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Oregon National Guard

President Bush visits Portland

Two members of the Oregon Air National Guard prepare for President Bush's arrival at the Portland Air Base.



Colleen Breedon

PORTLAND—They waited nearly an hour in cold, rainy conditions, but nearly 200 military members were all smiles as they applauded the arrival of President George W. Bush upon his arrival at Portland Air Base, Saturday, January 5.

Flanked by Oregon Rep. Greg Walden, (R) and Sen. Gordon Smith (R), the president was greeted by the Maj. Gen. Alexander H. Burgin, Oregon's adjutant general, Brig. Gen. Wayne Green, chief of staff, Oregon Air National Guard, and Col. Garry Dean, commander, 142nd Fighter Wing. Bush also shook hands with several Portland firefighters and local Red Cross volunteers.

Before boarding his limousine, the president walked to a waiting crowd of

over 150 Guard members and their families who stood inside a small waiting area anxiously to meet America's chief executive.

It was the first time many had ever met any president.

Bush didn't disappoint them as he shook nearly every hand and greeted each person.

"It wasn't the typical welcome, but he gave us a sincere look in the eye with a handshake and greeting. When he met with the children he even knelt down to their level when talking with them," said Lt. Col. Gary Eckert, commander, 142nd Logistics Squadron. "The crowd left with a feeling that this president truly cares about the military and the many sacrifices they make to preserve freedom for all Americans."



Tech Sgt. Todd Enland

Maj. Gen. Alexander Burgin, Brig. Gen. Wayne Green, and Col. Garry Dean greet President Bush at his arrival in Portland.

This wasn't the first time Chris Allegre 17, of Keizer, had seen a president at the base. He previously was among those who shook hands with both President Bill Clinton and Vice President Al Gore at the base in 1994.

"It's cool to be able to see any president, but Bush seems like such a great leader and a friendly guy—it was really great to meet him," he said.

Soldier and Olympian

Dan Steele
Oregon Army
National Guard



Member of Shimer's USA II team in the 2002 Olympic bobsled team in Salt Lake City, Utah...Placed fifth in decathlon in 2000 US Olympic track & field trials...Took 8th in IAAF World Championships in decathlon (1999)...1999 Pan-Am Games silver medallist in decathlon... Placed 3rd in the 1999 U.S. National Championships... Ranked third in the US in decathlon in 1999...Member of the 1998 Olympic team in Nagano, Japan...Holds USA sibling point record in decathlon with twin brother, Darrin...Ranked 5th in US and 25th in world in decathlon (1995)...2001 assistant track and field coach at University of Oregon...2001 Inductee to Eastern Illinois University hall of fame.

The Bobsled Teams in action

- Saturday, Feb. 16 5 p.m.
 - Sunday, Feb. 17 5 p.m.
 - Friday, Feb. 22 4:30 p.m.
 - Saturday, Feb. 23 4:30 p.m.
- (All times ET)

Fulfilling a mother's prophesy: Oregon soldier chosen to carry the Olympic flame in Salem

Pfc. Beth Rowley carries the Olympic flame through downtown Salem during the Olympic torch relay in January. Rowley is assigned to HHD/741st CSB in Clackamas, and attached to C Co., 3-116 Cavalry in The Dalles, as a supply specialist.



Colleen Breedon

Laurie was the mother 18 years ago who made the Olympic prophesy. The baby was Pfc. Beth Rowley, now attached to Co. C, 3-116 Cavalry in The Dalles.

Rowley was among about 120 Oregonians chosen to carry the Olympic flame on its 13,500 mile relay from Greece to Salt Lake City for the 2002 Winter Olympics.

The torch weighs about three pounds, is 33 inches long, and three inches wide at the top.

It is made of silver, copper and glass, and is designed to look like a mountain icicle.

The glass represents light, winter and ice; the aged silver finish represents the west and dripping water; high-polish silver symbolizes the heart and speed of athletes; and copper represents fire, passion, and Utah's history, according to the official web site of the 2002 Olympic Winter Games.

Rowley, 19, is a supply specialist for C Co. She is the only female attached to a unit of all men.

"I'm really proud of her, Sgt. 1st Class Bill Smith, Rowley's recruiter, said. "She's an excellent soldier. She adapted really well in a unit of men."

Rowley joined the Oregon National

Guard through a high school program at Dufur High School in Dufur, Ore. She is also a trained co-facilitator at The Dalles High Ropes Course.

"Beth is the epitome of what a female high school student and soldier should become," Smith said.

Torchbearers were nominated by family members, friends and colleagues who wrote a 50 to 100 word essay explaining how the nominees embodied the Olympic spirit and provided inspiration to their communities.

Rowley's friends and co-workers mailed a letter to the Olympic committee to nominate her to carry the torch.

Part of the reason Rowley's friends decided to nominate her is her ability to motivate the people she is around.

"I am totally in shock, but really excited" to be carrying the torch, Rowley said.

Rowley is a student at Western Oregon University, majoring in elementary education.

Rowley's mother is a teacher at Dufur School. Her stepfather is a member of the Oregon Air National Guard. She has one brother, who is a student at Oregon State University.

By COLLEEN BREEDEN
AZUWUR STAFF

CORVALLIS, ORE., 1984—"You're going to be doing this one day," a mother whispers to her baby as the Olympic flame passes by on its way to the Los

Angeles games.

SALEM, ORE., JAN. 22, 2002—"I'm so proud of her! It's a dream come true." Laurie Rowley stood on the corner of Union and Commercial Streets in Salem waiting for the Olympic torch to make it's way through downtown.



Command Focus

Maj. Gen. Alexander H. Burgin

From my perspective, we are starting calendar year 2002 with a great amount of momentum regarding personnel readiness.

The quality statistics for both the Air and Army Guard units are improving dramatically.

Nationally, we are being recognized for the outstanding results that we have currently achieved.

All of you in our field units have made this progress possible.

We have room for additional growth, and I am sure our leadership is committed to make that a reality.

Recently, I conducted town hall meetings in 15 locations around the state. I truly enjoy these opportunities to visit with you in our various facilities.

Many of the points that you raised are

already in the process of being resolved, but we have a responsibility to adequately respond to all your concerns.

It was refreshing to see how much you care about the soldiers and airmen that serve our organization.

I appreciate your honest feedback and your willingness to meet all mission requirements.

National Guard Bureau has established fiscal year 2002 as the Year of Diversity.

I am a strong advocate of the merits represented by improving the diversity of the Oregon National Guard.

Many people like to measure the full-time force, but significant improvements to the full-time force diversification cannot occur until our traditional force better represents the community

it serves.

I say this since the traditional force represents 95 percent or more of the applicant pool for our full time jobs.

Let me share with you NGB's perspective regarding diversity:

"We will soon usher in the Year of Diversity for 2002; a year designed to strengthen our resolve by unleashing the full potential of all of our people and ultimately increasing mission readiness. We will also celebrate the fact that our National Guard consists of people of every race, ethnicity, religion and culture. Our awesome organization is made up of people who have roots that stretch to every area of the United States of America and to every country in the world.

"In recognition of this initiative and our goal to promote diversity in the workplace, I am announcing the establishment of an annual excellence in diversity award. The award is sponsored by the office of human resource enhancement; designed to promote diversity and combat institutional and individual barriers of exclusion. Awards will be presented to both Air and Army National Guard wing/battalion ele-



ments, and individuals in recognition of superior performance and significant contributions within the diversity arena. In addition, an award will be given to a state or territory for their efforts in joint diversity initiatives.

"Let us prepare for the new year and our monthly diversity initiatives by reaching out to our military and civilian members, and strategically enhancing those people assets that make us a combat-ready workforce."

Thank you for your support in our efforts to improve readiness. Many opportunities lie ahead of us, and I know you will rise to the challenge.

State Command Sgt. Maj. Donald F. Newman

During the Christmas holidays, I read an article by Col. James Moschgat talking about a janitor's lessons in leadership. I would like to share with you a little about the janitor, but more importantly, his 10 lessons in good leadership.

William "Bill" Crawford certainly was an unimpressive figure, one you could easily overlook during a hectic day at the US Air Force Academy. Mr. Crawford, as most of us referred to him back in the late 1970s, was our squadron janitor.

While we cadets busied ourselves preparing for daily life at the academy, Bill quietly moved about the squadron mopping and buffing floors, emptying trash cans, cleaning toilets, or just tidying up the mess 100 college-age kids can leave in a dormitory. Sadly, and for many years, few of us gave him much notice, rendering little more than a passing nod or throwing a curt "G'morning!" in his direction as we hurried off to our daily duties. The academy, one of our nation's premier leadership laboratories, kept us busy from dawn till dusk. And Bill...well, he was just a janitor.

That changed one fall Saturday afternoon in 1976. I was reading a book about World War II and the tough Allied ground campaign in Italy, when I stumbled across an incredible story. On Sept. 13, 1943, a Pvt. William Crawford from Colorado, assigned to the 36th Infantry Division, had been involved in some bloody fighting on Hill 424 near Altavilla, Italy. The words on the page leapt out at me: "in the face of intense



and overwhelming hostile fire...with no regard for personal safety...on his own initiative, Pvt. Crawford single-handedly attacked fortified enemy positions." It continued, "for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at risk of life above and beyond the call of duty, the President of the United States..."

A wise person once said, "It's not life that's important, but those you meet along the way that make the difference." Bill was one who made a difference for me. While I haven't seen Bill in over 20 years, he'd probably be surprised to know I think of him often. Bill, our janitor, taught me many valuable, unforgettable leadership lessons.

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Command Chief Master Sgt. J. Wayne Stuart

We began the new year 2002 on a sad note with the loss of Chief Master Sgt. (Ret) Billy J. Quinn. Billy leaves each of us a better person for having known him. He will be truly missed. Thanks to all who helped with the services honoring Billy's life.

On Jan. 5, Maj. Gen. Burgin, Brig. Gen. Green, and Col. Dean welcomed President Bush to Oregon, at the Portland Air Base, for his first visit as our commander in chief. Since the base was not open to the public, about 150 Guardsmen and their families had the opportunity to see and greet the president.

Maj. Gen. Burgin has been around the state bringing his town hall meeting to all Oregon National Guard soldiers and airmen. Although we are briefed by our commanders on many of the things he discussed, it is always good to hear the adjutant general's views first hand.

As we continue into the fifth month of the war on terrorism, we have airmen coming off of orders and others beginning their tours of service. Although it might feel like we are getting into a routine, this is one of the times that our leaders have cautioned us about. A time



when long hours and fast pace is the norm. Stress levels can be high. Help one another and take breaks when you can.

I know that many of our service's sections are also working hard to support the war. Take time to say thanks.

I will continue to be around to visit each unit this month. If you have any questions, concerns, or just want to talk about what you are doing, please do so. God bless America.

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Troop G, 1-82nd Cav takes on active-duty counterparts in Germany



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Soldiers from Troop G, 1-82nd Cavalry, deployed to Germany to train at the combat maneuver training center in Hohenfels. Oregon's tankers made their presence known to the active component, and earned respect and confidence, while performing aggressively, training efficiently and operating safely.

By Capt. DON TROYELL

HEADQUARTERS, 1-82ND CAVALRY

Soldiers of Troop G, 1-82nd Cavalry, from Redmond and Woodburn, participated in two successful rotations at the combat maneuver training center (CMTC) from Nov. 10 to Dec. 15, 2001, in Hohenfels, Germany.

Two tank platoons from the Oregon Army National Guard's only heavy cavalry troop were given the task of augmenting Co. D, 1-4 Infantry—the resident opposing force battalion at CMTC.

Because of its mission of replicating the armored force of a motorized rifle

regiment, D/1-4 has a full compliment of 31 M60A3 battle tanks which are used to simulate Russian-designed T-80 tanks, making it the largest tank company in the US Army.

Directly opposing the D/1-4 OPFOR was Task Force 1-63 Armor, a tank battalion stationed in Vilseck, Germany. Designated a "blue force," TF 1-63 represented part of a US force deployed on foreign soil.

Stepping into Co. D's tanks, Troop G tankers, led by 1st Lt. Teruo Chinen, 1st Lt. Aaron Decelle, Sgt. 1st Class Terry Cochran, and Sgt. 1st Class Ernie Stockton demonstrated high levels of enthu-

siasm and skill in their various missions.

Prior to moving into the maneuver area, commonly referred to as "the box," the first rotation of Troop G tankers took advantage of the opportunity to hone their gunnery and crew skills.

In addition to logging more than 20 hours in the unit conduct of fire trainer, 4th platoon got to take a rare turn in the platoon gunnery trainer. Although limited on time, they completed two of the three levels needed to advance to tank table 12 with a distinguished rating.

As noted by the active component training staff, the type of success achieved by Troop G in the gunnery trainer was outstanding even for an active component unit.

The final stage of preparations before moving into the box included providing OPFOR support for company-level situational training exercise lanes, which would allow both the blue force and the opposing force to fine tune their battle skills in a more observable and controllable environment than the actual maneuver area would afford.

Once in the box, Troop G tankers wasted no time in making their presence known; within the first 15 minutes of the initial OPFOR attack, the crew of G 4-2, led by tank commander Staff Sgt. Mark Williams, with gunner Cpl. CJ Lucero, engaged and "destroyed" two blue force Apache helicopters.

For their initiative and continued success throughout the battle, the crew of G 4-2 was placed in D/1-4's elite Team Dragon—the spearhead of the OPFOR armored forces for subsequent battles.

Another standout performance was delivered by the crew of G 2-1, led by Sgt. 1st Class Ernie Stockton, with gunner Sgt. Brandon Martino, loader Spc. Steve Oxford, and driver David Skranic.

During a defensive operation, G 2-1's crew scored confirmed "kills" on two blue force M1A1s and two Bradleys.

OPFOR missions in the box included day and night attacks, movement to contact, and a regimental level defense.

The tankers from Redmond and Woodburn won and kept the respect and confidence of their active duty counterparts throughout their rotations while performing aggressively, training effectively, and operating safely.

The deployment would not have been complete without experiencing the sights and culture of the host country.

Morale, Welfare and Recreation trips for the Oregon Guardsmen included great sightseeing and visits to historical military sites.

The soldiers visited Nuremburg, the war prison camp at Dachau, and took in sights such as Nuremburg Castle and Neuschwanstein Castle—the very castle Walt Disney used as a model for the Magic Kingdom castles at Disneyland and Walt Disney World.

CMTC Hohenfels proved to be a great example of successful reserve-active integration and professional bonding.

Troop G knew it had left its mark when, at the end of the final formation, D/1-4's first sergeant announced to his colleagues and the departing Guardsmen that he "would go to war with G Troop any day."

Oregon kids have merry Christmas with help from Air Guard



On the coat tails of service

With the winter's chill upon us, most of us don't think twice about reaching into our closets to grab warm coats before heading out into the cold. Unfortunately, there are many who cannot afford such a luxury. Thanks to the members of the 142nd Fighter Wing, however, this winter will be a little warmer for those in need.

Master Sgt. Max White, first sergeant for the 142nd Logistics Squadron, was brainstorming ways to assist the Portland community this year when he recalled the vision of a former squadron member—retired Maj. Wayne Wright. Several years ago Wright, a businessman and member of the Clackamas Chamber of Commerce, formed a partnership between the 142nd FW and one of his

fellow chamber members to collect new and used coats for donation to various shelters in the community. His partner and friend, Thomas Joseph, owned a dry cleaning business and agreed to clean the collected coats for free. After Wright retired, his vision retired with him; at least until White decided this year to pick up where Wright left off.

First, White distributed collection boxes for the drive to each unit in the wing. The logistics supply section stored the coats in their warehouse until they were ready for shipping and distribution. Then, on Monday, Dec. 9, the vehicle operations section transported the coats to Thomas Joseph's dry cleaning business. The cleaned coats were given to Clackamas Women's Services, which assists survivors of domestic violence, and the Clackamas Service Center, which supplies emergency food and clothing to those in need. The coats arrived just in time for Christmas.

White said he is amazed at the sense of generosity on base. Approximately 200 coats were collected for the drive. Master Sgt. Bruce Brooks, first sergeant for the 142nd Security Forces Squadron, alone donated approximately 60 to 70 coats—50 of which were brand new. Brooks, who owns an embroidery business, got the coats donated to him for the purpose of the drive.

"This drive fits the values of the Air Force: Integrity first, then service before self. It is very important for us to give back to the community," White said.



SrA Ricky Best

Master Sgt. Bob Haskell test-drives a tricycle with Clackamas County's Vicki Pearse, Evelyn Craven, Harley Packer, and Master Sgts. Angela Fitzgerald, Debbie Huber and Gary Newman.

Air Guard smiles on a child

"Operation Smile on a Child" was in full force at the 142nd Fighter Wing (FW) this season.

For the second consecutive year, the holiday toy drive, also known as the "giving tree," was a success, despite the economic hardships many American citizens are facing.

"This is the most worthwhile cause I've ever been involved with," Master Sgt. Angela Fitzgerald, 142nd Logistics Support Flight (LSF), coordinator and instigator of the program, said.

Last year Fitzgerald, along with Master Sgt. Debbie Huber, 142nd LSF, de-

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cided they needed some type of alternative to the food barrels.

They called various organizations in Clackamas County to determine where there was the most need, and the Clackamas County Children Services Division (CSD) mentioned the giving tree program.

The CSD compiles a list of names of children who are in the foster care program.

Each year, those children get to wish for a gift.

Fitzgerald receives a list of names from CSD and distributes them to members of the 142nd FW who desire to help make these children's wishes come true.

This year, 265 foster children were granted their wish thanks to members of the 142nd FW.

While the numbers are down from last year's 500, the number decline was to be expected.

With the wing's increased operations tempo, the program got off to a later start.

Fitzgerald wants wing members to know what a worthwhile cause the giving tree program is.

"Even though most of the people who donate a gift or money don't get to see the feedback—the smiles on the children's faces—they need to know how much joy they bring to the children," Fitzgerald said.

The Retired Officers Association giving away 100 scholarships

The Retired Officers Association (TROA) is giving away scholarship money, and they ask for help in identifying deserving students from among the dependent children of members of the National Guard.

"Base/Post Scholarship" is a TROA program to honor 100 college-bound or current undergraduate students with individual \$1,000 scholarship grants for the 2002-2003 school year. These awards will be based entirely on merit: scholarship, citizenship, and leadership. TROA membership is not required and there are no need-based criteria, no essays and no fees. Students can apply, quickly and easily, simply by completing the on-line application located on their web site: www.troa.org.

To be eligible, a student must be under age 24, working on a first undergraduate degree, and a dependent child of an active duty service person—enlisted, warrant officer or officer. This includes members of the drilling Reserves and National Guard.

Applications must be received by midnight, March 1, 2002.

Oregon National Guard Association scholarships available

The Oregon National Guard Association will be presenting three \$1,000 scholarships at the ONGA conference, Aug. 16-17, 2002. They are available to all members of the Oregon National Guard, ONGA life members, or their dependents.

Application deadline is March 15.

Scholarship applications are available on the web at www.mil.state.or.us/ornga/HTML/Scholarship/ or call the ONGA office at (503) 584-3030, or Lt. Col. Marilyn Woodward at (503) 584-3931.

Send completed applications to: Oregon National Guard Association, ATTN: Scholarship Committee, PO Box 12786, Salem, Oregon 97309-5008.

VA home loan benefits increase under benefits expansion act

American Forces Press Service reports that the recently-passed Veterans Education and Benefits Expansion Act of 2001 has increased the guaranty on VA home loans from \$50,750 to \$60,000.

The increase means eligible veterans can use their loan benefit to purchase a

Sunshine Division receives help from 142nd



Five members of the 142nd Vehicle Operations Section pulled out the big wheels this holiday season, transporting more than 50,000 pounds of food around the city for distribution by the Portland Police Sunshine Division.

The 25-ton haul – which included 987 boxes of food, 65 cases of frozen chickens, and 83 trays of bread – filled three 30-foot van trailers.

Air National Guard members and other volunteers delivered the nutritional stash to Rose City families on Saturday, Dec. 22.

Pictured here are Staff Sgts. Keith Berlin, Maynard Hanson and Michael Angst. Tech. Sgt. Leonard Pilger and Senior Airman Scott Fisher rounded out the holiday delivery crew.

Oregon Air Guard mourns the loss of Billy Joe Quinn

Billy Joe Quinn, a leader, mentor and friend to the Oregon Air National Guard, passed away on Jan. 1, 2002, to cancer.

Quinn was born in Hillsboro on Aug. 25, 1947, to Aaron and Jo Quinn. They moved to Corbett, where they bought the local grocery store in June 1958.

After graduation from Corbett High School in 1965, he attended Northwest Christian College in Eugene until his enlistment in the Air Force. He served as a general's aide and left the military after a tour in Korea.

He returned to Corbett and worked for a short time in Portland and at Bonneville Dam. He then joined the Oregon Air National Guard where he went to work full time.

During his employment he was highly decorated and achieved the top position of command chief master sergeant before his retirement in 1998.

His most recent job was chief of staff for the Portland Housing Authority.

Bill was very active in his community, serving as chair of the Corbett school board; president of the northeast Multnomah county community association; volunteer fireman; scout leader; kids sport coach; and very active in the Corbett Christian Church.

He was involved in many improvements to the Corbett area and was the creator of the Corbett July 4th Fun Festival, now in its 32nd year.

He is well known for his involvement with Camp Rosenbaum, a youth camp for underprivileged children living in low-income housing.

He and his wife Lynne moved to Gresham in 1998 and they have been active at Grace Community Church.

He is preceded in death by his parents and survived by his wife,



Lynne; daughter, Brittany of Gresham, a Sam Barlow High School senior; sons, Barry of Gresham, Brian of Tucson, Ariz., and Brandon of Troutdale; brother, Douglas of Corbett and granddaughter Samantha.

"Bill went into the hospital on Dec. 13, 2001, for pneumonia-type symptoms, which required a lung biopsy to identify," Lynne said. "During that almost three weeks, it became clear that the multiple myeloma was out of remission. Due to extreme weakness, he fell, breaking his left leg above the knee. Another surgery to repair the leg, left him vulnerable to the lung infection which again took over, causing him to peacefully leave us on January 1, 2002."

Chief Master Sgt. (Ret.) Michael Brown, fondly remembers Quinn.

"No matter what was going on in his family, work or church, he always made time to help others," Brown said. "Billy, we will hold you close to our hearts and cherish memories of time we both have shared, filled with laughter, fun and surprises, but most of all care and understanding. Thank you for just being you. Rest well, my friend, until the day we meet again."

home costing as much as \$240,000 without a down payment.

The act also extends the VA's Native American veterans housing loan program to Dec. 31, 2005.

The program's loan ceiling is \$80,000, except in certain high-cost areas where the VA has approved up to \$120,000.

In addition, the act increases specialty housing grants from \$43,000 to \$48,000 for severely disabled veterans who need homes built to accommodate their disabilities.

Another grant program for housing adaptations for less seriously disabled vets had its ceiling raised to \$9,250 from \$8,250.

Finally, the new law also extends housing loans for National Guard and Reserve personnel from September 2007 to Sept. 30, 2009.

Reserve component personnel are authorized the same home loan guarantees as active duty personnel.

2002 Defense Appropriations Act signed by President Bush

President George W. Bush signed the fiscal 2002 Defense Appropriations Act into law at a Pentagon ceremony January 10.

"We can never pay our men and women in uniform on a scale that matches their sacrifices," Bush said. "But this bill reflects our respect for your selfless service."

With the signing, Bush approved both the \$317 billion Defense Appropriations Act and the \$20 billion emergency supplemental Congress passed in response to the September 11 terror attacks.

The legislation funds an average pay increase of 6.9 percent for military personnel.

It cuts the out-of-pocket housing expenses from 15 to 11 percent with elimination of this expense by fiscal 2005.

This funds the health care of active duty members and their families, and provides over \$3.9 billion for health care benefits for military retirees over 65 and their families.

The act also contains \$61 billion for new weapons and \$50 billion in research and development, including \$8 billion for missile defense.

Safety necessary for dark winter driving

One month into the 2002 training year, the Oregon Army National Guard lost two soldiers in separate vehicle accidents.

One soldier was lost in an "off-duty" accident on his way to drill, and the other was lost in a non-duty vehicle accident. Either way, they are no longer here with their families and units.

A sergeant first class was involved in a three-vehicle accident on Saturday, Oct. 13 around 6:10 a.m. on Hwy 38 east of Reedsport. He had been driving from his home in Dexter (west of Oakridge) to his unit in Coos Bay, a more than three hour drive. The platoon formation was set for 6:30 a.m., with the company formation at 6:45 a.m.

Limited daylight hours in October meant he made the entire drive in darkness. It also meant he was probably up before 3 a.m. to start the trip. The number of hours of sleep is unknown. The police report notes that our soldier's pick-up drifted into the on-coming lane and struck another pick-up head on, both vehicles would have been traveling close to 55 mph. Another eastbound pick-up then struck the soldier's vehicle. Our sergeant first class died enroute to the hospital and the driver of the other vehicle was in serious condition.

A staff sergeant lost his life in a one-car accident on Wednesday, Oct. 31 at approximately 2:10a.m. He was apparently driving home from work. The police report has not yet been received.

Supervisors at all levels are responsible to use risk management and plan training with soldiers' other occupations and distances in mind.

Make the drive to the unit and home again part of your training plan.

Drive Smart~Drive Safe!
Lt. Col. M.K. Woodward
Safety Manager

AG marksmanship match scheduled for March

All members of the Oregon National Guard are invited to participate in the 2002 Adjutant General's Combat Marksmanship Match.

The AG match is scheduled for March 16-17, 2002, at Camp Rilea.

Events include individual and team competition in combat rifle, combat pistol, light machine gun, small bore pistol, air rifle and air pistol categories.

Soldiers and airmen will have the opportunity to earn "leg" points toward their distinguished marksman badge.

Rifle and pistol teams are comprised of four members from the same company, battalion, flight or squadron and must have a minimum of two new shooters who have not previously competed at the AG match or higher level competition. Machine gun teams are comprised of two members, one of which must be a new shooter.

Competitors must report with a unit weapon and equipment, including protective mask.

Spotting scopes, binoculars or other sighting devices are recommended.

All ammunition will be provided at the match.

Competitors should plan on reporting to match headquarters at Camp Rilea Friday evening, March 15, check weapons at weapons security and complete registration.

Matches will be shot throughout the day Saturday and Sunday morning.

An awards ceremony will follow the completion of firing Sunday afternoon.

Billeting is available Friday and Saturday nights, mess is provided Saturday and Sunday through lunch.

Registration forms, team declaration forms and the official match program are available on the Oregon Military Department web page at www.mil.state.or.us/SARTS/index.html.

Fax completed forms to Lt. Col. Greg Browning, state marksmanship coordinator, at (503) 584-3916 or e-mail gregory.browning@orport.ang.af.mil.

All participants should attend the match in either drill or split train status, paid orders or non-pay, retirement points only orders.

Participants are reminded to check with their units regarding weapons transportation requirements.

The Adjutant General's Combat Marksmanship Match is hosted and conducted annually by the small arms readiness training section (SARTS).

Combat zone tax exclusion available for deployed soldiers

If a soldier had combat zone tax exclusion wages for 2001, the net taxable wages will appear in block one on form W-2.

Soldiers still serving in any area designated as a combat zone will not be charged penalties or interest for under withholding.

These soldiers are also entitled to an automatic extension for 180 days from the last day served in the combat zone for filing their taxes.

The date of entry and date of exit from the combat zone should be written in red ink at the top of their tax returns.

Soldiers participating in Operation Joint Force and filing electronically should write "supporting former Yugoslavia" on the top left corner of IRS Form 8543, US individual income tax declaration for electronic filing. If filing

paper return, "supporting former Yugoslavia" should be written across the top of the return in red ink.

Soldiers serving in other combat zone areas should also annotate their returns with the applicable operational designation to ensure the IRS is aware of their special status.

Let your voice be heard to your fellow soldiers and airmen

Read any stories on your unit in the *Azuwur* lately? If not, do you wonder why? What you read in the *Azuwur* is directly related to what units send in. The units covered are the ones who report what's happening.

The *Azuwur* has a small staff, and we can't be all over the state at the same time. There are not enough of us to call each Oregon Army and Air National Guard unit, much less visit each one to

see what's happening.

Therefore, we must rely on you to tell us what's going on in your area. We ask for your help.

Each unit has been directed by the adjutant general to appoint a unit public affairs representative (UPAR). This person should be our pipeline to your unit's happenings. But anyone can send information in: all we need is the who, what, where, when, why and how of the story, and a name and number to contact for further information. We can use good photos, too.

We may rewrite, edit, shorten, and combine to fit your information in, but we do try to use everything we receive, even if we hold it for a later edition.

Call (503) 584-3887 or write *The Azuwur*, Public Affairs Office, Oregon Military Department, PO Box 14350, Salem, OR 97309.

Leader: Don't miss the opportunity to learn

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Be cautious of labels. Labels you place on people may define your relationship to them and bound their potential. Sadly, and for a long time, we labeled Bill as just a janitor, but he was so much more. Therefore, be cautious of a leader who callously says, "Hey, he's just an airman or soldier." Likewise, don't tolerate the O-1 who says, "I can't do that. I'm just a lieutenant."

Everyone deserves respect. Because we hung the "janitor" label on Bill, we often wrongly treated him with less respect than others around us. He deserved more. Bill deserved respect because he was a janitor, walked among us, and was part of our team.

Courtesy makes a difference. Be courteous to all around you, regardless of rank or position. Military customs, as well as common courtesies, help bond a team. When our daily words to Bill turned from perfunctory "hellos" to heartfelt greetings, his demeanor and personality outwardly changed. It made a difference for all of us.

Take time to know your people. Life in the military is hectic, but that's no excuse for not knowing the people you work for and with. For years a hero walked among us at the academy and we never knew it. Who are the heroes that walk in your midst?

Anyone can be a hero. Bill certainly didn't fit anyone's standard definition of a hero. Don't sell your people short, for any one of them may be the hero who rises to the occasion when duty calls. On the other hand, it's easy to turn to your proven performers when the chips are down, but don't ignore the rest of the team. Today's rookie could and should be tomorrow's superstar.

Leaders should be humble. Most modern day heroes and some leaders are anything but humble, especially if you calibrate your "hero meter" on today's athletic fields. End zone celebrations and self-aggrandizement are what we've come to expect from sports greats. Not Bill—he was too busy working to celebrate his past heroics. Leaders would be well-served to do the same.

Life won't always hand you what you think you deserve. We in the military work hard and, dang it, we deserve recognition, right? However, sometimes you just have to persevere, even when accolades don't come your way. Perhaps you weren't nominated for junior officer or airman of the quarter as you thought you should—don't let that stop you.

Don't pursue glory; pursue excellence. Pvt. Bill Crawford didn't pursue glory; he did his duty and then swept

floors for a living. No job is beneath a leader. If Bill could clean latrines and smile, is there a job beneath your dignity? Think about it.

Pursue excellence. No matter what task life hands you, do it well. Dr. Martin Luther King said, "If life makes you a street sweeper, be the best street sweeper you can be." Bill modeled that philosophy and helped make our dormitory a home.

Life is a leadership laboratory. All too often we look to some school or class to teach us about leadership when, in fact, life is a leadership laboratory. Those you meet everyday will teach you enduring lessons if you just take time to stop, look and listen. I spent four years at the Air Force Academy, took dozens of classes, read hundreds of books, and met thousands of great people. I gleaned leadership skills from all of them, but one of the people I remember most is Bill and the lessons he unknowingly taught. Don't miss your opportunity to learn.

Bill Crawford was a janitor. However, he was also a teacher, friend, role model and one great American hero.

And now, for the "rest of the story." Pvt. William John Crawford was a platoon scout for 3rd platoon of Co. L, 142nd Regiment, 36th Division (Texas National Guard) and won the Medal of Honor for his actions on Hill 424, just four days after the invasion at Salerno. You can read his citation at www.army.mil/cmh-pg/mohiia1.htm.

On Hill 424, Crawford took out three enemy machine guns before darkness fell, halting the platoon's advance. Crawford could not be found and was assumed dead. The request for his medal was quickly approved. Maj. Gen. Terry Allen presented the posthumous Medal of Honor to Bill Crawford's father on May 11, 1944, in Camp Carson, near Pueblo. Nearly two months after that, it was learned that Crawford was alive in a POW camp in Germany.

During his captivity, a German guard clubbed him with his rifle. Bill overpowered him, took the rifle away, and beat the guard unconscious. A German doctor's testimony saved him from severe punishment, perhaps death. To stay ahead of the advancing Russian army, the prisoners were marched 500 miles in 52 days in the middle of the German winter, subsisting on one potato a day. An allied tank column liberated the camp in the spring of 1945, and Crawford took his first hot shower in 18 months on VE day. Crawford stayed in the Army before retiring as a master sergeant and becoming a janitor. In 1984, President Ronald Reagan officially presented the Medal of Honor to Crawford.

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Full name and rank: Senior Airman Justin Wright

Age: 22

Hometown: Klamath Falls, Ore.

Unit: 270th Air Traffic Control Squadron

MOS and job title: 1C151 Air Traffic Controller

Length of service: 3 years

Civilian occupation: None

Family: Katrina (wife, 21); Jacob (son, 7 months)

Goals for the next year: Spend as much time as possible with my family, but also participate in deployments, and travel

Favorite deployment: North Bend, Ore. (2000)

Most memorable military experience: I'll never forget my training experience at Kingsley Tower.

Personal heroes: Jimmy Don Wright...An excellent person, I wish everyone could get a chance to know this man.

The National Guard celebrates



January

Discover new opportunities to celebrate the unity of our National Guard diversity

- ✓ Observe Martin Luther King, Jr. day

Success, recognition, and conformity are the bywords of the modern world where everyone seems to crave the anesthetizing security of being identified with the majority.

~Benjamin Franklin

March

Value the civilian side of the National Guard

- ✓ Observe women's history month

Human diversity makes tolerance more than a virtue; it makes it a requirement for survival.

~Rene Dubos

April

Unleash the full potential of all National Guard members

- ✓ Empower your people to increase productivity
- ✓ Identify your personal goals and how to achieve them

So, let us not be blind to our differences, but let us also direct attention to our common interests, and to the means by which those differences can be resolved. And if we cannot end now our differences, at least we can make the world safe for diversity.

~John F. Kennedy

May

Mentorship...

Plant the seeds for future success today

- ✓ Observe Asian-American/Pacific Islander heritage month
- ✓ Volunteer/recruit mentors

A hundred times everyday I remind myself that my inner and outer life depend on the labors of other men, living and dead, and that I must exert myself in order to give in the same measure as I have received and am still receiving.

~Albert Einstein

June

Fly the flag, foster pride, be fair and inclusive in all your actions

We have an American problem. It can only be solved by all Americans working together. I want you to find strength in your diversity.

~Colin Powell

July

*Promote the promotion
Implement diversity*

- ✓ Recognize strengths and
- ✓ Do a self-assessment development

Our goal has been to have our communities from which we draw look like their neighbors in their

~Lt. Gen. Russell C. Davis

FEBRUARY

King: Black history

By DENVER BEAULIEU-HAINS

ARMY LINK NEWS

It would have been Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s 74th birthday.

In observance of King's birthday, Army staff at the Pentagon had the opportunity to view a play, "The Meeting," which depicts a fictional encounter between King and Malcolm X.

The latter was the civil rights activist who believed that equal rights should be granted to African-Americans, "by any means necessary," contrary to King's non-violent stance.

During the play, the men stood together as opposing forces and two polarities with one thought in mind: racial equality for African-Americans.

The two wondered what kind of men they would have been "without the Selma bus boycott and the church bombings, and the stinging power of the fireman's hoses and the biting police dogs."

The play gave me a chance to reflect since, during those times I wasn't even a thought in my mother's mind; but I realized that the events of that day are little different from the times in which I raise my own children.

If you wonder why it's important, I say think again.

When Gov. George Wallace fueled the fires of racial discord in America during his inaugural address by saying, "Segregation now! Segregation tomorrow! Segregation forever!" and later stood at the "schoolhouse door" to block integration at the University of Alabama, King stood firm.

His belief was that violence perpetu-

Make a commitment to implement diversity education

- ✓ Observe African-American heritage month
- ✓ Send valentines to deployed members and their spouses

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y would have it, I had a chance
with one of my former Army
lers this week.

inded me how unhappy I was
s ago when I had to hang up
at boots.

But he told me "when things seem
wrong and they aren't what you want
them to be, sometimes gifts are given to
people in different ways."

I watched the play having greater ap-
preciation of the message given to me.

The impact that both King and X had
on the world in that statement came to
life. I believe King's life was a gift to the
world.

I'm convinced both men would be
surprised today, because had they both
lived, those ugly images seen in the 60s
would have been replaced by the visions
of firemen pulling a multitude of Ameri-
cans of different cultures and religions
and people from at least 50 other nations
out of the debris of what was once New
York's World Trade Center.

The vicious police dogs are now doc-
ile, bomb-sniffing canines.

America is now more united than
ever.

In a tense moment, during the play,
King and X tussled with strength, ide-
ology and words.

King said he won the Nobel Prize be-
cause he was promoting peace.

Malcolm replied tersely. "No, the
award was for getting beat and not fight-
ing back."

The contradiction of views came to a
close as the two envisioned the possi-
bilities of a combined effort.

"Imagine what we could have accom-
plished if we could have put our hands
together and pushed in the same direc-
tion," said King to X. "You want to free
blacks and I want to free America. Don't
we really want the same things?"

This February, take a look at how far
we've come as a nation.

*Hide not your talents.
They for use were made.
What's a sundial in the shade?
~Benjamin Franklin*

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hometowns.
Chief, National Guard Bureau

August

*Recognize the diversity
of our National Guard team*

- ✓ Celebrate a multicultural event
- ✓ Recognize, reward and foster leadership

*If we are to achieve a richer culture, rich in contrasting values, we
must recognize the whole gamut of human potentialities, and so
weave a less arbitrary social fabric, one in which each diverse
human gift will find a fitting place.*

~Margaret Mead

September

*Mentorship...
Let the legacy continue*

- ✓ Observe Hispanic heritage month (Sept. 15-Oct. 15)
- ✓ Mentor more than one person for your job

*Diversity is not about counting heads. It's about making heads
count.*

~Abdin Noboa

December

*Discover the excellence in our
diversity of thought*

- ✓ Highlight your year of success
- ✓ Identify goals for next year

*If you are a decision maker in your organization and you look
around the room and everybody looks like you—you're probably
doing something wrong. If everyone doesn't look like you but
thinks like you—you're really doing something wrong.*

~Samuel Betances

November

*Be thankful for the diverse contributions
of the National Guard*

- ✓ Observe American Indian awareness month
- ✓ Sponsor a youth event in your community
- ✓ Volunteer to help the needy in your community

In minor ways we differ, in major we're the same.

~Maya Angelou

October

*Reap the benefits of diversity education
in our actions with others*

- ✓ Observe Hispanic heritage month (Sept. 15-Oct. 15)
- ✓ Observe national disability employment awareness month
- ✓ Support diversity in recruiting

*We cannot learn from one another until we stop shouting at one
another—until we speak quietly enough so that our words can be
heard as well as our voices.*

~Richard M. Nixon

Retiree Focus

Troops to Teachers program offered for retirees and veterans

They are disciplined, smart, motivated, goal-oriented and have a disposition to serve.

Sounds like what makes good service members.

It also sounds like what makes good teachers, so DoD and the education department have resurrected the Troops to Teachers program with an \$18 million infusion from the fiscal 2002 federal budget.

The new money will give retiring or separating service members a chance to become teachers.

"This gives departing military personnel a chance to continue their lives of service," said John Molino, deputy assistant defense secretary for military community and family policy.

Those retiring from the military have always qualified for the program.

The fiscal 2002 defense authorization act adds a new eligible group: service members who separate after six years or more of service, are not eligible for retirement, and agree to serve three years in one of the reserve components.

The program is a particular favorite of first lady Laura Bush. She sees Troops to Teachers as a "win-win" situation: Service members get second careers, and schools get highly qualified people with proven track records.

"We're pleased with both President and Mrs. Bush's interest in the program," Molino said.

The program will pay service members up to a \$5,000 stipend to help cover the costs of a teacher certification program.

Some participants would also receive a \$10,000 bonus in lieu of the stipend if they accept a job in a "high-needs" school district. A high-needs district is one where 50 percent of its students come from low-income families.

Those who enroll in the program must teach for at least three years.

For more information on the Troops to Teachers program, visit your installation education office or the program Web site at www.voled.doded.mil/dantes/ttt/

Space-A lodging to the rescue; or have ID card, will travel

For the military traveler (active, Guard/Reserve, or retired), quarters eat up a travel budget the quickest.

Rack room rates at Motel 6 level bil-

lets are nearing \$50 per day...with no amenities.

Aha! The wise military traveler can beat this every time. Here's how:

Use the computer.

Go to www.fedtravel.com/GSA and you have access to more than 700 airlines, 62,000 hotels, 75 car rental companies, passenger rail services, cruises, and other great destination information.

2002 travel news reveals that Choice Hotels, parent company of Comfort Inn, Comfort Suites, Quality, Clarion, Sleep Inn, Econo Lodge, Rodeway Inn and MainStay Suites is guaranteeing last-room availability, at or below per diem, to federal travelers through the end of March.

Same story with Cendant, who owns Days Inn, Howard Johnson, Ramada, Travelodge, and Wingate.

Still too spendy for you? Get a copy of Military Living's "Temporary Military Lodging Around the World."

This book is available in the PX...be sure to get the salmon-colored 2001 edition!

It lists more than you want to know about almost every place you can stay...the military way. Web site: www.militaryliving.com

This is how it works...Your author is a retired reservist who "snowbirds" in Arizona after New Years Day.

This year while enroute to Mesa, Ariz., he will stay at Beale Air Force Base (Marysville, Calif.), Lemoore Naval Air Station (Lemoore, Calif.), and use his military discount for two nights in Van Nuys, Calif., at a Travelodge while he visits the Getty Museum in Los Angeles (hope they have a military discount!).

While staying on the bases, I visit the exchanges, fill the gas tank, and eat in the galleys/messes or clubs.

I meet friendly, military people from all over and all branches of service.

I've stayed in a Navy Lodge in Iceland, an air base in Fairford, England, a marine base in San Diego, an Army base on Kwajalein Atoll, and hope to soon get to stay with the Coast Guard in Kodiak, Alaska.

See the variety to chose from?

Start the new year with some travel...Remember that you can "travel on less per day...the military way!"

Tricare fiscal year cap reduced for retirees, family and survivors

The Tricare fiscal year "catastrophic cap" has been reduced from \$7,500 to

\$3,000 for uniformed services retirees, their family members and survivors.

The cap is the maximum amount of out-of-pocket costs these beneficiaries are required to pay for medical care during a fiscal year (Oct. 1 through Sept. 30). For active duty family members, the catastrophic cap remains \$1,000 per fiscal year.

The catastrophic cap reduction is retroactive to Oct. 1, 2000.

Retirees, their family members and survivors who have paid more than \$3,000 out-of-pocket for Tricare-covered services are eligible for reimbursement.

The managed care support contractors (MCSC) will search their files and identify beneficiaries due refunds.

Beneficiaries who have saved their receipts and choose to initiate a request for reimbursement may do so by contacting their regional claims processor for guidance on where to submit their receipts and claims.

It is not necessary for beneficiaries to resubmit claims already paid by Tricare to qualify for reimbursement of the amount paid over the catastrophic cap.

For retirees, their family members and survivors enrolled in Tricare Prime, there is an enrollment year cap.

The enrollment year cap begins on the anniversary date of enrollment in Tricare Prime, and applies to all enrollees.

Catastrophic caps, both fiscal year and enrollment year combined, will not exceed \$3,000 in a given 12-month period for retirees, their family members and survivors, and \$1,000 for family members of active duty members.

Once the catastrophic cap and enrollment year cap (combined) are met by Tricare Prime enrollees, Tricare will pay up to the Tricare allowable amount for all covered services (excluding point-of-service charges which do not count toward the catastrophic cap).

For beneficiaries who are not enrolled in Tricare Prime, Tricare will pay up to the Tricare allowable amount for all covered services for the remainder of the fiscal year after the fiscal year cap is met.

Retirees, family members, and survivors remain responsible for the cost of all services and treatments received which are not Tricare covered benefits.

Some beneficiaries mistakenly believe that the \$3,000 catastrophic cap is the ceiling on the amount that Tricare will cover for a family during any given year, however the opposite is true.

The cap will protect retirees, their family members and survivors from paying more than \$3,000 out-of-pocket for medical care.

For additional information on catastrophic cap reduction, beneficiaries are encouraged to contact the nearest Tricare service center or military treatment facility beneficiary counseling and assistance coordinators for assistance.

Tricare benefit information is also available on the Military Health System/Tricare web site at www.tricare.osd.mil or by calling 1-888-DoD-LIFE (1-888-363-5433).

For location of the Tricare service center that supports your area, please go online to www.tricare.osd.mil/tricareservicecenters/default.cfm

For telephone number, e-mail address, etc., of the Tricare beneficiary counseling and assistance coordinator (BCAC) assigned to your area, please go to www.tricare.osd.mil/tricare/beneficiary/BCACDirectory.htm

Patriot Profile

Name and rank:

Charles Wesley "Chuck" Kuhlman, Col. (Ret)

Age: 63

Hometown: Graduated from Mill City High School and Oregon College of Education; lived in Turner, Ore., for 32 years

Year retired: 1988

Unit(s): HQ STARC; 141 Support Battalion; 249 Artillery

Length of service: Over 32 years in the National Guard, 13 years in the State Defense Force. Currently a colonel in the State Defense Force and the HQ STARC liaison officer

Present/former civilian occupation:

Wine salesman for Willamette Valley Vineyards; executive director and coordinator for the Oregon National Guard Association

Family:

Wife, Virginia (Ginny); sons, Tim, Tom and Ted

Goals for the next year:

Learn QuickBooks and more computer skills; make money for the National Guard

Favorite deployment: Alaska—"Operation Brim Frost"

Most memorable military experience:

Being commander of the 234th Army Band while CWO Barton was at school

Personal hero:

Maj. Gen. Richard Miller, former adjutant general of Oregon. He had a great disposition and smile, and had an innovative and motivational personality.

Address changes

Retiree Services Office
PO Box 14350
Salem, Oregon 97309

New Retiree Change
 Stop Deceased

Name of retiree _____

Rank of retiree _____

Current address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Retired from Army NG Air NG Federal State

Retiree Service Office

Open every
Tuesday

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

(503) 584-3804 or
(800) 452-7500 ext. 3804

E-mail:

RSO@or.ngb.army.mil

Mail inquiries to:

Retiree Service Office
PO Box 14350
Salem, Oregon 97309

Safeguard those DD 214s to prevent identity theft and fraud

Army News Service reports that soldiers separating from the military should avoid filing their Department of Defense Form 214 (military discharge) with their local county courthouse.

Transition counselors are advising soldiers to safeguard their personal information to guard against credit fraud.

Identity theft is the fastest growing crime in the U.S. today, according to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), and servicemembers are inviting targets because everything is tied to their Social Security numbers.

In a recent case, a Navy retiree received a phone call from American Express stating that someone was trying to cash a \$9,000 check in his name made out to an unknown person.

Investigation revealed that the retiree's lawyer had stolen his identity.

The lawyer also had a laptop with several thousand military names, Social Security numbers and other information on it.

The common link among the veterans on the list was that they had filed their DD-214s with their county courthouse.

Once the DD 214 is filed at a courthouse, it becomes a public record.

Servicemembers are advised to safeguard their DD-214 form as they would any vital papers, such as placing it in a safe deposit box.

New clothing allowances now in effect for fiscal year 2002

New rates in military clothing allowances are now in effect, reports Air Force Print News. Uniform allowances for FY 2002 are:

Enlisted male: basic \$205.20 and standard \$291.60

Enlisted female: basic \$230.40 and

standard \$331.20

Permanent-duty civilian clothing allowance: \$811.46

Permanent-duty civilian clothing annual replacement allowance: \$270.48

Temporary-duty civilian clothing allowance (15/30 rule): \$270.48

TDY civilian clothing allowance (30/36 rule): \$540.97

Civilian clothing allowances for people on TDY are based on the number of days they are required to wear civilian clothing while TDY.

If an individual is TDY to a civilian clothing allowance location 15 days out of 30, either consecutively or cumulatively, the maximum amount payable is one-third of the permanent-duty civilian clothing allowance.

If they are TDY 30 days out of 36 months, consecutively or accumulatively, the maximum amount payable is two-thirds of the permanent-duty civilian clothing allowance.

DoD helping to cover medical expenses for mobilized reservists

The DoD is helping to cover out-of-pocket medical expenses for Reservists mobilized to support operations Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom.

Families of Reservists ordered to active duty for more than 30 days are eligible for Tricare Extra and Tricare Standard with an annual deductible and a 15 to 20 percent cost-share, depending on whether the provider is authorized or within the provider network.

Under the Tricare Reserve Family Demonstration Project, if the sponsor is ordered to active duty for more than 178 days, the family may qualify for Tricare Prime (the HMO option) or Tricare Prime Remote.

The Tricare Standard and Extra deductible will be waived for care of families of Reservists activated since Sept.

14, and Tricare Standard will pay 115 percent of what is usually allowed for care under existing guidelines.

The change may allow Reservists' family members to continue with their provider (if the provider is authorized) and reduce out-of-pocket expenses.

The demonstration project also waives the need for Reservists' families to obtain nonavailability statements for inpatient or specialty care.

More information about Tricare benefits is available at the Tricare website, www.tricare.osd.mil.

Veterans health care programs legislations signed into law

President Bush recently signed legislation that adds \$1.4 billion to expand and strengthen health care programs for the nation's 25 million veterans.

The new law, HR 3447, will allow the VA will lower co-payments for hospital inpatient care by 80 percent for veterans meeting a new regional means test.

This could translate into an out-of-pocket savings of over \$600 for each hospitalization.

Other improvements include a trained service dog program for disabled veterans; a national commission to enhance recruitment and retention of nurses at VA facilities; establishing chiropractic services within the VA health care system on a nationwide basis; and specialized medical programs (i.e. for mental illness, spinal cord injuries and prosthetics) in each of the VA's 22 health care networks.

Kosovo medal and streamers approved and awarded

The President has approved establishment and award of the Kosovo Campaign Medal (KCM) and campaign streamers to recognize the accomplishments of military service members par-

ticipating or in direct support of Kosovo operations within established areas of eligibility.

Service members authorized the KCM must have participated in or served in direct support of Kosovo operations: Allied Force; Joint Guardian; Allied Harbour; Sustain Hope/Shining Hope; Noble Anvil; or Kosovo Task Forces: Hawk; Saber; Falcon; or Hunter.

The areas of eligibility are:

Kosovo air campaign: The total land area and air space of Serbia, Montenegro, Albania, Macedonia, Bosnia, Croatia, Hungary, Romania, Greece, Bulgaria, Italy and Slovenia; and the waters and air space of the Adriatic and Ionian Seas north of the 39th north latitude.

Kosovo defense campaign: The total land area and air space of Serbia, Montenegro, Albania, Macedonia, and the waters and air space of the Adriatic Sea within 12 nautical miles of the Montenegro, Albania and Croatia coastlines.

Award criteria: Service members must be members of a unit participating in or be engaged in direct support of the operation for 30 consecutive days in the area of eligibility or for 60 nonconsecutive days provided this support involves entering the operations area of eligibility.

One bronze star shall be worn on the suspension and service ribbon of the KCM for qualified participation during the campaign period.

A campaign streamer is authorized for the Kosovo air campaign and the Kosovo defense campaign. Campaign streamers are awarded after a campaign has ended.

The KCM will be worn in chronological sequence after the Southwest Asia Service Medal or after the last service award.

Family FOCUS

Family care plans crucial to childrens' well-being during deployments

About 36,000 single-parent soldiers are in America's Army today.

Another 27,000 soldiers are part of a dual-military couple.

Those figures don't even include soldiers who deploy and leave their families home alone, making their spouses temporary sole parents.

Every single-parent soldier, dual-military parent, and single and dual-military pregnant soldier is required to develop a family care plan by Army Regulation 600-20.

Emergency-essential civilians are also encouraged to have a family care plan.

The plan, DA Form 5305, as a minimum includes proof that a guardian has agreed to care for dependent children under the age of 18.

Powers of Attorney for medical care, guardianship and the authorization to start or stop financial support should be in the packet.

Military identification cards should be issued for children who reside with a single parent or dual military couple.

Lastly, the regulation requires a letter of instruction to the guardian/escort.

This letter should contain specific in-

structions needed for the guardian to ensure the care of the dependents.

Things the regulation doesn't require but experts say should be considered for the packet include: birth certificates, social security cards, shot records, other medical or insurance cards, medication dosages for the child if necessary, and lists of family-member addresses and phone numbers in case of emergency.

"What it boils down to is that the family care plan is something that may be utilized and not just a paper exercise," said John Meixell, attorney advisor with the Army legal assistance policy division. "Soldiers need to make realistic decisions as to who they trust with the care of their children and provide them with all the info they need to exercise reasonable care."

To make an assessment on what is and is not reasonable care, officials say the planning process should be ongoing and not begin at the last minute.

"A deployment or mobilization is a really stressful situation to start with," said Mary Ellen Pratt, who heads the Army's child development programs at the US Army community and family

support center. "When families have to worry about one more things like what happens to your child or your children, that's really going to affect how ready you are to go off on a deployment."

Officials also recommend that parents keep documents such as birth certificates in one place (an accordion-style organizer or file cabinet special drawer).

They say parents should label or tab folders to make it easy for the guardian to find documents fast.

They say parents should make advance contact with financial institutions, children's doctors, schools and daycare providers prior to deployment.

They even recommend giving these agencies a copy of the family care plan.

With more than 23,600 National Guard and Army Reserve soldiers mobilized so far for Operation Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom, Sgt. Maj. Charles Steele of the New York National Guard state family program says his contingency plan's focus is on more than just providing families with rosters.

"A single parent or dual-military family has to give serious thought to their FCP (family care plan)," said Steele.

There has to be an agreement between the caregiver and the children involved.

If either party feels uncomfortable with the situation, it could be a very bad situation.

When parents are considering caregivers, adult parties should discuss and be prepared to plan activities for children, said Steele.

Children watch the news and they are aware of things that happen, Steele said.

He said keeping them involved in other activities may be one way of calming their fears.

Also, Steele said the caregiver should be willing to attempt to keep the parent and the children connected as much as possible.

"We give out letter-writing kits to deployed parents and calendars to their children," said Steele.

The kit is just one way the family program encourages interaction.

The kit is complete with post cards and a map of the world and distinctive envelopes, so when the child sees the envelope, the envelope can be easily recognized.

Uniform policy changes are a focus of updated AR 670-1

More than 10 changes in the Army's uniform policy are currently being staffed for an update of Army Regulation 670-1, Wear and Appearance of Army Uniforms and Insignia.

Items being revised include hair, nails, contacts, cell phones, pagers, bloused boots, headgear, "camelbacks," desert battle dress uniform insignia, and physical fitness uniform wear and pregnancy.

Other items that will not undergo a policy change will have their wording changed to give a clearer picture of what the policy is, said Master Sgt. Kittie Messman, the uniform policy noncommissioned officer at the office of the deputy chief of staff for personnel.

Items that will be re-worded include those governing tattoos and body piercing, identification bracelets, civilian bags, and uniform policy based on religious practices.

AR 670-1 was last revised in 1992, but is periodically reviewed to keep up with the pace of changing times.

"The regulation has to change," Messman said. "If not we'd still be wearing uniforms from the Civil War."

Until the revised regulation is signed by the secretary of the Army, the regulation updated in 1992 is still in effect.

A new policy regarding cell phones and pagers is one addition to the regulation that was generated by technology, Messman said.

At one time, cell phones and pagers were only common for people in the medical field, but now the Army has downsized, and people are doing more than one job at the same time. Soldiers have to be able to go out and do their jobs without being tied to their desk.

Messman is the principal advisor for changes to the uniform policy, but she said the changes that are being staffed came from recommendations.

"We depend a lot on leadership in the field," Messman said. "They know the young soldiers of today. I get their input on when it's time to allow something that wasn't allowed before, or when something starts becoming a distraction and needs to be addressed."

The policy change authorizing braids and cornrows is an example of items that were once seen as inappropriate in the workplace, but now considered conservative and business-like, Messman said. And the policy clarification that prohibits two-toned manicured nails is an example of a growing trend that has no place in the work area, she added.

"We don't want to rob people of their individuality," Messman said. "Our goal is to create a conservative, professional image and some of the trendy styles will not accomplish that goal."

Highlights of the changes are:

Dreadlocks are prohibited for all soldiers. Prohibited hair dye colors include purple, blue, pink, green, orange, bright fire-engine red, and neon colors. Applied colors must look natural on the individual soldier. Women are authorized to wear braids and cornrows; baldness is authorized for males, either natural or shaved.

Males are not authorized to wear nail polish and they must keep nails trimmed to the tip of the finger. Females must keep nails trimmed no longer than 1/4 inch, as measured from the fingertip. Two-tone or multi-tone manicures and nail designs are prohibited. Prohibited nail polish colors include bright fire-engine red, khaki or camouflage, purple, gold, blue, black, white, and neon colors.

Tinted or colored contacts, and contacts that change the shape of the iris are prohibited. The only contacts authorized are opaque lenses when prescribed for eye injuries, and clear corrective vision lenses.

One electronic device is authorized for wear on the uniform, in the performance of official duties. The device may be either a cell phone or pager—not both. The device must be black in color and may not exceed 4x2x1 inches. Devices that do not comply with these criteria may not be worn on the uniform and must be carried in the hand, in a bag, or in some other carrying container.

Soldiers will not blouse boots any lower than the third eyelet from the top of the boot.

Males are exempt from wearing headgear to evening social events after retreat.

The Army flash is the only flash authorized on the black beret, unless authorization for distinctive flashes was granted before June 14, 2001.

Commanders may authorize the use of "camelbacks" for field duty or on work details. Soldiers will not use these devices in a garrison environment, unless directed by the commander.

Sew-on insignia is now authorized for the desert BDUs; colors are khaki and spice brown combinations. Soldiers may wear the same insignia and awards as are worn on the woodland camouflage battle dress uniform.

Soldiers who are pregnant should wear the PT uniform until the uniform becomes too small or too uncomfortable. At that time, pregnant soldiers may wear civilian equivalent workout attire. Leaders will not require soldiers to purchase larger PT uniforms to accommodate the pregnancy.

Travelers can keep frequent flier miles for personal travel

The Fiscal Year 2002 National Defense Authorization Act allows official travelers to accept promotional items, including frequent flier miles, and use for personal travel.

According to the new law, any promotional items through official travel belong to the traveler.

The act also grandfather(s) mileage received before its passing.

As the law states, this includes "frequent traveler benefits such as points or miles, upgrades, or access to carrier clubs or facilities."

The change includes allowing personal use of the promotional items "regardless of when the mileage was accrued."

People who have accumulated mileage in frequent flyer accounts through official travel over the past years own all of that mileage.

Government travelers cannot accept special promotional items that are not available to the general public.

Promotional material must be obtained under the same terms as those offered to the general public and must be at no additional government cost, according to implementing instructions from the per diem, travel and transportation allowance committee, a Department of Defense activity.

A traveler may keep payments from a carrier for voluntarily vacating a transportation seat.

However, no additional expenses (per diem or miscellaneous reimbursable) may be paid as a result of the traveler's delay.

Additional travel expenses incurred as a result of voluntarily giving up a seat are the traveler's financial responsibility.

If a traveler is involuntarily denied boarding on flight, compensation for the denied seat belongs to the government.

A traveler may keep payments from a commercial carrier for accompanied baggage that has been lost or delayed by the carrier.

If the traveler intends to make a claim against the government, the traveler should see the claims office prior to accepting a carrier's compensation.

By accepting the carrier's compensation, the traveler may be accepting that amount as payment in full.

DoD not creating a Cold War service medal for uniform wear

The Department of Defense will not be creating a Cold War Service medal, and Army officials said any commemorative medals made by private vendors are unauthorized on military uniforms.

"After careful consideration, it was decided not to create a medal," said Brad Loo, deputy director of officer and enlisted management personnel for the office of the Secretary of Defense.

"Throughout the Cold War years, commanders used a full spectrum of individual, unit and service awards to recognize the achievements and sacrifices of service members," Loo said.

The Cold War is regarded as the period beginning at the end of World War II until the Soviet empire collapsed, or as Loo said, from 1945 until 1991.

Former Secretary of Defense William Cohen approved a Cold War Certificate. The certificate recognizes all service members and federal employees who faithfully served in the United States military during the Cold War era.

Last year an unidentified source caused confusion by sending an e-mail to individuals informing them that a Cold War medal had been approved, and attached a picture of the medal to the e-mail, said Arlette King, chief of policy for the Army award branch.

"We've tried to correct the issue by putting out messages on our Web site stating that there is not an authorized medal," King said. "This is America and anyone can purchase the commemorative medal from private vendors, just not wear it on his or her uniform."

There are several different designs of medals being offered on the Internet and even at military clothing sales stores.

It is against the law to wear an unauthorized medal on the military uniform, said Master Sgt. Kittie Messman, the uniform policy noncommissioned officer for the office of the deputy chief of staff for personnel.

"Whoever knowingly wears a medal not authorized by Congress...shall be fined or imprisoned not more than six months or both," Messman said, "according to Title 18, Section 704, Military Medal or Decorations."

Let your voice be heard to your fellow soldiers and airmen

Read any stories on your unit in the *Azuwur* lately? If not, do you wonder why? What you read in the *Azuwur* is directly related to what units send in. The units covered are the ones who report what's happening.

The *Azuwur* has a small staff, and we can't be all over the state at the same time. There are not enough of us to call each Oregon Army and Air National Guard unit, much less visit each one to see what's happening.

Therefore, we must rely on you to tell us what's going on in your area. We ask for your help.

Each unit has been directed by the

adjutant general to appoint a unit public affairs representative (UPAR). This person should be our pipeline to your unit's happenings. But anyone can send information in: all we need is the who, what, where, when, why and how of the story, and a name and number to contact for further information. We can use good photos, too.

We may rewrite, edit, shorten, and combine to fit your information in, but we do try to use everything we receive, even if we hold it for a later edition.

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Carefully review W-2 tax forms for combat zone tax exclusions

Air Force Print News reminds servicemembers that if they have spent time in a newly recognized combat zone area during the last part of the year, they should carefully review their W-2 tax form.

Specifically, if you were entitled to combat zone tax exclusion during the final four months of 2001, you should carefully review your W-2.

If you feel there are errors, contact your local finance office and see if you need a corrected W-2 before you file a tax return.

President Bush signed an executive order Sept. 19 that designated Afghanistan and the airspace above it as a combat zone.

Personnel directly supporting operations in Afghanistan from other locations may also be eligible for combat zone tax exclusion if they are receiving imminent danger pay or hostile fire pay.

The IRS has established a toll-free telephone number for military people or their families to call with any tax questions that may arise: (866) 562-5227.

Legislation introduced in House to protect Reservists' salaries

Legislation has been introduced in the House to protect the pay of Reservists and National Guard members who are federal employees, in case they are called to active duty.

Reps. Robert Wexler (D-Fla.) and Bob Filner (D-Calif.) have devised a bill that would require federal agencies to make up the difference between a Reservist's federal salary and his military salary so the employee does not face a pay cut.

The bill would apply to salaries paid on or after September 11.

More than 120,000 Reservists are federal employees, and about 65,000 would be required to leave their civil service jobs in a full mobilization.

The proposal has the support of the Reserve Officers Association, the Enlisted Association of the National Guard, the National Air Traffic Controllers Association and the American Federation of Government Employees.

Space-A travel on medevac C-9 aircraft no longer an option

Space-A travel on medical evacuation C-9 aircraft with Red Cross markings is no longer an option outside of the continental United States, according to Air Mobility Command.

AMC states that only patients, medical personnel, chaplains and patient attendees on official travel orders are authorized to travel on medevac aircraft.

Non-medical attendees traveling Space-A are not authorized to travel on these flights.

International law under the Geneva Convention limits the use of C-9 aircraft with a red cross to only medical flights.

This month in military history

War of 1812 1812-1815

The Battle of New Orleans
Jan. 8, 1815

Two weeks after the War of 1812 officially ended with the signing of the Treaty of Ghent, General Andrew Jackson achieves the greatest American victory of the war at the Battle of New Orleans.

In September 1814, an impressive American naval victory on Lake Champlain forced invading British forces back into Canada and led to the conclusion of peace negotiations in Ghent, Belgium. Although the peace agreement was signed on Dec. 24, word did not reach the British forces assailing the Gulf coast in time to halt a major attack.

On Jan. 8, 1815, the British marched against New Orleans, hoping that by capturing the city they could separate Louisiana from the rest of the United States. Pirate Jean Lafitte, however, had warned the Americans of the attack, and the arriving British found militiamen under Jackson strongly entrenched at the Rodriguez Canal. In two separate assaults, the 7,500 British soldiers under Sir Edward Pakenham were unable to penetrate the US defenses, and Jackson's 4,500 troops, many of them expert marksmen from Kentucky and Tennessee, decimated the British lines. In half an hour, the British had retreated, Pakenham was dead, and nearly 2,000 of his men were killed, wounded, or missing. US forces suffered only eight killed and 13 wounded.

Although the battle had no bearing on the outcome of the war, Jackson's overwhelming victory elevated national pride, which had suffered a number of setbacks during the War of 1812. The Battle of New Orleans was also the last armed engagement between the United States and Britain.

The Civil War 1861-1865

Lincoln issues Emancipation Proclamation
Jan. 1, 1863

During the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln issues the Emancipation Proclamation, calling on the Union army to liberate all slaves in states still in rebellion as "an act of justice, warranted by the Constitution, upon military necessity." These three million slaves were declared to be "then, thenceforward, and forever free." The proclamation exempted the border slave states that remained in the Union at the start of the Civil War and all or parts of three Confederate states controlled by the Union army.

As a Republican politician, Lincoln had fought to isolate slavery from the new territories, not outlaw it outright, and this policy carried over into his presidency. Even after the Civil War began, Lincoln, though he privately detested slavery, moved cautiously on the emancipation issue. However, in 1862, the federal government began to realize the strategic advantages of emancipation: The liberation of slaves would weaken the Confederacy by depriving it of a major portion of its labor force, which would in turn strengthen the Union by producing an influx of manpower.

That year, Congress annulled the fugitive slave laws, prohibited slavery in the US territories, and authorized Lincoln to employ freed slaves in the army. Following the major Union victory at the Battle of Antietam in September, Lincoln issued a warning of his intent to issue an Emancipation Proclamation for all states still in rebellion on New Year's Day.

The Emancipation Proclamation transformed the Civil War from a war against secession into a war for "a new birth of freedom," as Lincoln stated in his Gettysburg Address in 1863. This ideological change discouraged the intervention of France or England on the Confederacy's behalf and enabled the Union to enlist the 200,000 African-American soldiers and sailors who volunteered to fight between Jan. 1, 1863, and the conclusion of the war. In 1865, the 13th Amendment to the Constitution formally abolished slavery.

World War I 1914-1918

US troops depart Germany
Jan. 10, 1923

Four years after the end of World War I, President Warren G. Harding orders US occupation troops stationed in Germany to return home.

In 1917, after several years of bloody stalemate along the western front, the entrance of America's well-supplied forces into World War I was a major turning point in the conflict. When the war ended in November 1918, more than two million American soldiers had served on the battlefields of Western Europe, and more than 50,000 of them had lost their lives.

As part of the Treaty of Versailles, signed the next year, US troops, along with other Allied forces, were to occupy the defeated Central Powers nations to enforce the terms of the peace agreement. In Germany, Allied occupation and stiff war reparations levied against the country were regarded with increasing bitterness, and in 1923, after four years of contending with a resentful German populace, the American troops were ordered home.

World War II 1941-1945

Hidden Japanese surrender
Jan. 1, 1946

An American soldier accepts the surrender of about 20 Japanese soldiers who only discovered that the war was over by reading it in the newspaper.

On the island of Corregidor, located at the mouth of Manila Bay, a lone soldier on detail for the American Graves Registration was busy recording the makeshift graves of American soldiers who had lost their lives fighting the Japanese. He was interrupted when approximately 20 Japanese soldiers approached him—literally waving a white flag. They had been living in an underground tunnel built during the war and learned that their country had already surrendered when one of them ventured out in search of water and found a newspaper announcing Japan's defeat.

The Cold War 1945-1990

Iran Hostage Crisis ends
Jan. 20, 1981

Minutes after Ronald Reagan's inauguration as the 40th president of the United States, the 52 US captives held at the US embassy in Teheran, Iran, are released, ending the 444-day Iran Hostage Crisis.

On Nov. 4, 1979, the crisis began when militant Iranian students, outraged that the US government had allowed the ousted shah of Iran to travel to New York City for medical treatment, seized the US embassy in Teheran. The Ayatollah Khomeini, Iran's political and religious leader, took over the hostage situation, refusing all appeals to release the hostages, even after the UN Security Council demanded an end to the crisis in an unanimous vote. However, two weeks after the storming of the embassy, the Ayatollah began to release all non-US captives, and all female and minority Americans, citing these groups as among the people oppressed by the government of the United States. The remaining 52 captives remained at the mercy of the Ayatollah for the next 14 months.

President Jimmy Carter was unable to diplomatically resolve the crisis, and on April 24, 1980, he ordered a disastrous rescue mission in which eight US military personnel were killed and no hostages rescued. Three months later, the former shah died of cancer in Egypt, but the crisis continued. In November 1980, Carter lost the presidential election to Republican Ronald Reagan. Soon after, with the assistance of Algerian intermediaries, successful negotiations began between the US and Iran. On the day of Reagan's inauguration, the US freed almost \$8 billion in frozen Iranian assets, and the hostages were released after 444 days. The next day, Jimmy Carter flew to West Germany to greet the Americans on their way home.

The Vietnam War 1964-1975

Amphibious operations conducted in the Mekong Delta

Jan. 5, 1967

On this day, 1st Battalion, 9th US Marines and South Vietnamese Marine Brigade Force Bravo conduct amphibious operations in the Kien Hoa Province in the Mekong Delta, 62 miles south of Saigon.

This action, part of Operation Deckhouse V, marked the first time that US combat troops were used in the Mekong Delta. The target area, called the Thanh Phu Secret Zone by Viet Cong guerrillas, was believed to contain communist ammunition dumps, ordinance and engineering workshops, hospitals, and indoctrination centers. During the course of the operation, which lasted until Jan. 15, seven US Marines were killed.

The Gulf War 1991

The Persian Gulf War begins
Jan. 16, 1991

At midnight in Iraq, the United Nations deadline for the Iraqi withdrawal from Kuwait expires, and the Pentagon prepares to commence offensive operations to forcibly eject Iraq from its five-month occupation of its oil-rich neighbor. At 4:30 p.m. EST, the first fighter aircraft were launched from Saudi Arabia and off US and British aircraft carriers in the Persian Gulf on bombing missions over Iraq. All evening, aircraft from the US-led military coalition pounded targets in and around Baghdad as the world watched the events transpire in television footage transmitted live via satellite from Baghdad and elsewhere. At 7 p.m., Operation Desert Storm was formally announced at the White House.

The operation was conducted by an international coalition under the command of General Norman Schwarzkopf and featured forces from 32 nations, including Egypt, Saudi Arabia, and Kuwait. During the next six weeks, the allied force engaged in a massive air war against Iraq's military and civil infrastructure, and encountered little effective resistance from the Iraqi air force or air defenses. Saddam hoped that the missile attacks would provoke Israel to enter the conflict, thus dissolving Arab support of the war. At the request of the United States, however, Israel remained out of the war.

Looking Back

The Azuwur staff recently found back issues of the paper dating to 1974. As the Oregon Guard continues to excel into the new millennium, we would like to run selected stories to look back into the past.

National Guard plays key role in presidential visit

Klamath Falls—Saturday, March 5, the first president of the United States to ever touch down at Kingsley Field on board Air Force One made a whirlwind tour of Klamath Falls Weyerhaeuser Lumber facilities.

President Ronald Reagan spent 2 ½ hours greeting girl scouts, touring a working lumber mill, and meeting with Oregon's lumber industry executives as well as local and state government officials.

The Oregon Air National Guard, in cooperation with the Secret Service, the Oregon State Police, the Klamath County Sheriff's Department and the Klamath Falls Police Department, played a significant role in the President's visit.

Preparations for Reagan's visit began eight days in advance with the arrival of White House officials and ranking Republicans on Feb. 24, on board a White House DC-9.

"Before departing Feb. 25, they surveyed Kingsley Field, toured the Weyerhaeuser mill and looked at the various security requirements," said Lt. Col. Martin T. Bergan, commander of the alert detachment, of the 142nd Fighter Interceptor Group (OLAD), Kingsley Field.

"Over the next few days, I received several briefings from the White House covering security requirements, Air Force One embarkation and debarkation procedures, refueling specifications and other instructions," Bergan said.

"On Friday, I received a message from the secretary of defense, designating me the Department of Defense point of contact for the visit," continued Bergan. "On Monday, a C-141 arrived carrying the White House communications center package. Air Guard personnel assisted with the off-loading and transportation to the local Pacific Northwest Bell (PNB) office.

"During the next few days, security details were coordinated between the various government agencies for on- and off-post," Bergan explained. "Senior Master Sgts. John Wohlwend, Doug Reese and Dick Quick coordinated the major details for Kingsley Field. In all, more than 40 Air National Guard personnel worked on the Air Force One visit and almost everyone volunteered many hours.

"The President's visit to Klamath Falls was termed a 'working visit'," Bergan noted. "This was the reason for the briefness of his stay. The Air National Guard received many compliments from media and government officials on their professional assistance and coordination."

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Awards and Decorations

Army Achievement Medal

CPL Adanroland Garcia 241 MI
 PFC Bradley Beverly E/1-162 IN
 PFC Russell Clark B/1249 EN
 PFC Justin Eyerly E/82 CAV
 PFC Lonnie Harrison D/2-162 IN
 PFC Kevin Hartman 115 MPAD
 PFC Scott Thurman HHC/1-162 IN
 PV2 Shane Fields B/1249 EN
 PV2 Graham Hill E/82 CAV
 PVT Randy Maidens E/82 CAV
 SFC David Mindolovich USAR
 SSG Bourne Huddleston USMC
 BM1 Steven Davis USN
 BM2 Eric Miller USN
 SGT Kurt Powell USNR
 MAJ Thyra Bishop 123 WF
 SSGt Robert Algar 272 CBCS
 SSGt Dawn Baker 272 CBCS
 SSGt Ryan Palmer 272 CBCS
 SSGt Roger Peet 272 CBCS
 TSgt Ross Johnson 272 CBCS
 MSgt Michael Casteel 272 CBCS
 MSgt Bruce Davidson 272 CBCS
 SRA William Dewey 272 CBCS
 SRA Scott Ferre 272 CBCS
 SRA Lach Litwer 272 CBCS
 SRA Christine Longfield 272 CBCS

Oregon Distinguished Service Medal

HQSTARC
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Oregon Exceptional Service Medal

COL Shirley Fong 1/HQSTARC
 COL John Kendall 5th US Army
 WO1 Melanie Smith HQSTARC
 MSG David Coddling HQSTARC
 MSG Robertson Cope HHC/141 SPT

MSG Jonathon Shew
 MSG James Slater
 SSG Michael Knight
 SSG Terry Kennedy
 CIV Darlene Griffith
 Col David Ferre
 SSGt Ross Hilman

Oregon Commendation Medal

LTC Fredric Podhora
 CPT Jeffrey Abele
 CPT Robert Fraser
 CPT Bradley Hale
 CPT Carter McReynolds
 CPT Dwayne Schelle
 CPT Lyle Simshaw
 1LT John Neibert
 2LT Jeremy Haley
 CW4 David Larson
 CW3 Michael Webster
 CW2 Jeffrey Poulin
 MSG Thomas Sterling
 SSG Scott Lucas
 SSG David Pickett
 SPC Charles Breeden
 SPC John Engels
 SPC Marvin Leeteer
 SPC Lee Perin
 SPC William Yeager
 CPL Douglas Conner
 PV2 Leeann Bechtel
 PV2 Tong Fox
 PV2 Brenda Thompson
 CIV Laura Boggs
 CIV Peter Senser
 MSgt Robert Glenn
 MSgt Steven Rose
 TSgt Timothy Gensler
 TSgt Norman Olson

HQSTARC
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 A/249 Avn
 OMD
 142 SG
 142 LSF

Oregon Meritorious Service Medal

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 HHC/141 SPT
 HHSB/2-218 FA
 HHSB/2-218 FA
 HQ/1249 EN
 HHC/141 SPT
 F/82 CAV
 C/1-162 IN
 C/1-162 IN
 A/249 Avn
 B/141 SPT
 HHD/641 MED
 HHD/741 CSB
 C/1-162 IN
 A/249 Avn
 3670 Maint
 HQSTARC
 HHC/41 SIB
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Air Force Meritorious Service Medal

LtCol Bruce Marshall
 MSgt Alan Coleman
 MSgt Mike Ellis
 TSgt Andrew Furnia

Air Force Commendation Medal

MSgt Kevin McMichael
 TSgt Elaine-Loan Nguyen
 TSgt Anthony Smith
 TSgt Richard Trammel
 SMSgt Rebecca Marshall
 TSgt Ross Johnson
 SrA David Coverstone
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