Then, in less than 24 hours, your home and car are gone and your place of employment is underwater. In short, you find yourself, homeless and unemployed and the schools your kids were attending are condemned and they are being bused to a school over 50 miles roundtrip from your home. You need a way to get around, food, clothes and a place to stay. And all of this is occurring just ahead of the Christmas holidays.

What can the veteran community of Oregon do to help? They can participate in **OPERATION RECOVERY**. Operation Recovery is designed to pair up a local post, chapter or detachment of a veterans' organization with an individual veteran family to help them get back on their feet. This may consist of assistance with home or auto repair, furniture, houseware or home repair supplies.

Federal FEMA representatives, State and County Veterans Service Officers (VSOs) are working together at the four Disaster Recovery Centers in Oregon to help victims of flood-ravaged areas. Some of those assisting include (clockwise from bottom): Val Conley of ODVA, Doug Yerke, State VSO, Joseph Pyle, Columbia County VSO, Director Willis, Ron Kincaid, State VSO, FEMA representative Bob Misley, Deanna Barnes, State VSO, Conley, Steve Weld, Columbia County VSO and Gus Bedwell, State VSO.

These needs are being assessed at the Disaster Recovery Centers at the time of this printing and it is hoped that those in need will be matched with various veterans' organizations early in 2008. As veterans, we have covered each other in peace and war and here is yet another opportunity to help those who are truly in need.

I want to take the opportunity to wish all of you a safe and healthy New Year full of success and accomplishment. Thank you all for your willingness to help each other, for your support of our Department and for your continued support for the Oregon Veterans' Home.

Jim Willis
Jim Willis, Director



Crash boat veterans paved way for Today's USAF combat rescue

Air Force Reservists from the 304th Rescue Squadron at Portland Air Base, got a first hand look at some combat rescue heritage on September 17. Along with a flotilla of six other boats, the unit members escorted a U.S. Army-Air Force relic, a P-520 crash boat, up the Willamette River to Portland's Riverside Marina.

The P-520 is a fully restored wooden hulled 85-foot fast air/sea rescue boat. The boats were used during World War II and the Korean War for combat rescue and recovery

of downed aviators before being decommissioned in 1957. The craft is a reminder of how far the Air Force's combat rescue has come in 60 years.

Joe Placente, a Korean War crash boat veteran, said, "For those that served, once they stepped back on board, it's like they were home again and back to being a 20-year old."

The P-520 is docked next to another World War II -era boat, a Navy PT-658.



Uniform Display Earns Recognition

Officials of the Oregon State Fair awarded the military uniform display first prize as being the best display at the 2007 Fair. The theme of the display this year, 'Freedom is not Free', was coupled with uniforms from the Korean War era. It also included pictures and artifacts from that era, including veterans on hand to answer fair-goers' questions.

The display can be found throughout the state of Oregon at various times. It has been on display at many military and non-military conferences, schools, retirement homes, churches, museums, and fairs. To learn more about the program call Mac MacDonald at 503-364-4299.



Changes Made in Veterans' Tax Exemptions

Effective January 1, 2008, disabled veterans or the surviving spouse of a veteran, will no longer be required to refile annually if all qualifying conditions for the exemption remain unchanged.

Veterans, who are certified 40 percent or more disabled by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), will be eligible for an exemption. They may be entitled to exempt \$15,814 or \$19,096 of their homestead property's assessed value.

For each property assessment year after January 1, 1998, the exempt amount increases by three percent. The exemption is first applied to the home and then to the veteran's taxable personal property.

If a qualifying veteran or a qualifying veteran's surviving unremarried spouse lives in their home, they may apply for the exemption. Applications must be submitted to the local county assessor's office by April 1, 2008.

If you qualified for this exemption in 2007 and your status is unchanged, you do not need to reapply.

Members of the Oregon National Guard and Reserves who were called to active duty on or after January 1, 2005, and who served for more than 178 consecutive days during the tax year, may be eligible for an exemption from taxation of \$60,000 of the assessed value of owned residential property in Oregon. Any qualified servicemember can claim their exemption by completing and filing the Oregon Active Military Service Member's Exemption Claim at their local county assessor's office.

Forms should be returned to the county assessor's office, with any other required documentation, on or before August 1 following the end of the tax year for which the exemption is being claimed. The active duty military forms are available online at www.oregon.gov/DOR/PTD/docs/303-084.pdf.

A surviving spouse or family member may file at any time during the current tax year if:

- The war veteran died anytime during the current or prior tax year,
- The homestead property was acquired after March 1, but prior to July 1, and,
- The veteran died within 30 days of the date the property was acquired.

To obtain more information about either of these property tax exemptions, contact your county assessor's office or, call ODVA's Loan Services Section at 503-373-2199.



Dewett Wayside to Honor Veterans

Working through the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Adopt-a-Highway Program, Point Man Ministries Outpost 101 was offered a unique opportunity in 2005 to adopt a wayside just north of North Bend, Oregon.

Soon, plans to build a veterans memorial at the wayside began to take shape. One of the leaders and enthusiastic supporters of the project was David Dewett. The U.S. Navy veteran organized work parties to improve the wayside, to mow and dispose of trash. Dewett

passed away in late 2005 and in his memory the wayside has been named the David Dewett Memorial Wayside.

Point Man is offering two sizes of bricks for sale to assist with construction costs of the memorial. For more information, or to purchase a brick, call Julie at 541-756-5061, or Mike at 541-2670-4755. Bricks may also be purchased online: www.pointman101.org/Dave.Dewett.Memorial.htm



Bend Bridge, Walkway Dedicated

A bridge and walkway have been named in honor of all central Oregon veterans and in memory of a Bend Marine who was killed in action while serving in Iraq. The newly-named and dedicated Veterans Memorial Bridge and LCPL Randy Lee Newman, U.S.M.C., Memorial Walkway are located on Newport Avenue crossing and the Deschutes River near downtown Bend.

The bridge and walkway were dedicated on November 10, which was on the U.S. Marine Corps' 232nd birthday. Eight of the 44 flags that are displayed on the bridge and the walkway section, honor Newman and seven other marines from his unit who were killed in action on August 20, 2006 in Rawah, Iraq.

Additionally, seven flags display the Pledge of Allegiance. Nine flags display the names of local veterans and Boy Scout Troop 25. Two engraved granite monuments are located near the end of the bridge's walkway and adjacent to the sidewalk.



Veterans Appreciation Night in Hillsboro

Hillsboro Elks Lodge No. 1862 opened its doors to the public on November 8 for its annual veterans appreciation night. More than 120 veterans, families and friends came together for the event.

Prior to a tribute program, all veterans in attendance were treated to a free dinner. Event chairperson Pam Shipley praised the evening as a great success and fitting recognition for those who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces.

Guest speakers included State Representative David Edwards. He thanked the veterans for their service and spoke about recent legislative issues that positively affected them. Other speakers included members of the Oregon State Elks Association and Elks National Veterans Service Commission Chair, Rick Hanson.

For more information about Elks membership or their charitable work, contact Rick or Pam Shipley at 503-780-8742, or at the Lodge, 503-648-1862.





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Magazine Subscription Program

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

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

Dale D. Draper
Joanna D. Stuart
Penelope White

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



Friends of the Home

Donations to the Oregon Veterans' Home Trust Fund continue to be received. We deeply appreciate the thoughtfulness and generosity of an ever-growing number of Friends of the Home. To become a friend of the Home, use the gift form on page 5, and make a tax deductible donation today. Those who contributed during the months of October and November 2007 are listed below:

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Bandon Museum Seeks Veterans

The Bandon Historical Society Museum is seeking assistance with a project intended to pay tribute to local area veterans. The museum is wanting to add an index to its military exhibit and include the names and military information of all Coos County and south coast veterans.

The museum's Executive Director, Judy Knox, said the project is another way to honor veterans from Bandon. Those who attended schools in Bandon, Langlois, Bear Creek, Prosper, Riverton, Two Mile, or the Four Mile area are encouraged to get involved.

"We now have over 300 veterans' names, but there's very little information about them," she said. "Our goal is to make this list of veterans' information as complete as possible. We also want to know if a loved one was killed in action or if they have passed on."

Knox said a veteran's service can be during peace time or during a war or conflict dating back to the Civil War.

The additional information that is needed includes: Name, rank, branch of service, years of service, the locations they served in, where the veteran was born and the local area school they attended.

Coos County veterans who reside in or are from the south coast are asked to stop by the museum, pick up a form and return it with the requested information. They can also go to the museum's website to print out the form: <http://bandonhistoricalmuseum.org/veterans/>

To learn more, stop by the museum, located at 270 Fillmore near Highway 101, or call 541-347-2164.



Purple Heart Stamp Rededicated



The United States Postal Service recently rededicated its 41-cent Purple Heart Postage Stamp, marking the third issuance of the stamp. 2007 marks the 75th anniversary of the Purple Heart Medal.

The stamp may be purchased online at the U.S. Postal Service's Postal Online Store or by calling toll free 1-800-STAMP-24.

The stamps are also available at local Post Offices. For more information on the Purple Heart Stamp, visit the U.S. Postal Service website at <http://shop.usps.com>



OVH Receives National Award

During a special ceremony held on October 23 to mark the 10th anniversary of the Oregon Veterans' Home (OVH), a distinguished award was placed on permanent display in the Home's reception area. The American Health Care Association (AHCA)/National Center For Assisted Living (NCAL) Quality Award (Step 1) was awarded to the Home for its commitment to continuous quality improvement and commitment to achieve performance excellence in the long-term care profession. Linda Adams, Admissions and Liaison Officer, represented the Home and accepted the award that was presented in Boston, Massachusetts in early October.

"It is quite an honor to have the Oregon Veterans' Home recognized in this manner as it validates what we have all strived very hard to ensure, that the Home and its staff be truly dedicated to providing the best care possible to the residents who have entrusted them," said Jim Willis, Director, Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA).

Additional celebrations were held in honor of the Home's 10th anniversary. A special



Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs Director Jim Willis, and Oregon Veterans' Home Admissions and Liaison Officer Linda Adams, stand in front of the AHCA/NCAL Quality Award. The award was given to the OVH for commitment and continuous quality improvement.

party with pizza, soft drinks and karaoke got residents involved. OVH staff that have been employed at the Home for ten years also were given special recognition and presented with certificates of appreciation.



Oregon Veterans' Home Gift Form

"Give to those who have already given of themselves"

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

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

Here is my gift in the amount of: _____

I prefer not to receive a Remembrance Pin.

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

Credit Card: VISA MasterCard

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Signature: _____

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In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____ Zip: _____

Send acknowledgements to: Name & Address: _____

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Please clip this form and mail with your donation to:

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

Special Benefits for Veterans

Dignity Memorial Offers 24-Hour Compassion Helpline to Oregon Veterans, Military Families

Answered 24 hours a day by professionally trained and licensed counselors, Dignity Memorial is offering the services of the *Compassion Helpline* at no charge to Oregon veterans, military members and their families.

The toll-free number designated for use by Oregon's members of the armed services and their families is 800-854-8080.

The Compassion Helpline offers caring counsel to those suffering from depression, post-traumatic stress disorder or other mental or emotional challenges, especially when usual support networks such as clergy and friends are unavailable.

With more than 1,800 locations, Dignity Memorial is North America's largest network of funeral and cemetery service providers.

Oregon Adaptive Hosts Ski Day

Attention Veterans!

Oregon Adaptive Sports, Hoodoo Ski Resort and other businesses in Sisters want to say "Thanks" by presenting the first annual Soldiers in Sisters event on February 9, 2008.

The weekend will include one complimentary day of snow skiing with the Adaptive instructors, one night lodging for the veteran and their spouse and all meals on that day.

This offer is for amputee veterans and their spouses. For more information on Adaptive Skiing, call Oregon Adaptive at 541-419-0314 or check out their website at www.oregonadaptivesports.org.

Space is limited. To sign up, call Amber Blanchard at 541-419-0314 or by email at amber@bendparksandrec.org.



Greyhound Honors Servicemembers

Greyhound Bus Lines is proud to carry those who serve or have served our country. In recognition of the men and women of the United States Armed Forces, Greyhound is offering several discount packages.

Discount packages include:

- **10% discount for active-duty and retired personnel and their dependent family members on walk-up (unrestricted) fares.***
- **\$198 maximum rate fare on a round trip ticket to anywhere in the continental United States.***
- **15% discount for those holding a Veterans Advantage Discount Card.****
- **25% discount on applicable one-way fares for patients of U.S. Veterans Administration (VA) hospitals when traveling at their own expense.*****
- **40% discount for children of active duty and retired military personnel except in conjunction with the \$198 maximum military fare.**



* Fares are valid on Greyhound schedules and those of participating interline carriers. Not available on Greyhound Canada routes. A valid military picture identification card must be presented upon request for the active military discount.

* Unused tickets may be refunded to the location of the original purchase although a 15-percent penalty fee applies upon refund.

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*** To qualify for the VA hospital discount, the patient must present a completed original VA Request for Reduced Rate Transportation Form (VA-Form 3068) to the ticket agent at the time of the purchase.

Veterans Show Patriotism with Window Stickers

Window stickers and magnetic vehicle plaques are now available for veterans who want to display a symbol of their service to the armed forces and to the United States. Vet-signias, as they are called, offer veterans "every day visibility" says Bob Kline, a U.S. Marine Corps veteran and spokesman for the Vet-signia group.

The Vet-signias come in both metallic window sticker and magnetic plaque formats for display purposes. Veterans can choose to display their branch of service, their expeditionary campaigns and their status as veterans.

"Our aim is to provide a neat, attractive way for all veterans to show their service," says Kline. "The public should know the veterans in their communities." Says Kline, the stickers and plaques also speak to their philosophy. They offer veterans a chance to say "I did it when it had to be done, and I am proud of it."

The window stickers (2" X 4" in size) are priced at three for \$10, and the plaques (2.75" X 5.75") are two for \$10. Both can be viewed at their website, www.vetsignia.org.

Requests for the items can be sent to Bob Kline, PO Box 3821, Blue Bell, PA 19422. Be sure to include your branch of service, campaign, expeditionary or peacetime. For more information, call 610-277-1171, or email to bobk.wv2usmc@vetsignia.org.



Is Unclaimed Property Yours?

Each November, staff of the Oregon Department of State Lands receive and process property for thousands of individuals and businesses whose unclaimed property has been turned over to the state. The value of this property exceeds approximately \$40 million annually.

Within the next few months, there will be more names added to the website listing and it is advised to check the website often, at www.oregon.gov/dsl/up. Or you may call, 503-986-5200.

You may also want to check the Oregon Department of Revenue website to see if they are holding any checks in your name, <http://www.oregon.gov/DOR/index.shtml>.

If you moved to Oregon from another state and think you may have left unclaimed property behind, visit the National Association of Unclaimed Property Administrators (NAUPA) website at www.unclaimed.org which has links to other state's unclaimed property program websites.



New Klamath Falls Memorial Honors Veterans

“We are reminded these bricks are written in the blood of our warriors... With tears, joy and gifts of thanksgiving, we now dedicate this memorial.” These were the words of Major Lance McCuiston of the Oregon Air National Guard’s 173rd Fighter Wing during the dedication of the new Veterans Memorial in Klamath Falls.

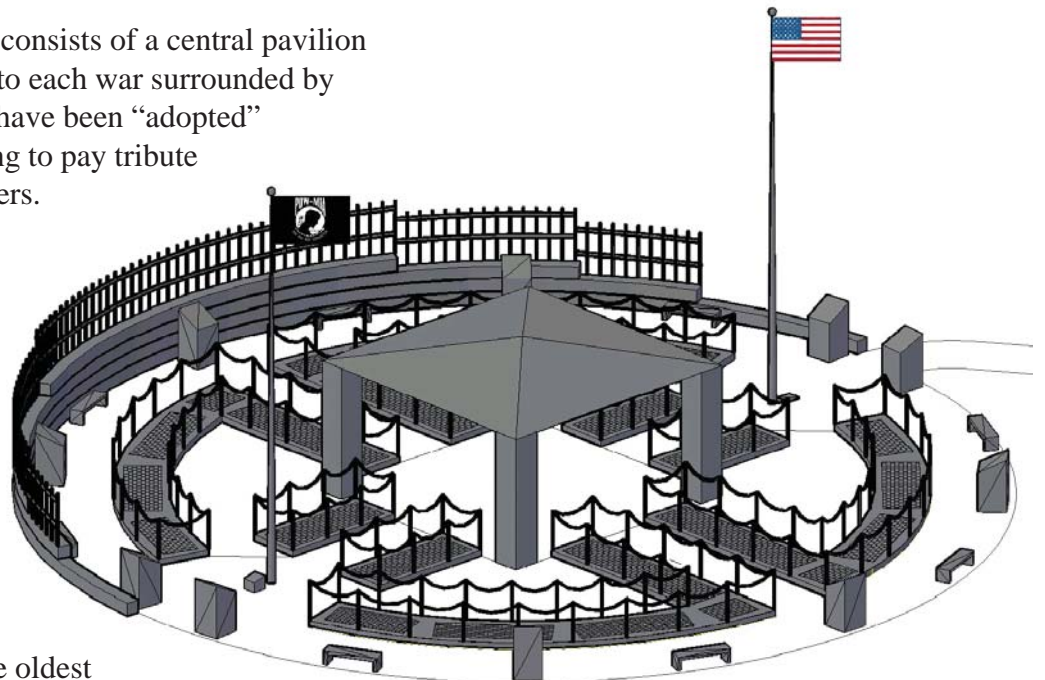
The new memorial is a joint venture among the City of Klamath Falls, the Air Guard at Kingsley Field, Klamath County and several local veterans’ organizations. Although the memorial had been in the works for some time, once under the leadership of McCuiston and the Air Guard, the project was completed 12 weeks after groundbreaking.

Val Conley, Administrator of the Veterans’ Services Division of the Oregon Department of Veterans’ Affairs, was a guest speaker at the dedication event held on Veterans Day 2007. As she spoke to the several hundred people in attendance along the shores of Lake Ewauna at Klamath Veterans Memorial Park, Conley called upon those present to “be devoted to

the same principles [past veterans] were, by teaching the history of the country and the role veterans played in it.” Conley reminded the crowd, “Freedom is not free; it is a gift given to us at great cost.”

The memorial consists of a central pavilion with monuments to each war surrounded by brick pavers that have been “adopted” by citizens wishing to pay tribute to military members.

Two local veterans, Charles L. Buck and Robert A. Anderson, both 96 years old, were honored at the event by the Non-Commissioned Officers’ Association as the oldest living veterans in Klamath County.



For questions about the memorial, or interest in “adopting” a brick, contact Lisa Bailey with the Klamath County Parks Department at 541-883-5351.



Recovered World War II Navy Photo Finds a Home

In November, a law office in Buena Vista, Colorado forwarded to the Oregon Department of Veterans’ Affairs (ODVA) an old framed photo of a U.S. Navy training unit in boot camp in Farragut, Idaho, during 1944. It was a photo similar to what many American servicemen received during that time—a picture of their training unit lined up in rows and standing on a raised platform.

In this picture was a Salem man, R.J. Halvorson. He was the training commander for the more than 100 sailors pictured.

Following the death of one of those trainees in 2007, D.V. Enlund, a law office employee discovered the somewhat worn picture among the late-man’s personal effects. An office aide forwarded the weathered photo to ODVA after noticing that Halvorson’s Salem address was on the back of the frame.

After its arrival, several phone calls were made that would lead to Halvorson’s son, Rick, of Salem. Recently retired from the Oregon Army National Guard after 27 years of military service, Halvorson recognized the photo.

“After dad died 37 years ago, we moved our mom to another home and that picture was among the items that we

accidentally lost,” Halvorson said. “We were disappointed, but thanks to someone else’s kindness, we now have this one.”

Halvorson noted that despite his rank, at age 27, his dad became one of the Navy’s lower ranking training commanders for that time. Following his dad’s lead, Halvorson later joined the Navy in the 1960s and served aboard the aircraft carrier *USS Enterprise*. After a 14-year break in service, he joined the Army National Guard and had been working full-time at the Oregon Military Department in Salem until his retirement this past October.



Rick Halvorson holds a framed photo taken in 1944 which shows his dad (inset) surrounded by the men he commanded during U.S. Navy boot camp. Paula Brown (left), ODVA Deputy Director, and Robin Steckley, ODVA Public Information Officer presented the picture to Halvorson.

Military Reunions

USS Tarawa CV-40 And LHA-1 is having their 19th annual reunion May 1-4, 2008 in Charleston, South Carolina. Contact Frank Grosey at 928-763-8242 or email grosley@frontiernet.net. Or contact Walter Tothoro at 765-362-6937 or email walsue@wico.net.

Combat Veterans of Iwo Jima is having their annual and historical battle seminar on February 15-17, 2008 in Washington, D.C. Participants will include veterans, military leaders, and historians who will discuss the operation in depth. For registration packets call 703-212-0695 or email comabtvetiwo@miltours.com.

American Defenders of Bataan And Corregidor will hold their 63rd National Convention for members and descendents May 5-11, 2008 at the Holiday Inn Convention Center in Louisville, Kentucky. For reservations, call the hotel direct at 502-582-2241, or email elizabethscott@myholidayinndowntown.com.

USS Maddox Destroyer Association is having a reunion September 3-7, 2008 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Contact Cliff Gillespie at 2118 Hines Road, Jennings, Louisiana 70546, or call 337-616-8450. Email cwgilles45@aol.com.

USS Nimitz CVN-68 Aircraft Carrier currently deployed to the Persian Gulf, is looking for former shipmates. More than 40,000 U.S. citizens have served on this ship over the past 32 years. Contact Bill Paschall, Commander, U.S. Navy, at 478-333-6285.

Malarkey Helps Bowling for Troops Fundraiser

A World War II Army paratrooper depicted in the 2001 HBO mini-series "Band of Brothers" has helped raise funds for portable bowling equipment for servicemembers overseas. Don Malarkey lent his support by signing autographs during the fundraiser "10 Pins for Troops" at Keizer's Town and Country Lanes bowling alley on December 9.

As a member of the national Bowlers for Veterans organization, Town and Country Lanes owner Don Lebold started the project to purchase portable bowling lanes and then have them shipped to troops serving in Afghanistan, Iraq and aboard Navy ships.

Lebold asked his friend, Malarkey, 86, to appear and donate his time to raise money for the project by signing autographs on books and memorabilia. Lebold also reduced bowling prices and donated much of the alley's revenue on that day to the fund.

"We want to let everyone know, especially our troops, how much we appreciate their service and sacrifices," Lebold said. "These portable bowling lanes have been a huge hit with our military serving in Iraq, Afghanistan and aboard the *USS Enterprise*."

Early June 6, 1944, D-Day, Malarkey and other members of the 101st Airborne Division

parachuted in behind German lines, near Utah Beach. The Bronze Star recipient said he enjoys giving of his time in any way. "I want to help. It's never easy to fight a war, and most can't even imagine what it's like. I salute the sacrifice our troops are making today."

Corban College student Jim Young was thrilled to meet Malarkey and said, "Even after all of this time, his work isn't done yet with the military."



World War II paratrooper Don Malarkey (center) discusses a battle he was involved with on D-Day, June 6, 1944.

Lebold said nearly \$2,200 was raised at the event. The cost for each portable bowling lane is \$500 and donations are still being accepted. For more information or to make a donation, call 503-390-2221, or visit this website: www.tandcbowl.net.



Education Opportunities Moving Veterans Forward

It has been 63 years since the inception of the GI Bill. Since then, the program has moved Oregonians forward socially, economically, and politically. Once again, the GI Bill is geared towards moving veterans forward with an increase in educational assistance. The new increased rates for the 2008 Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB) program became effective October 1, 2007.

- Full-time (12 hours or more) = \$1,101.00
- 3/4 time (9 - 11 hours) = \$825.75
- 1/2 time (6 - 8 hours) = \$550.50
- less than 1/2 and more than 1/4 time = \$550.50
- 1/4 time or less = \$275.25

These payment amounts represent rates that may apply to a veteran that served an enlistment of three years or more. The GI Bill is a voluntary program that begins during boot camp. The program allows servicemembers to pay into the program during their first year of enlistment. Veterans must have an honorable discharge to be eligible for education benefits.

Veterans leaving the U.S. Armed Forces with service-connected disabilities can seek Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (VR&E) Services with VA. VR&E provides vocational-educational counseling to include interest and aptitude testing; occupational exploration; setting occupational goals; locating the right type of training program and exploring educational or training facilities that might be used to achieve an occupational goal.

A new Buy-up option strengthens the GI Bill and adds value by allowing active-duty servicemembers to contribute an additional \$600 to the GI Bill. The \$600 contribution earns \$5,400 in additional GI Bill benefits. The benefit is payable after leaving active duty, and additional contributions must be made while on active duty.

The MGIB provides up to 36 months of education benefits that include:

- College, Technical, Business and Vocational Schools
- Licenses and Certification Testing
- Tuition Assistance (Top-Up)
- Correspondence Courses
- Flight Training
- College Entrance National Tests (SAT, ACT)

In either program, GI Bill or VR&E, an honorable discharge is required. Early discharge separations must meet certain requirements. Veterans can apply online using the GI Bill website www.gibill.va.gov or by calling 1-888-442-4551. VR&E is online at www.vetsuccess.gov or by calling 1-800-827-1000. A full listing of service officers is available on the back page of this newsletter.



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- * Access ODVA's website at www.oregon.gov/odva
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- * Write to ODVA's Privacy Officer to have a copy mailed to you; or
- * Ask for a copy the next time you visit ODVA.

VA NEWS & NOTES

GI Bill Improvements

Over 20 million veterans and beneficiaries have received GI Bill benefits since its inception. In 2007, more than half a million veterans and beneficiaries used the educational assistance benefit. The VA recently cited improvements in reducing processing time for veterans seeking higher education.

Acting Secretary of Veterans Affairs Gordon H. Mansfield said, "These improvements come despite a 40 percent increase in applications for GI Bill benefits since 2001."

The average processing time has been reduced by eight days to an average of 32 days for 2007. Re-enrollment processing also saw a similar drop when measured in 2006.

For more information on VA education benefits, contact your county veterans' service officer (see page 12), or contact ODVA at 800-692-9666.



GI Bill Postage Stamp
circa 1999

Veterans Immigration Hotline Available

Since the beginning of the War on Terror, almost 34,000 servicemembers and veterans have been naturalized through U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). Posthumous citizenship has also been granted to over 100 fallen soldiers. USCIS has coordinated and streamlined the application and naturalization process for military personnel serving on active-duty or recently discharged war veterans.

Special provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) provide citizenship for servicemembers and certain veterans under the special wartime provisions in Section 329 of the INA. This includes immigrants who have served honorably on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces or as a member of the Selected Ready Reserve on or after September 11, 2001.

Immigration fees are waived for applicants filing under Section 328 and 329 of the INA. Other provisions of law extend benefits to surviving spouses, children, and parents.

A toll-free hotline has been setup for these military veterans and families, 877-247-4645. The forms are available online at www.uscis.gov.

Pilot for Disability Evaluation System

VA and DoD announced a joint pilot program for wounded warriors. The program creates a new single disability evaluation system at three major military medical facilities in the Washington, D.C. area.

The program is designed to eliminate confusing elements of the current disability process shared between the organizations by eliminating duplicative efforts. The improvement is a result of the President's Commission on Care for America's Returning Wounded Warriors (Dole/Shalala).

This program will aim to simplify health care and rehabilitation creating an easier channel for injured servicemembers and veterans. Key features of the disability evaluation system (DES) pilot include one medical examination and a single-sourced disability rating.

The pilot includes all non-clinical care and administrative activities, such as case management and counseling requirements associated with disability case processing from the servicemember's initial referral to a Military Department Medical Evaluation Board to VA's compensation and benefits program.

Income Tax Assistance for Veterans Free of Charge From AARP

Free assistance with income tax preparation will be available to veterans at several locations in the Salem area. Please contact the location of your choice with questions about their hours, dates and availability.

Salem Senior Center, 1055 Erxion St. NE. Appointment only, Monday - Saturday. Call 503-588-6303.

Salem Area Seniors, 930 Plymouth Drive NE. Appointment and walk-in, Monday - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Call 503-390-7441.

South Salem Senior Center, 6450 Fairway Avenue SE. Appointment and walk-in, Wednesday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Call 503-588-0748.

West Salem Library, 395 Glen Creek Rd NW. Appointment only, Monday, Friday, Saturday. Call 503-588-6301.

South Salem Department of Revenue, 4275 Commercial St. SE. Walk-in only, Monday - Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Salem Public Library, 585 Liberty St. SE. Walk-in only, Saturday's, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Dallas A/F Services, 177 SW Oak St. Appointment only. Call 503-623-5526.

Monmouth Senior Center, 180 Warren St. S. Appointment only. Call 503-980-8704.

Woodburn Library, 280 Garfield St. Appointment only. Call 503-980-8704.

Salem Hosts Mayoral Veterans' Ball

The City of Salem recently hosted the first Mayoral Veterans' Ball. Held on the evening of November 16th, the Oregon War Veterans Association honored Salem Mayor Janet Taylor and many other local citizens. Taking place at the Salem Convention Center the evening recognized the efforts of individuals who support the U.S. Armed Forces, its active members, and veterans alike.

The Veterans' Ball centered on presenting awards to Oregonians who have carried the torch for Oregon veterans and the military. Awards were presented in the areas of veteran services, military leadership and citizenship.

Both H.A. "Mac" MacDonald and Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs Director Jim Willis were awarded Veteran Service Awards. ODVA Deputy Director Paula Brown attended and accepted the award on behalf of Willis.

Military Leadership Awards were awarded to Brigadier General Mike Caldwell and Brigadier



PHOTO BY TIMOTHY J. GONZALEZ

Don Malarkey (left), one of the "Band of Brothers" from World War II, talks with Senate President Peter Courtney (right), Mayor Janet Taylor (second from right) and her husband, Duane Taylor, during a reception before the military gala at the Salem Conference Center.

General Doug Pritt (Ret.) of the Oregon Army National Guard.

The highlight of the evening was the DeShazer Awards. These award recipients were Del Smith, Owner and Founder of Evergreen Aviation along with VFW life member, Dennis Guthrie. The DeShazer Award is named after Staff Sgt. Jacob DeShazer. DeShazer, 95, of Salem, was a bombardier with the famed "Doolittle Raiders" of World War II who first bombed Japan in 1942.

Citizenship Awards were awarded to the following individuals: Congresswoman Darlene Hooley; Salem Mayor, Janet Taylor; State Representatives Donna Nelson and Jeff Barker and former House Speaker Karen Minnis. Photographer Q Madp, of the website www.IraqWarHeroes.org, also received the award.



Troops to Teachers Wins National Award

The Met Life Foundation's Civic Ventures Breakthrough Award was this year awarded to *Troops to Teachers*, a program of the U.S. Departments of Defense and Education.

Officially, the award is intended for innovative organizations that tap into the passion and experience of people over 50 years of age to improve society, "A salute to any nonprofit or public sector agency that takes on local, national or international challenges by engaging this vast and vibrant workforce."

Since 1994, Troops to Teachers has helped more than 10,000 military veterans transition

into second careers as public school teachers, offering counseling, referral services and financial incentives up to \$10,000.

The program provides teachers that do not fit the normal mold for educators, as nearly half are over 50 years of age, retired from the military with more than 20 years of service. Forty-six percent of the program's teachers go on to teach Science curriculum courses. This compares to only 18 percent of all teachers.

Troops to Teachers is one of 10 national award winners selected for "its inspiring practices in hiring and retaining individuals

age 50 and over to meet important social needs."

For complete eligibility requirements for program participants, look online at www.proudtoserveagain.com.

For more information, contact the Oregon TTT Representative Ed Brands at 360-253-9494 or email edbrands@comcast.net. You may also contact Jim Scavino at 800-231-6242, ext. 158 or by email at jscavino@voled.doded.mil.



Helping Oregon's Vets, As Easy as 1, 2, 3

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.00	OR Head Start Association ● 63	.00
.00	Oregon Coast Aquarium ● 65	
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Charitable Check-Off

*The Oregon Veterans' Home...
The Place Where Honor Lives.*

- 1) Locate the Charitable Check-Off option on your Oregon tax form (Long form, line 69 of Short form, line 39).
- 2) Enter Code # 12 for the Oregon Veterans' Home
- 3) Sit back and relax.
The Oregon Revenue Department does the rest. Your donation will be automatically sent to the Oregon Veterans' Home in your name.

Combat, Suicide Related

The casualties of war that are not often talked about are military members who die of self-inflicted wounds. According to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), suicide is the 11th most frequent cause of death in America.

Some good news is that anyone can receive immediate professional help by calling the National Suicide Prevention hotline at 1-800-SUICIDE. VA is also expanding counseling and mental health services to help meet the needs of returning veterans and provide early treatment. Vet Centers and VA Medical Centers stand ready 24 hours a day to assist and offer to help veterans at risk for suicide.

For many in the military, counseling can be a bad word—as it might be seen as a sign of weakness.

Yet, thousands of servicemembers are returning with disabling injuries and mental health disorders that put them at higher risk. The number of suicides committed by U.S. servicemembers after arriving home from a combat zone is not only double the total among troops still serving in those same combat areas, but double that of the general population.

A report from the Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS), “Violent Deaths In Oregon: 2005,” found that suicide remains the leading cause of violent death. In 2005, it was reported that 28 percent (153 of 771) of all Oregon suicides were among veterans. Of those, 148 were male. This report collects information from many data sources and compiles incident-based cases for all violent deaths in Oregon in order to generate public health information and to develop violence prevention strategies.

A study by the VA’s Health Services Research Division suggests that younger military members may be at the greatest risk of taking their own lives. The study focused on 807,694 depressed veterans in the VA health care system from 1999 to 2004 and suggests that more resources are needed to reduce suicide in this age group.

VA records show that 100,000 veterans are now seeking help for mental health concerns—52,000 for post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) alone. Military members under the age of 40 are three times more likely to be diagnosed with PTSD or depression than their older counterparts. As it was with their military predecessors in previous wars, the returning younger veterans have never before experienced feelings and emotions at the levels that are often associated with war.

Americans are beginning to rethink how they view this chronic mental health issue. On November 7, 2007, President George W. Bush signed into law the Joshua Omvig Suicide Prevention Act, which requires the VA to meet deadlines in providing increased services.

Veterans can also go to a VA Medical Center, Community Based Outpatient Clinic’s or vet center if they feel they may be dangerous to themselves or others. Those who may be at risk could exhibit any of the following behaviors:

- Talking about wanting to hurt or kill oneself
- Trying to get pills, guns, or other ways to harm oneself
- Talking or writing about death, dying, or suicide
- Feelings of hopelessness
- Rage, uncontrolled anger, seeking revenge
- Acting in a reckless or risky way
- Feeling trapped, like there’s no way out
- Feeling or saying there’s no reason for living

In Oregon, the National Guard’s Reintegration and Service Member Support is actively assisting Guard members in transitioning back to their families, their job or school, and their community. They provide a 24-hour **Northwest Human Services Suicide Prevention hotline at 800-560-5535.**

If you feel you or someone you know is in crisis, call to speak with a trained crisis worker. **The VA Suicide Hotline, 800-273-8255,** will also immediately connect veterans to VA suicide prevention and mental health professionals.



Charitable Check-off Helps Veterans

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

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

Through Oregon’s Charitable Check-off campaign, individual taxpayers have an opportunity to donate all or a portion of their state tax refund to the Oregon Veterans’ Home in an effort to offset some of the costs of caring for these honorable people.

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

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

In order to donate a portion of your refund to the Veterans’ Home, simply locate the “other charity” option of your tax form (Long form, line 69 and Short form, line 39). Then enter code “12” for the Veterans’ Home. That’s it! The Oregon Department of Revenue takes care of the rest.

If you have any questions about the Charitable Check-off campaign, you can call the Oregon Department of Revenue at 503-378-4988 or the Oregon Department of Veterans’ Affairs at 503-373-2386.

New Parking for Wheelchair Users

The Oregon Legislature passed laws relating to parking spaces for disabled citizens. Beginning in January 2008, all parking facilities with more than 100 spaces must have at least one space dedicated to drivers that use wheelchairs.

This space must provide an area for loading and unloading the wheelchair from the vehicle. Additionally, signs will be required



for “Van Accessible” and “Wheelchair User Only” for each accessible parking space. Van Accessible applies to all parking facilities, while Wheelchair User applies only to parking facilities with 100 or more parking spaces.

Senate Bill 716 from the 2007 Oregon legislative session directs the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) to provide citizens that qualify with new wheelchair-only parking placards. This includes a person who uses a wheelchair or similar low-powered motorized or mechanically propelled vehicle designed specifically for use by a person with a physical disability.

The new law takes effect on January 1, however facilities have flexibility with regards to construction or repainting. Parking in any of the new designation spaces using the old placard will result in fines.

Accessible parking spaces and signs have been designed in compliance with the standards set forth by the Oregon Transportation Commission and the Oregon Disabilities Commission. The new law was carried by the Committee On Health Policy and Public Affairs at the request of Oregon Paralyzed Veterans of America (OPVA). For more information contact the Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles at 503-945-5000.



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