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## Oregon National Guard

### 1-186 prepares for Sinai mission; Shinseki visits SRP

By JOE BURLAS

ARMY LINK NEWS SERVICE

Replacing an active-Army unit originally slated for peacekeeping duties in the Sinai region of Egypt this summer, the Oregon National Guard's 1-186th Infantry Battalion is in the final stages of preparing for deployment and its soldiers say they are ready to go.

Scheduled to train at Fort Carson, Colo., for the last of its mobilization requirements in May, and formally assume the US portion of the Multinational Force and Observers mission in July, the 1-186th conducted soldier readiness processing as part of home-station mobilization on April 13 and 14.

The 172nd Separate Infantry Brigade out of Fort Wainwright, Alaska, had originally been tasked to provide one of its battalions for the next six-month MFO rotation.

The tasking of the 1-186th to assume the MFO mission is significant for three reasons, said Col. David Teeples, a special assistant to the chief of staff of the Army. Teeples traveled with Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric K. Shinseki to Medford to talk with 1-186th leaders and soldiers at the unit's SRP.

First, the switch frees up an active-duty unit for other missions related to the war on terrorism if needed, Teeples said. Second, this is only the second time a reserve-component unit has been called upon to perform the Sinai mission. Third, it demonstrates the reserve component is a trusted and valued member of the Army family.

A non-UN peacekeeping organization, the MFO was created from agreements reached during the



Gen. Eric Shinseki, chief of staff of the Army, visits with two soldiers preparing for the 1-186 Infantry's deployment to the Sinai Peninsula. Shinseki visited the Medford Armory in April.

1979 Camp David Accords which sought a more permanent truce between Israel and its Arab neighbors.

The MFO was activated in 1981 to act as an impartial buffer between Israel and Egypt in the Sinai.

The Sinai is a desert region just east of the Suez Canal between the Red Sea in the south and Mediterranean Sea in the north that abuts Israel's western border.

The MFO Sinai mission has several differences from traditional peacekeeping missions.

The MFO operates within the two nations of Egypt and Israel, bound by a treaty of peace. Each nation exercises sovereignty over its respective territories. Thus, the peacekeeping force does

not act as a buffer between combatants. Rather, it works closely with two nations to support a permanent peace they had already struggled together to forge and maintain.

"I am patriot," said Staff Sgt. Mark Dalton, a 1-186th medical treatment noncommissioned offer. "Going on a deployment is part of what a soldier may get called upon to do—whether he or she is active-Army, Reserve or National Guard. I am looking forward to being part of a real-world mission and very proud that this National Guard unit has been selected to do it."

Owner of an Oregon-based e-commerce business that builds and tracks customer databases, Dalton has deployed to the desert before when his

unit was deployed to Saudi Arabia as part of Operation Desert Storm. He said his business partner, wife and the mother of his three children will keep the business going while he is away.

"She isn't real excited about me going, but she has understood since before we married that being a soldier—if mostly on a part time basis—is part of who I am," Dalton said.

Being a soldier is also a big part of who Officer Candidate Eric Cole is. Offered the opportunity to finish the Oregon National Guard Officer Candidate School over the next two months, or just completing the first of three phases before shipping with the 1-186th as a squad automatic weapons gunner, Cole chose to go with his unit.

A prior-service cannon crewman who served in Germany from 1985 to 1989, Cole said he drifted without much purpose, working as a carpenter, doing odd jobs and earning a college degree, after leaving active-duty. He joined the Oregon National Guard last August and said it was like coming home.

"I missed the camaraderie, adventure, challenge and security of being a soldier, Cole said. "The Guard gives me back all that. My life once more has direction."

Cole has a strong soldier tradition in his family. A grandfather served in the Army during World War II. His father, stepfather and an uncle served during the Vietnam War. And like his grandfather who joined to avenge the sneak attack on Pearl Harbor, Cole said he hopes to have the opportunity to avenge his generation's Pearl Harbor—the terrorist attacks on the New York City World Trade Center and Pentagon.

"I am ready to go and do my part," Cole said. "We are capable, well-trained and ready to do what is asked of us. I welcome the opportunity the Army has given us to prove ourselves in a very hot spot of the world."

Headquartered in Ashland with units in Medford, Roseburg, Grants Pass and Klamath Falls, the battalion was selected by the National Command Authority to mobilize, train and deploy over 500 Oregon soldiers. Most of the soldiers come from 1-186th Infantry.

The 1-186th Infantry Battalion, commanded by Lt. Col. Dan Cameron, will receive theater-specific training at Fort Carson in May and June before deploying to the Sinai region. The unit will mobilize under Partial Mobilization Authority (Operation Noble Eagle). This level of mobilization authorizes soldiers to be activated for up to one year and no longer than two years. It is expected that they will return to Oregon in January or February 2003.

There are 11 nations, including US forces, which participate in the MFO Sinai mission. US forces represent about 900 of the 1,900 soldiers and civilians comprising the MFO mission force. This force, along with the observer mission roles, ensures freedom of navigation through the Strait of Tiran at the southern entrance to the Gulf of Agaba. The task force will be responsible for the operation of checkpoints, reconnaissance patrols and observation points along the international border separating Israel and Egypt.

## 241 MI returns from Bosnia



On April 3, 2002, the 241 Military Intelligence Company returned to Oregon following a seven-month deployment to Bosnia.

At the Jackson Armory, adjacent to the Portland Air Base, members of the 241 were reunited with their friends and family.

The demobilization ceremony was held in Tigard on April 12.

The deployment represented a three-state cooperative effort to deploy

from a home station mobilization platform, Camp Rilea.

Soldiers from these units, the 223rd California Army National Guard and 341st Washington Army National Guard, also deployed to Bosnia.

While in Bosnia, the 241 MI supported Operation Joint Forge.

As part of the NATO force, the company's mission was to assist in the continuation of stability operations and the promotion of peace in the region.

Through these efforts, the goal of the coalition forces is to assist the people of the Balkans in the redevelopment of industry, commerce and the political structure in a peaceful environment.

The 241 MI Company continued the Oregon National Guard's long and great tradition of answering their country's call to duty when needed.

This was Oregon's ninth unit to mobilize and deploy since the Gulf War.



TOP LEFT AND RIGHT: Members of the 241 MI Company were greeted at Jackson Armory in Portland by friends and family. BELOW: The 241 MI soldiers get off buses at Jackson Armory.





# Command Focus

## Maj. Gen. Alexander H. Burgin

In April, we were honored to host a visit from the chief of staff of the Army, General Shinseki.

The only other time in recent history that Oregon was visited by the chief of staff was when General Reiner participated in the roll-out ceremony for our blackhawk helicopters in Salem.

Southern Oregon had certainly not had the opportunity to interact with a leader of that caliber, but that is exactly where Gen. Shinseki focused his energy.

He wanted to visit with the soldiers from the task force comprised principally of soldiers from the 1st Battalion, 186th Infantry, who are headed to the Sinai for a six-month deployment.

He listened to our briefs, but more importantly, he spent hours visiting with small groups of soldiers as they proceeded through required adminis-

trative processing stations.

There is no doubt, Gen. Shinseki made a very positive impact on all those present.

He is a charismatic leader who is sincere about his concern for soldiers.

His message was clear. This is a very important mission in light of current world events.

The United States will maintain its presence in that theater, and our soldiers must be professional, prepared, and focused.

After he left, we heard from the general's staff that he was impressed with what he saw, and he was confident that the Oregon Army National Guard is up to the challenge.

The word for the day is preparation.

Be prepared for deployments in support of our campaign to defeat terror-

ism on all fronts.

The operational tempo of the active Army and Air Force will demand our support at unprecedented levels in the next 12 to 18 months.

We will keep you, your family members, and your employers informed of our requirements upon notification by our national command authority.

By attending drills, training to standard, and being available for any mission, you are making a difference.

In the last few months, the quality of personnel strength figures and the readiness indicators in the Oregon Air and Army National Guard continue to improve.

This is a good-news story in which all of you can take pride.

This has been the result of successful collaborations between the various commands and our professional recruiting forces.

In order to answer the call, we need to maintain the focus on critical personnel issues.

In many areas, we are setting the national standard for quality, and that is a reputation we need to reinforce.

Recently, various members of the Air and Army National Guard met to refine and expand our quest to align our organization along common goals and



objectives.

This represents another step along the journey to insure all Guard members fully understand their respective role in our collective success.

At this session, we established the framework for the Oregon National Guard Institute of Excellence, whose purpose will be to create and maintain a culture throughout our ranks that fosters and rewards the skills, traits, and beliefs that will be necessary to be recognized as a national model for success and superior performance.

Remember to keep those who are deploying in your thoughts and prayers, and let's do all we can to care for all the men and women who proudly serve the Oregon National Guard.

## State Command Sgt. Maj. Donald F. Newman

The first six months of this training year ended March 31 with numerous successes in the personal readiness and homeland defense arenas.

While we have been successful in these areas, I feel that we are falling short in the mentoring of our soldiers.

Mentoring today is synonymous with the process by which we guard and guide others. Mentors seemingly "adopt" those placed in their care.

Although mentorship is not new to the Army, it is most often associated with officers.

But, mentors can be—and are—squad leaders, section or platoon sergeants, first sergeants and sergeants major, as well as officers and civilians.

Mentoring is a critical skill for NCOs because they are charged to train and develop junior leaders. Ideally, every soldier is both a practicing mentor and a protégé recipient of mentorship.

This ideal circle of mentoring only occurs when a unit has created an atmosphere where the art of leadership is recognized as a learning and growing process, and where mistakes are tolerated as part of that process.

Today's recruits are the best and brightest ever. NCOs have the responsibility to develop these soldiers to the best of their abilities.

We make that happen by sharing our knowledge with the leaders of tomorrow. And the most effective way to share that knowledge is through mentoring.

Becoming a mentor should not be a



hasty endeavor. It is not a part-time job. It is an intense relationship between teacher and student. The process requires time and caring.

Effective mentors are totally committed to spending the necessary time and attention it takes to share values, attitudes and beliefs. This includes helping a soldier make career decisions and providing support and encouragement that allow leaders to grow.

Information on training and caring for soldiers can be found in FM 22-100, Military Leadership; FM 22-101, Leadership Counseling; and FM 22-101, Soldier Team Development.

Mentoring is not just a fancy buzzword. It is a proven approach and a valuable tool for NCO leaders.

## Command Chief Master Sgt. J. Wayne Stuart

This past month, we completed our biggest-ever awards recognition banquet.

Over 450 people were in attendance, and many award recipients were not available due to mission and deployment requirements.

It is obvious that we need a larger facility for the next one.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that worked so hard to make this event such a great success.

We continue to be busy with post-Sept. 11 mission requirements, including many changes to what we do and how we do it.

We are also finding out some of the advantages and disadvantages of title 10 active duty.

One possible advantage involves Oregon state's VA home loan eligibility.

Headquarters is currently looking into the requirements with the VA.

The information on this program will be distributed soon.

The military ball is the next thing to



put on your calendar.

Many people are working hard to make it a memorable event.

The location alone, the Evergreen Aviation Museum, will make it a fun night.

Hope to see you there.

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## Pleasure or pain? Running provides "inner connection" for ONG racers

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To some, running is punishment. To others, like Spc. Bill Raitter with the Oregon National Guard's 1249th Engineer Battalion, it's way of life.

"I saw a quote once that read 'Running is like hitting yourself with a hammer; it feels great when you stop,'" said Raitter jokingly as he stretched his legs for the race. "This is hard to argue with, but when you're about to start a race and you look around and see hundreds of people doing the same thing—it's a great feeling. It's neat to see so many people, all in nature, and out to run as fast as their bodies will allow."

Hundreds of runners, like Raitter, gathered Feb. 6-7 in Vancouver, Wash., to do just this.

They were there to compete in the four-kilometer, eight-kilometer and 12-kilometer races for the USA Track and Field Winter National Cross Country Championship.

But that wasn't the only reason why Raitter and many other soldiers, airmen, sailors and Marines were there.

The Armed Forces Sports Committee had decided a few years ago that the Armed Forces Championship should be ran in conjunction with this event. So, for the past two years, members from each of the services have competed for their branch's bragging rights.

"The committee decided to make the military competition a little more interesting by giving the service members a little more experience and exposure by letting them run with the best in the nation at the winter nationals," said Ken Polk, sports specialist for Army Sports Office in Alexandria, Va. "Basically, there are two races going on at the same time, and the service members are competing in them both."

Race times for each runner in the different branches were averaged together

at the end to get a team score for each branch. The lowest-averaged branch is declared the winner of each event in the Armed Forces championship.

Adding to the confusion of the multi-layered race, there was a third military competition being assessed. The overall military's top four runners for the four-kilometer race, top five runners for the eight-kilometer race and the top eight runners for the 12-kilometer race will go on to represent the United States at the Conseil International du Sport Militaire (CISM) World Military Cross Country Championship, which is scheduled to be held March 18-22 in Istanbul, Turkey.

Raitter finished sixth out of all the military members in the four-kilometer race and doesn't know if he will go to Turkey with the CISM team yet.

"Last year I placed third and was selected for the team, but the competition was cancelled," said Raitter. "Someday I would like to compete on the team, but the winter nationals are the hardest time for me to be in shape."

Despite Raitter finishing the four-kilometer race in good standings, he said he thinks he could have done better.

"February is the hardest time for me to stay in shape, because the weather makes it difficult to train," said Raitter modestly. "When it's like 10 degrees outside, it makes it hard to put the running shoes on every morning."

Despite his modesty on his current physical fitness, Raitter was able to compete with the many nationally-ranked runners that were competing that day in the competition.



OC Bryan Suits

**Spc. Bill Raitter (right) and Lt. Jeff Kuzma finish the USA Track and Field Winter National Cross Country Championship in Vancouver, Wash., in February. Raitter, a member of the 1249th Engineer Battalion, finished in sixth place.**

"When I'm in super-good shape, I get really competitive," said Raitter. "I try to repress it, but I guess it's a part of racing."

Raitter also races for the Oregon National Guard in running events and competitions. In 2000, he competed with members from his unit in the Army Ten Miler competition. Out of 20,000 competitors, Raitter placed a remarkable 17.

One of his favorite aspects of being in shape is that he gets to motivate and encourage the people in his unit to excel at physical training.

"It's really great to get back to my unit and take the fitness test," said Raitter. "I really enjoy being able to inspire people to pass the test. I know it really helps to learn how to train for the test, instead of just taking it."

With more than 10 years of running experience, Raitter has developed sev-

eral humanistic theories about the sport.

"Running kind of makes you feel like you are a part of something bigger than yourself," said Raitter. "It's like an inner connection with the world around you."

He explained his theory by saying that he pictures the world to be on fire, constantly burning and moving, and that running helps to push him in the same direction as the earth.

"If you can learn to think and live aerobically, it will really help you to feel the connection between yourself and the earth," said Raitter. "Sometimes before I start a race, I feel that if I squint just right, I could see everything in this level."

"It really makes you feel more human," he continued. "When you finish there's just no room for violence or hostility—just peace with it all."

## ORNG energy savings could heat 205 homes for 1 year

By WAYNE GRAHAM

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Energy issues occupied the front page of most newspapers in 2001 with several issues causing concern to Oregonians in general and to the Oregon Military Department (OMD) in particular. Issues of power availability, rate swings, blackouts, weather, deregulation, regulatory activities, and technologies all gained public attention.

Energy problems date back several years; public awareness however, became focused in December 2000 and early 2001 when the press became alert to the issues.

In 1992, the federal government passed the energy policy act allowing power generators to market power in what were formerly regulated markets. States were expected to enact laws supporting the marketing of power. Unfortunately, federal guidance was lacking. Enacted legislations were different and sometimes seriously flawed.

Early trial runs, in select markets, made the idea of free power marketing look attractive. These early trials were in fact, subsidized by various suppliers and resulting false conclusions sug-

gested lower rates would accompany deregulation.

Northwest utilities came to the aid of California's privately owned utilities, after deregulation caused inadequate power transmission, selling power reserves for inflated revenues. A hungry California took all they could get, sometimes paying as much as \$1.40 and selling to the consumer for 10 cents.

The resulting loses were better than risking blackouts to their system.

With this favorable climate, the Oregon National Guard saw opportunity. Partnering with Portland General Electric, the Guard installed 1.6 megawatts of power capacity as part of the construction project at the Salem Armed Forces Reserve Center. This power capacity is available as facility backup during emergencies and has limited availability for PGE during times of peak power draws. This was accomplished by placing two diesel generators, obtained from the Biak Training Center, into service at the site. Under the agreement PGE maintains, fuels and repairs the generators and participated significantly in the installation costs.

Weakness in power supply as well as price signals necessitate the need to con-

serve power. New OMD energy policy was put into action aimed at reductions in the consumption of kilowatt hours. Excess lighting was removed, heating hours limited, water temperatures reduced, and wasteful behaviors reduced in this effort. In the building design process more attention was given to efficient technologies.

The governor initiated a process of accountability to which we very successfully responded. Power use reductions were 11.7 percent for fiscal year 2001, and natural gas reductions of 6.7 percent. This amounts to a savings of \$65,000 in power and \$40,000 in natural gas as compared with fiscal year 2000. Oregon National Guard energy savings would provide energy for 205 homes for a year. This savings would not have been possible without the cooperation of soldiers throughout the state.

The hype of 2001 has subsided, the weather has improved, new generation is coming on line, marginal generation is now cost effective and California's problems have temporarily faded from the news. Left in the aftermath are financially strapped companies and high rate price commitments. In fact, Oregon's energy suppliers have com-

mitted high priced power and fuel reserves and the cost is being passed to the user.

In the absence of the hype, we must keep in mind the costs of energy that drive the need for conservation. Electricity rates have risen by as much as 54 percent and natural gas has experienced four consecutive years of price escalation, amounting to 81 percent. Now cost containment is even more important as the guard must maintain facility services.

The continued emphasis on energy containment is expected. Facility choices and maintenance activity will require analysis in terms of utility cost and usage reduction. Emphasis on user behaviors will continue in importance. Savings will increase, a result of many small decisions whose aggregate effect is critical to meeting the Oregon Guard's facility requirements.

We call on soldiers and airmen in the Oregon Guard to maintain focus on efficient operations. Fortunately, savings are frequently as close as the light switch, the window latch or a heater control. At the same time, focus on technologies that will provide equivalent service for a cost effective price.



# Chaplain finds his calling in the military ministry

By Staff Sgt. AMY ELKER

142ND FW PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The 142nd Fighter Wing warmly welcomed the new Protestant chaplain during the March drill weekend.

The welcome was greatly received, for not only is the chaplain making the transition to a new unit, but he is also making the transition from one branch of service to another.

Still donning his Army uniform, Chaplain (Maj.) Dan Thompson made the rounds through the wing on Saturday; introducing himself with a handshake, a smile, and an invitation, of course, to attend his Protestant church services on Sunday.

Thompson comes to the Air Guard with a vast amount of experience.

He has served for 13 years in the ministry.

After graduating from the Northwest Nazarene College in Nampa, Idaho, he attended Nazarene Seminary in Kansas City, Mo.

While there, he met his wife, Kristina. The two recently celebrated their 14th wedding anniversary.

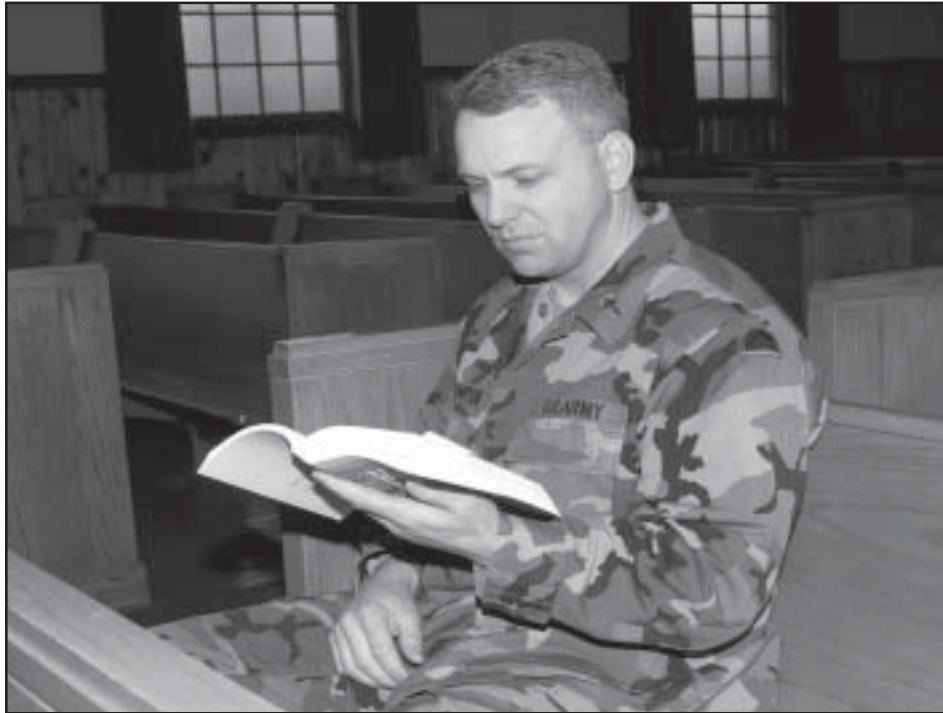
They have four children: Daniel; Hailey; Amanda, who was born while Thompson was deployed to Saudi Arabia; and their youngest, Josiah.

Thompson currently pastors a church in Camas.

Thompson became a military chaplain because he felt like it was what the Lord wanted him to do.

He did, however, receive a little bit of prompting from one of his friends in seminary.

His friend, who had initially made the decision to become an Army chaplain, decided that all things are better in numbers, so he encouraged Thompson to



Staff Sgt. Amy Elker

**Chaplain (Maj.) Dan Thompson, the 142nd Fighter Wing's new Protestant chaplain, spends some quiet time in the word at the Portland Air Base chapel.**

take the journey with him.

Thompson served on active duty for eight years and has been in the National Guard for three years.

His last duty station was with the 1-162 Infantry Battalion in Forest Grove.

Thompson made the decision to transfer to the Air Guard so that he could be more involved.

"Anytime someone (in the 1-162 Infantry) needed me, I had to drive an hour and a half to help. This way, my ministry is a little closer," Thompson said. "I am looking forward to building relationships and getting to know people. That's what makes being in the military worthwhile; the people you come into contact with and being able to help them."

Thompson would like the 142nd to know that he is very a very approachable person and easy to get to know.

He describes himself as someone who has a sense of humor, likes to preach, and likes to work with his hands on cars and remodeling houses.

Finally, he would like people to know that, "Real people can follow the Lord. You don't have to be anything but what you are to serve the Lord."

Protestant services are held UTA Sundays at 8:30 a.m. in the base chapel.

Catholic services are at 3 p.m. on UTA Saturdays. All are welcome to attend.

**A** **Name and rank:** Master Sgt. Ulana M. Cole

**I** **Age:** 33

**R** **Hometown:** Salem, Ore.

**M** **Unit:** Headquarters, Oregon Air National Guard

**A** **MOS and job title:** 3S071/ Military Personnel NCOIC

**N** **Length of service:** 14 years

**A** **Civilian occupation:** AGR with ORANG

**C** **Family:** Married with two children

**C** **Goals for next year:** To establish personnel process for the State of Oregon

**E** **Favorite deployment:** Ramstein, Germany, in 1989

**N** **Most memorable military experience:** While on TDY in Germany, witnessing the Berlin Wall being torn down between West and East Germany.

**T** **Personal heroes:** John F. Kennedy, Princess Diana, and Mother Theresa

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## Second black berets fielded to reserve component units in April

WASHINGTON—Active-duty and mobilized reserve-component soldiers will soon be getting their second black berets.

By the end of April, installation-level central issue facilities, including those in Korea and Europe, will be equipped to field soldiers with their second berets, said Dave Geringer, assistant product manager for Product Manager Soldier Equipment.

"Berets will be at the installation level by April 30, but not necessarily in the hands of the soldier," Geringer said. "Each installation is responsible for (its) own beret distribution."

The fielding of initial berets was completed in Jan. 25, 2002, with distribution to soldiers in 88th Regional Support Command, Fort Snelling, Minn.

The fielding of second berets to reserve-component units that are not mobilized will be complete by September 2003, Geringer said.

A date, however, when Army and Air Force Exchange Services will be stocking the berets is still unknown, he said.

"The priority is to provide a sufficient stock to all units, including Reserve and National Guard, and establish a sustained supply," said Martin Fadden, a logistics management specialist for G-4, Department of the Army.

AAFES is being given the option to purchase berets directly from the manufacturer instead of having to request a supply from Defense Logistics

Agency's Defense Supply Center Philadelphia.

That option could put berets on AAFES' shelves sooner than expected, Fadden said. The details are still being worked out, he added.

Unlike the first beret-fielding schedule that lasted eight months, the majority of the second shipment of berets will be completed in April, Fadden said. Berets are in stock, he said, which is why fielding is going so well.

Last May when berets were scheduled to reach the troops in time for Army's 226th birthday, delivery was delayed when three contracts were cancelled with US companies that had beret factories in Romania, South Africa and India due to quality issues and an inability to meet delivery schedules.

In addition to the contract cancellations, Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric Shinseki announced that US troops would not wear berets made in China or berets made with Chinese content.

An order for about 618,000 black berets had been contracted to Kangol Limited, a British firm that subcontracted to produce the berets at a Chinese factory in China.

Currently Bancroft Cap Company in Cabot, Ark., and Dorothea Knitting, Canada, are the only beret manufacturers, according to officials at DLA.

Small businesses have been solicited to compete for beret contracts, and two contracts will possibly be awarded in May to domestic small business firms, officials said.



## Annual training or vacation... Could they be the same?

So you have annual training scheduled for the near future? Great! Let's see what we can do to make this more enjoyable for you.

First of all, hopefully, you are sent to a new place and are adventurous.

Get on the Internet and wear out your browser to glean information on the location nearby where you'll be ordered to train.

While online, visit the state tourist information center and the county, city, and military base web sites.

Then look for the bus or metro, library, and anything else you might be interested in visiting.

Set some goals. What to visit and in what priority.

Now remember, you are on active federal duty at this time, so carry your orders, ID card, and a smile when you explore. I was ordered to Camp Parks, Calif., one summer for three weeks. I found out that the local bus stopped within three blocks of the front gate, and I was off!

One dollar fare down down to the BART (Bay Area Transit System), and then a transfer off to the Oakland A's stadium. No ticket? No problem. I went up to the ticket window, showed my ID card, and asked to go to the game. Since I was alone, the ticket agent gave me a ticket, and I inquired about the cost of the seat. No charge for military, and the single seat was behind home plate. Perfect! What a memory! Free is always best. And guess what? It worked at Candlestick Park too.

Many local and regional transit systems have military fares. Always check out Greyhound and Amtrak. My last reserve unit was an Army Reserve Watercraft Unit in Tacoma, Wash., and I always got military fares back and forth from Vancouver, Wash.

Don't forget to go to the base ITT/MWR offices and see what they have for discounts, trips, or adventures. Warning: Sometimes they are handy, but not a real bargain. Do the research.

If you are 50ish, join AARP (American Association of Retired People). Annual dues are about \$8 a year and gets you discounts everywhere.

Do tell your less-adventurous fellow soldiers and airmen about how they can really visit the annual training area for less...the military way.

## Relief act protects Guard members on active duty

If you're a reserve component service member called to active duty, you're protected by a law that can save you some legal problems and possibly some money as well.

Under the provisions of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940, you may qualify for any or all of the following:

- Reduced interest rate on mortgage payments.
- Reduced interest rate on credit card debt.
- Protection from eviction if your rent is \$1,200 or less.
- Delay of all civil court actions, such as bankruptcy, foreclosure or divorce proceedings.

"Although all service members receive some protections under the SSCRA, additional protections are available to reserve components called to active duty," said Lt. Col. Patrick Lindemann, deputy director for legal policy in the Office of the

Undersecretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness. Most active duty service members are familiar with the provisions of the SSCRA that guarantee service members the right to vote in the state of their home of record and protect them from paying taxes in two different states.

One of the most significant provisions under the act limits the amount of interest that may be collected on debts of persons in military service to 6 percent per year during the period of military service. This provision applies to all debts incurred prior to the commencement of active duty and includes interest on credit card debt, mortgages, car loans and other debts. The provision, Lindemann emphasized, applies to pre-service debts, and the interest rate reduction doesn't occur automatically—service members must request it.

Once a service member requests the rate reduction, the creditor must either comply or apply for court relief. The SSCRA puts the burden on the creditor to show that military service has not "materially affected" a member's ability to repay the debt. The court generally grants relief if the creditor can make his case.

Lindemann advised that service members notify lenders of their intent to invoke the 6 percent cap in writing, along with proof of mobilization/activation to active duty and evidence of the difference in the member's military and civilian pay. This could prevent creditors from attempting to challenge interest rate reduction requests in court.

The interest rate cap does not apply to federal guaranteed student loans. However, according to Lindemann, the Department of Education has in the past deferred or suspended payments on student loans for reserve component military members called to active duty. Service members should contact their lenders or schools to determine if such a program has been implemented and its eligibility requirements.

Another key provision under the SSCRA protects your dependents from being evicted while you are serving your country. If you rent a house or apartment that is occupied for dwelling purposes and the rent does not exceed \$1,200 per month, the landlord must obtain a court order authorizing eviction. This provision applies regardless of whether quarters were rented before or after entry into military service.

In cases of eviction from dwelling quarters, courts may grant a stay of up to three months or enter any other "order as may be just" if military service materially affects the service member's ability to pay the rent. This provision is not intended to allow military members to avoid paying rent, said Lindemann, but rather to protect families when they cannot pay the rent because military service has affected their ability to do so.

Another significant protection under the act relates to civil proceedings. Service members involved in civil litigation can request a delay in proceedings if they can show their military responsibilities preclude their proper representation in court. This provision is most often invoked by service members who are on an extended deployment or stationed overseas. "I would recommend a service member contact the unit or installation legal office immediately if they receive notice of court proceedings against them," Lindemann said. "Civil court proceedings can involve very complex issues and no one should do anything, including requesting a stay of proceedings, prior to seeking legal ad-

vice."

To learn more about these or other provisions of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act, contact your unit or installation legal assistance office.

## Health benefits for mobilized Enduring Freedom reservists

Reservists mobilized for Operation Enduring Freedom will receive full military health benefits, even if they and their families seek treatment from civilian health-care providers.

The DoD and Tricare have worked together to formulate several changes to make health care more accessible and the Tricare program more beneficial to those Reservists called for duty. Among the changes:

• Waives the deductibles for Tricare Standard and Tricare Extra

• Pays 15 percent above the Tricare allowable rates for care provided by non-participating providers

• Waives the requirement for non-availability statements for inpatient care in civilian hospitals when family members of activated Reservists live outside a military treatment facility (MTF) area.

• Once Reservists are activated, they are considered Tricare Prime enrollees.

If members receive orders for more than 30 consecutive days, spouses and eligible children are eligible for Tricare Extra and Standard coverage on the first day of their sponsor's orders.

If those orders are for 179 days or more, family members may enroll in Tricare Prime, with no pharmacy co-payments at military hospitals or clinics.

While Tricare Prime may be the most comprehensive and cheapest benefit for active duty families, with no enrollment fees or co-pays, some families may elect to continue to receive medical treatment with their civilian health care providers.

In these instances, families may elect to utilize their Tricare Standard or Extra benefit.

For more information regarding all of the Tricare programs and treatment options, call the worldwide Tricare Information Center at 1 (888) 363-2273.

## Develop professional civilian skills while serving in the Army

Soldiers who want to develop professional civilian skills while serving in the Army now have a COOL way to see what can be required for the career field they are interested in.

The Army Continuing Education Service launched a Credentialing Opportunities On-Line, or COOL, web site that identifies the education, experience and testing requirements to earn certification or licenses for hundreds of civilian jobs.

COOL is located on the web at [www.armyeducation.army.mil/cool](http://www.armyeducation.army.mil/cool).

About 71 percent of Army MOSs have civilian equivalents that are subject to certification or licensure.

Soldiers are encouraged to use Army computer-based training, also known as SmartForce, for information technology preparation courses as equivalent civilian courses can be costly.

SmartForce must initially be accessed through an Army Knowledge Online account or from a Department of Defense computer.

The SmartForce courses are free to soldiers and Department of the Army civilians.

The SmartForce Web site address is [www.atrs.army.mil/channels/eLearning/smartforce](http://www.atrs.army.mil/channels/eLearning/smartforce).

## Kingsley provides first ride to command chief of 19 Air Force



Senior Airman Jennifer Boe

**Command Chief Herbert Williams is ready for his first F-15 ride at Kingsley Field.**

By 2nd Lt. LEIGH ANDREWS

173RD FW PUBLIC AFFAIRS

During March's drill weekend, the 173rd Fighter Wing at Kingsley Field was visited by the command chief of the 19th Air Force, Herbert Williams.

The 19th Air Force is responsible for flying training and education of 25 separate bases in the Air Force and Air National Guard, including Kingsley Field. This consists of approximately 31,000 individuals ranging from pilots to survival training instructors.

Williams discussed the possibility that the 19th Air Force may take on operational training as well, which means additional responsibilities could include unmanned aerial vehicles, space and missile training, and the air battle managers course at Hurlburt Field, Fla.

Williams joined the Air Force on June 14, 1976, and has had assignments around the world, including Kunsan AFB in South Korea, Anderson AFB in Guam, and numerous bases throughout the United States.

While stationed at Randolph AFB 12th Flying Training Wing, he served as command chief, and in July 2001 was appointed to command chief of the 19th Air Force at Randolph AFB.

Some of the chief's deployments have included Thailand, Singapore, Prince Sultan Air Base in Saudi Arabia, Diego Garcia, the Ukraine and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

While at Kingsley, Williams was given his first ride in a fighter jet.

Williams described the ride as a "blast" and said it has ruined his upcoming summer vacation to Fiesta Texas, an amusement park in San Antonio.

The F-15 ride was given by Lt. Col. John "Wick" Morawiec, who said it was the best incentive ride he has ever flown.

The ride was an hour and a half long and covered the distance from Mt. Shasta, up the coast and over to Crater Lake.

They pulled up to 8.6Gs and performed multiple acrobatics in the air space, with Williams completing the flight successfully.

Williams also had the opportunity to participate in the pinning of Oregon's two newest chiefs, Robbie Cox and J.T. Neal.

When asked about his overall experience, Williams said that he was extremely impressed with the facility and the professionalism of the people at Kingsley Field.



# This month In military history

## The French and Indian War 1756-1763

The Seven Years War begins  
May 15, 1756

The Seven Years War, a global conflict known in America as the French and Indian War, officially begins when England declares war on France.

In the early 1750s, French expansion into the Ohio River valley repeatedly brought France into conflict with the British colonies.

In 1756—the first official year of fighting in the Seven Years War—the British suffered defeats against the French and their broad network of Native American allies.

However, in 1757, British Prime Minister William Pitt (the older) recognized the imperial expansion that would come out of victory against the French and borrowed heavily to fund an expanded war effort.

By 1760, the French had been expelled from Canada, and by 1763 all of France's allies in Europe had either made a separate peace with Prussia or had been defeated.

The Seven Years War ended with the signing of the treaties of Hubertusburg and Paris in February 1763.

In the Treaty of Paris, France lost all claims to Canada and gave Louisiana to Spain, while Britain received Spanish Florida, Upper Canada, and various French holdings overseas.

Fifteen years later, French bitterness over the loss of most of their colonial empire contributed to their intervention in the American Revolution on the side of the patriots.

## The Civil War 1861-1865

The 54th Massachusetts leaves Boston  
May 28, 1863

The 54th Massachusetts Infantry, the most famous African-American regiment of the war, leaves Boston for combat in the South.

For the first two years of the war, President Abraham Lincoln resisted the use of black troops despite the pleas of men such as Frederick Douglass.

Lincoln finally endorsed, albeit timidly, the introduction of blacks for service in the military in the Emancipation Proclamation.

On May 22, 1863, the War Department established the Bureau of Colored Troops to recruit and assemble black regiments.

Col. Robert Gould Shaw, the idealistic scion of an abolitionist family, led the 54th.

Shaw was a veteran of the 2nd Massachusetts Infantry and saw action in the 1862 Shenandoah Valley and Antietam campaigns.

On May 28, 1863, the new regiment marched onto a steamer and set sail for Port

Royal, S.C.

The unit saw action right away, taking part in a raid into Georgia and withstanding a Confederate attack near Charleston.

On July 16, 1863, Shaw led a bold but doomed attack against Fort Wagner in which he and 20 of his men were killed.

The story of Robert Gould Shaw and the 54th Massachusetts was immortalized in the 1990 movie *Glory*, starring Matthew Broderick, Denzell Washington, and Morgan Freeman.

## The Spanish-American War 1898

The Battle of Manila Bay  
May 1, 1898

At Manila Bay in the Philippines, the US Asiatic Squadron destroys the Spanish Pacific fleet in the first battle of the Spanish-American War.

Nearly 400 Spanish sailors were killed and 10 Spanish warships wrecked or captured at the cost of only six Americans wounded.

On April 30, Dewey's lookouts caught sight of Luzon, the main Philippine island.

That night, under cover of darkness and with the lights aboard the US warships extinguished, the squadron slipped by the defensive guns of Corregidor Island and into Manila Bay.

After dawn rose, the Americans located the Spanish fleet: 10 out-of-date warships anchored off the Cavite naval station.

The US fleet, in comparison, was well armed and well staffed, largely due to the efforts of the energetic assistant secretary of the navy, Theodore Roosevelt, who had also selected Dewey for the command of the Asiatic Squadron.

At 5:41 a.m., at a range of 5,400 yards from the enemy, Commodore Dewey turned to the captain of his flagship, the *Olympia*, and said, "You may fire when ready, Gridley."

Two hours later, the Spanish fleet was decimated, and Dewey ordered a pause in the fighting.

He met with his captains and ordered the crews a second breakfast.

The four surviving Spanish vessels, trapped in the little harbor at Cavite, refused to surrender, and at 11:15 a.m. fighting resumed.

At 12:30 p.m., a signal was sent from the gunboat USS *Petrel* to Dewey's flagship: "The enemy has surrendered."

Dewey's decisive victory cleared the way for the US occupation of Manila in August and the eventual transfer of the Philippines from Spanish to American control.

The once-proud Spanish empire was virtually dissolved, and the United States

gained its first overseas empire.

Puerto Rico and Guam were ceded to the United States, the Philippines were bought for \$20 million, and Cuba became a US protectorate.

Philippine insurgents who fought against Spanish rule during the war immediately turned their guns against the new occupiers, and 10 times more US troops died suppressing the Philippines than in defeating Spain.

## World War II 1941-1945

The Battle of the Coral Sea begins  
May 3, 1942

A Japanese invasion force occupies Tulagi of the Solomon Islands in an expansion of Japan's defensive perimeter.

The United States, having broken Japan's secret war code and forewarned of an impending invasion of Tulagi and Port Moresby, attempted to intercept the Japanese armada.

Four days of battles between Japanese and American aircraft carriers resulted in 70 Japanese and 66 Americans warplanes destroyed.

This confrontation, called the Battle of the Coral Sea, marked the first air-naval battle in history, as none of the carriers fired at each other, allowing the planes taking off from their decks to do the battling.

Among the casualties was the American carrier *Lexington*; "the Blue Ghost," so-called because it was not camouflaged like other carriers, suffered such extensive aerial damage that it had to be sunk by its own crew. Two hundred sixteen *Lexington* crewmen died as a result of the Japanese aerial bombardment.

The cost in experienced Japanese pilots and aircraft carriers was so great that Japan had to cancel its expedition to Port Moresby, Papua, as well as other South Pacific targets.

## The Korean War 1950-1953

May Massacre at the Soyang River  
May 17, 1951

The Army's 2nd Infantry Division stopped the communists at the Soyang River.

With its attached French and Dutch battalions, the "Second to None" soldiers bore the brunt of a communist drive on the east-central front, accounting for an estimated 10,000 of the enemy killed in heavy fighting that became known as the "May Massacre."

The battleship USS *New Jersey* arrived off the East Coast of Korea and became the flagship of the Seventh Fleet. This was the first of two tours for the *New Jersey*.

May 18, 1951

The UN General Assembly passed a resolution calling for an embargo on the provision of strategic goods to China and North Korea by a vote of 47-0 with eight abstentions.

Naval Task Force 77 suffered its worst single day of the war when six planes failed to return to their carriers.

May 19, 1951

The 2nd Infantry Division, with attached French and Dutch battalions, fought their way out of a Chinese trap in the mountains of central Korea, inflicting heavy losses on the enemy.

The 38th Field Artillery Battalion fired 12,000 rounds in a 24-hour period in support of the division.

May 20, 1951

North of Kansong on the east coast, the USS *New Jersey* fired for the first time in the Korean War.

Meanwhile, the newly arrived Canadian 25th Infantry Brigade received their baptism of fire in the war.

May 23, 1951

Eighth Army advanced toward the Kansas and Wyoming Lines to the base of the Iron Triangle against stiffening enemy resistance.

By the end of May, the communists had suffered 17,000 killed and an equal number were taken prisoner.

## The Vietnam War 1964-1975

Paratroopers battle for "Hamburger Hill"  
May 11, 1969

US and South Vietnamese forces battle North Vietnamese troops for Ap Bia Mountain, one mile east of the Laotian border.

The battle was part of Operation Apache Snow, a 2,800-man Allied sweep of the A Shau Valley.

The purpose of the operation was to cut off North Vietnamese infiltration from Laos and enemy threats to Hue and Da Nang.

US paratroopers pushing northeast found the communist forces entrenched on Ap Bia Mountain.

In fierce fighting directed by Maj. Gen. Melvin Zais, the mountain came under heavy Allied air strikes, artillery barrages, and 10 infantry assaults.

The communist stronghold was captured on May 20 in the 11th attack, when 1,000 troops of the 101st Airborne Division and 400 South Vietnamese soldiers fought their way to the summit of the mountain.

During the intense fighting, 597 North Vietnamese were reported killed and US casualties were 56 killed and 420 wounded.

Due to the fighting and the high loss of life, the battle for Ap Bia Mountain was dubbed Hamburger Hill by the US media.

## 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.

## What's your paper's name, AZUWUR?

The situation is encountered every year when Oregon National Guard members travel out of state to other military facilities.

The scenario usually goes something like this:

"What's the name of your paper?" Sergeant Major Regular Army asks.

"*Azuwur*," Sergeant Oregon replies.

"Uh...yes, but what is the name of your paper?" Army queries again with a puzzled look on his face.

"*Azuwur!*" Oregon responds with obvious frustration.

Almost without fail the next question

concerns the origin of the name or the nature of its meaning. At this point there is all too often an uncomfortable moment of silence.

Careful research and interviews with reliable sources turned up several meanings for the name of the Oregon National Guard newspaper.

First, AZUWUR can be literally translated to mean, "As You Were" for the age old army phrase of correcting a command given in error.

Next, AZUWUR has the more artistic meaning of seeing yourself "as you were."

Finally, the name *Azuwur* refers to its intended purpose to providing timely and accurate information. As one highly placed source put it, "As you were, this is the correct information."

In the course of researching *Azuwur*, several times the name was attributed to an acronym comprised of the first letters of the battles in which the Oregon Guard has fought. To date no information has been found to substantiate that belief.

This article was written by Spec. 5 Larry Sigurdson, and was first published in the April-May 1983 edition of the *Azuwur*.

## Army reviews weight control program regulations by '03

The Army is currently reviewing its rules governing the weight control program covered by Army Regulation 600-9, but no changes are expected before fiscal year 2003.

The regulation was last reviewed in 1986, and the new review is the result of a General Accounting Office report and DoD directive for the armed services to create more standardized programs.

Weight control and physical fitness standards are currently developed and implemented independently by each service.

The Army is still in the information gathering stage of the review; test proposals and practices will be fielded next.

Following the field test, recommendations for any changes will be staffed at both the Army headquarters and major military command levels.



# Retiree Focus

## Retiree office looking for new orientation course instructors

The retiree office is attempting to identify former Oregon National Guard members who would be interested in serving as instructors for a recently-developed new employee orientation course.

Work is part-time, and a wide variety of subjects are taught during the course. If you are interested, contact:

RSO@or.ngb.army.mil or call (503) 584-3804 or toll-free 1 (800) 542-7500 ext. 3804.

## Number of denied Tricare claims decreasing steadily

A claims denial rate of 30 percent that marked the early months of Tricare For Life is now down to 23 percent and falling, said a Tricare Management Activity official. Three major reasons for denial had occurred after TFL began last October:

(1) 13 percent of TFL eligibles were not on an initial list that the Defense Manpower Data Center sent to Medicare;

(2) Processing records for more than a million claims showed, often erroneously, that the patient had other health insurance; and

(3) the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) showed that 65,000 dependents and survivors lacked current ID cards.

TFL claim processors are now accepting telephone reports by beneficiaries concerning whether they have other insurance. In addition, until Aug. 1, TFL will automatically reprocess claims initially denied because of ID card discrepancies. Beneficiaries with claims problems can call 1 (888) DOD-LIFE (363-5433).

## DoD's Medicare wraparound coverage offered for retirees

Since the implementation last year of expanded pharmacy and medical benefits under Tricare Senior Pharmacy and Tricare For Life, many Medicare-eligible uniformed services beneficiaries, age 65 and over, are now enjoying the peace of mind that comes with having a robust health care benefit.

They no longer have to pay expensive supplemental insurance premiums, higher co-payments, or entire prescription charges because the Tricare For Life program acts as second payer to Medicare, and the pharmacy program provides coverage they don't have from Medicare.

"Beneficiaries have reported savings of \$3,000-4,000 on their prescriptions, alone. With most prescriptions available to them for a \$3 or \$9 co-pay, some can now purchase prescriptions they didn't feel they could afford before. Not only are they saving money, but many are enjoying a better quality of daily living," states Thomas Carrato, Executive Director of Tricare Management Activity (TMA).

While most of the 1.5 million Tricare For Life-eligible beneficiaries have been located through extensive outreach communications efforts by TMA, regional lead agents, managed care support contractors, and various beneficiary associations, many still do not know they have this coverage.

Their files in the Defense Enrollment

Reporting System (DEERS) have not been updated, and they have not renewed their military identification (ID) cards.

Continued eligibility for military benefits must be established periodically, because certain events (like divorce from a military retiree, or remarriage of a widow) may cause eligibility to end.

As a result, when Medicare "automatically" sent its first five million claims to Tricare for its newly eligible over-65 beneficiaries, it became evident that some of these claims belonged to beneficiaries whose information had not been updated, and whose ID cards were expired.

These claims initially were denied by Tricare, but agency officials have announced that they will pay these claims temporarily, without requiring beneficiaries or providers to resubmit them.

"We will use this opportunity to advise people on their explanations of benefits that they must update their information and ID cards. Those who fail to do so will have future Tricare claims denied," explained Carrato.

After Aug. 1, 2002, all claims for beneficiaries with expired eligibility will be denied until their eligibility information is updated.

During March, DEERS notified many of the people with outdated information and expired ID cards with a letter.

DEERS also sends an "age-in" letter to newly eligible beneficiaries 90 days before their 65th birthdays, explaining how they can remain eligible for Tricare benefits.

The best way to verify Tricare eligibility in DEERS and to obtain a current ID card is to go to an ID card issuing facility.

Its personnel can provide information about the documentation that is necessary, its address and hours of operation.

If it is not possible for a beneficiary to go to an ID card facility, he or she should call the DoD reverification line, 1 (800) 361-2620, for guidance.

Information about the nearest ID card facility can be found at [www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl](http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl) or by calling Tricare's toll-free number, 1 (888) DOD-LIFE (1-888-363-5433).

## Historic concurrent receipt developments in Congress

Under present law, military retirees, unlike any other retirees, generally must forfeit one dollar of retired pay for each dollar of VA disability they are awarded.

In a major step to eliminate this inequity, the House has approved \$581 million in the fiscal 2003 budget, with a total five-year funding of \$6.1 billion.

Although this is short of the \$2.9 billion needed annually for full concurrent receipt, the action is a historic first step.

Following the House's action, the Senate Budget Committee has approved a similar measure.

The next move is up to the full Senate.

If the Senate hears the measure this next week, Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., is expected to propose an amendment that would add funding to fully eliminate the inequity.

To learn how you can aid in the push for concurrent receipt, contact your local veterans organization.

# Wanted WWII veterans

Please join the Oregon Military Department, the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs, and the Oregon Department of Education as Oregon's World War II veterans are honored.

Wednesday  
May 29, 2002

Thanks to the generous support of Spirit Mountain  
and the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde,  
singer/songwriter

Lee Greenwood

will perform a live concert.

Salem Armory Auditorium  
2320 17th St. NE  
Salem, Oregon

The event will feature entertainment, guest speakers, the work of Oregon veterans and students participating in the veteran's oral history project, and recognition of WWII veterans participating in Operation Recognition.

Exhibits and displays open at 11 a.m.

Program: 1 to 3 p.m.

Reception following program

Seating is limited. To reserve seats, RSVP to Capt. Lance Englet at (503) 584-3630. Also please call if you want more information or have special accommodation requests.

Parking available through Main Gate off Sunnyview Road.

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

## 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



# Awards and Decorations

ANG 1st Sgt. of the Year  
MSGT Max White

ANG Unit Airman of the Year

SrA Christine Longfield	272 CCS	TSgt Curtis Haake	142 FW
TSgt Ross Johnson	272 CCS	MSgt Christopher Nielsen	142 FW
MSgt Ronald Coughlin	272 CCS	SSgt Shana Medford	142 FW
SrA Christina Watkins	270 ATCS	MSgt Gregory Gardner	142 FW
TSgt John Crowe	270 ATCS	SrA Crystal Kersey	142 FW
MSgt James Fields	244 CCS	MSgt Cheryl Browning	142 FW
SrA Courtney Cooper	244 CCS	MSgt James Lannigan	142 FW
SSgt Eric Everhart	244 CCS	SSgt Sara Deibert	142 FW
SMSGT Jeffrey Anderson	173 FW	TSgt Laura Bechtol	142 FW
SrA Ryan Bartholomew	173 FW	MSgt Todd Berndt	142 FW
TSgt Kenneth Kiger	173 FW	SrA Scott Donoho	142 FW
MSgt Eric Medl	173 FW	MSgt Thomas Alt	142 FW
SrA Charles Adams	173 FW	SMSGT Jeffrey Roy	142 FW
TSgt Ken Clyde	173 FW	SrA Jessica Reilly	142 FW
MSgt Kelly Kennedy	173 FW	SSgt Gregory Burn	142 FW
SrA Devin Mast	173 FW	MSgt Bradford Larkins	142 FW
MSgt Neal Rutter	173 FW	SrA Zachary Williams	123
MSgt Mark Miller	173 FW	SSgt Jeffrey LeBrun	123
SSgt Gordon Symmes	173 FW	MSgt James Cloinger	123
TSgt Troy Lukens	173 FW	SSgt Cori Sandquist	116 ACS
MSgt John Snow	173 FW	TSgt Todd Ray	116 ACS
SrA Jessica McMichael	142 FW	MSgt John Jackson	116 ACS
TSgt Scott Roberts	142 FW		
MSgt Richard Sweet	142 FW	ANG Overall Airman of the Year	
SrA Andilee Murphy	142 FW	SrA Charles Adams	173 FW
CMSGT Shirley Haider	142 FW	MSgt Neal Rutter	173 FW
SrA Adriel Yates	142 FW	MSgt Mark Miller	173 FW
SSgt Brandon Hill	142 FW	SrA Nicholas Reich	142 FW
MSgt Kevin Zak	142 FW	TSgt Joanne Lorden	142 FW
SrA Nicholas Reich	142 FW	MSgt Michael Warrens	142 FW
TSgt Joanne Lorden	142 FW	SSgt Jeret Burnett	142 FW
MSgt Michael Warrens	142 FW	TSgt Tracy Everett	142 FW
SSgt Tracy Everett	142 FW	CMSGT Claudia Polen	142 FW
CMSGT Claudia Polen	142 FW	SrA Amber Schlessor	142 FW

Portland to host Legion of Valor national convention

The Legion of Valor—the elite group of our nation's war heroes—has selected Portland as the site for its 112th national convention, to be held this year from Aug. 7-11.

Legion of Valor members have been awarded one or more of our nation's two highest awards for bravery—the Medal of Honor, and/or Distinguished Service Cross, Air Force Cross or Navy Cross.

Area fire, police and military personnel will host a fundraiser on Saturday, June 1, to help bring LOV members to this reunion.

The new Jeff Morris Fire and Life Safety Learning Center, old fire station #7 at the east end of the Hawthorne Bridge on the esplanade next to OMSI, will open its doors with bar-b-q, music and an opportunity to visit with members of the Legion of Valor. There are only 139 MOH recipients living today and 640 living members who hold service crosses.

The majority of these members now depend on retirement incomes with many unable to afford travel expenses.

The LOV has a goal to bring every able member to this year's reunion.

To accomplish this, the organization is seeking community support and financial assistance.

To find out more about the Legion of Valor and how you can meet these remarkable individuals, go to [www.legionofvalor.com](http://www.legionofvalor.com).

Donations can be sent to LOV 2002 Convention, 201 NE Salzman Rd., Corbett, OR 97019.

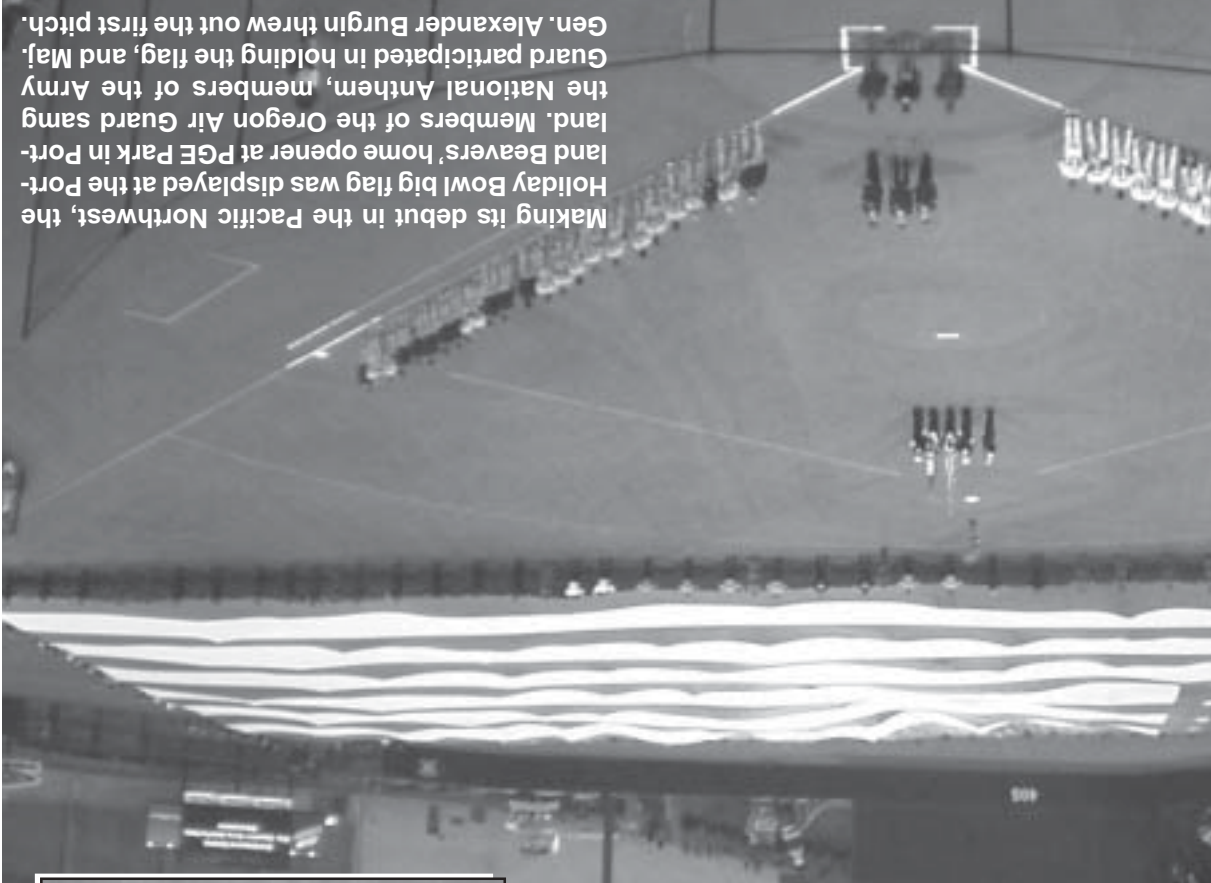
Call LOV national commander Larry Deibert at (503) 695-6110 for more information.

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## Oregon National Guard

### May 2002



Making its debut in the Pacific Northwest, the Holiday Bowl big flag was displayed at the Portland Beavers' home opener at PGE Park in Portland. Members of the Oregon Air Guard sang the National Anthem, members of the Army Guard participated in holding the flag, and Maj. Gen. Alexander Burgin threw out the first pitch.

