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Jim Willis, Director

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Vintage WWII Aircraft to Fly in to Salem

Classic B-17, B-24 and B-25 Coming to McNary Airfield



A flying tribute to the air and ground crews of vintage World War II-era bombers will arrive in Salem June 11, 2008 as the Wings of Freedom Tour touches down at McNary Airport.

The aircraft display will be parked near the airport's Flight Deck Restaurant located off of 25th Avenue S.E., at 2680 Aerial Way S.E. Visitors may explore the aircraft, both inside and out, for a \$10 donation for adults or \$5 for children under age 12.

The planes are available to tour on June 11 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., June 12, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and June 13, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Visitors also may take a 30-minute flight in any of the aircraft. The cost is a tax-deductible donation of \$425 per person to fly in the B-17 or B-24. Flights in the B-25 are \$400 for the nose and \$325 for a ride in the fuselage. The flights are scheduled before or after the ground tour times.

The Collings Foundation sponsors the tour of these rare B-17, B-24, and B-25 bombers. Currently, the tour has made more than 2,000 visits to airports across the United States, and millions of people have seen the traveling aircraft displays.

For more information or to schedule a flight, call 800-568-8924, or visit their website at www.collingsfoundation.org.

Legislature Approves Dependents Educational Benefits During Session

Dependents of active-duty service members killed, or 100 percent service-connected disabled after September 11, 2001 may have their undergraduate tuition waived due to a bill passed by the Oregon Legislature during its February supplemental session.

Senate Bill 1066 (SB 1066) provides waiver of tuition and fees at Oregon state institutions of higher education, including Oregon Health Sciences University (OHSU), for eligible dependents.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 1442 testified before the Legislature stating that troops who are being deployed deserve assurance that the education of their families is taken care of should they become severely injured or killed.

Despite tight deadlines, the Legislature passed the bill that directs post-secondary institutions to waive tuition for the child or

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Director's Message



On March 27, 2008, Governor Kulongoski signed Executive Order 08-08 that created the Governor's Task Force on Veterans Services. This 27-member task force has members from the Executive and Legislative branches of state government, as well as veterans, private citizens, subject matter experts and State Agency leaders. Mr. Paul Evans, the Governor's Policy Advisory on Military and Veterans Affairs, will chair the Task Force. The Task Force will work in three main areas: (1) Reintegration Services; (2) Post-separation access to services (36 months or more); and (3) Retirement/senior care.

The Task Force held its first meeting on April 3rd and is scheduled to meet through and including August 28, 2008 with a final report working group to finish their work by the end of 2008. The Task Force will complete the following tasks:

- Compile a program inventory;
- Prepare a baseline evaluation of programs identified;
- Hold public hearings on existing programs associated with the three major policy areas assigned to the Task Force;

Governor Appoints Veterans Task Force

d. Develop a comprehensive list of recommendations;

e. Prioritize the list of proposals into tiers for legislative and executive consideration; and

f. Report written findings and recommendations to the Governor on or before December 31, 2008.

During the course of their work, many of the Task Force members will visit existing veteran treatment centers and service locations, as well as hear from those who are working in direct support of veterans and those who provide support services to those programs.

I am convinced that the work of this Task Force will result in the most comprehensive study of veterans programs and services in the history of the State of Oregon. In the end, our veterans and their families will be better served with programs designed to meet their ongoing needs.

On April 9, 2008, my staff and I met with members of the Association of Oregon Counties (AOC), County Veteran Service Officers (CVSOs) and Paul Evans of the Governor's office to discuss veteran service issues important to the Governor's Federal Forest Payment Task Force. The issue before this work group was the threat to veterans' services at the county level caused by a draw down in Federal Forest payments in 32 of Oregon's 36 counties.

After much discussion, a key finding seemed to be that the State should continue to provide pass-through general funds to the counties for veteran services and that a baseline amount should be established to ensure the counties could continue to fund these services. While there is more work to be done, it is clear that

this will be an issue for the 2009 session of the State Legislature and that a sound funding proposal should be agreed upon prior to the session.

I believe it is important to safeguard these important county programs and will continue to work with the AOC and the CVSOs to solve any issues associated with the necessary funding.

On April 10, 2008 Governor Kulongoski signed Executive Order 08-10, determining that a state of emergency existed in Tillamook, Lincoln, Coos, Clatsop and Curry Counties and coastal portions of Lane and Douglas Counties due to limitations on ocean commercial and sport salmon fishing. Further, the Governor directed state agencies to work in a cooperative and coordinated manner in order to mitigate the impacts of this emergency, provide expedited service and resources to persons and businesses adversely affected by the emergency, and focus state efforts in a manner most likely to relieve the unemployment, human suffering, financial loss and other economic impacts of this emergency.

As a result, I have contacted the CVSOs in the impacted counties and asked them for an assessment of those veterans in the fishing and related industries to determine what kinds of services they need so that we can best determine which agencies should respond and where. Just as we did for those veterans in Northwest Oregon who were affected by the flood and wind events during December 2007, the Oregon veteran's community must

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Thank you for your help with this process and we look forward to hearing from you.



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New Members Join Department's Advisory Committee

The Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs has welcomed four new members to the Department's Advisory Committee, including the Committee's first Native American member, a Vietnam era veteran, a Gulf War era veteran, and an Operation Iraqi Freedom veteran.

Appointed by Governor Ted Kulongoski, the Department's new Advisory Committee members are:

Joseph R. (Ryan) Howell of Albany, an Army National Guard combat veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom, is a recipient of two Purple Hearts, and the youngest member to ever serve on the Committee;

Eugene J. LaBonte of Grand Ronde, a Native American and Vietnam-era veteran who served in the U.S. Navy as a radioman;

Gerard F. Lorang of Portland, a Vietnam-era veteran who served in the U.S. Army as a radio technician and most recently was the Director of the Portland Veterans Administration Regional Office; and

Kevin J. Owens of North Bend, a Gulf War era veteran of the U.S. Coast Guard who served as a electricians mate.

"I'm thrilled to have these new members who not only represent different areas of our state, but add diversity to our Committee," said Jim Willis, Director of the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs. "Each of these members brings something special to the Committee and will be great assets for the Department."

The new appointees fill vacancies of four term-limited members of the Committee, each

of who have completed two consecutive terms of four-years each.

"This is a bittersweet moment for me as Director," Willis said, noting the contribution the four outgoing members had made during their eight years on the Committee. Paul Evans, Policy Advisor to Governor Kulongoski, presented outgoing members with the Governor's Commendation Award for their service.

Leaving the board are Staryl C. Austin, Jr. of Salem, both a World War II and Korean War veteran; Furlton M. Burns of Portland, a Vietnam veteran; Walter R. Crews of Aurora, a Korea and Vietnam-era veteran; and Robert Haltiner of Oregon City, a Vietnam veteran.

"Combined, these veterans represent leadership from many different battlefields of America's military past. Throughout their years of dedicated service, their collective wisdom has directly impacted the lives of Oregon veterans and their families," Willis said. "It has been an honor to work with each of them. The value of their service and dedication to veterans while serving on the Committee is immeasurable," he said.

The nine-member Committee was formed by statute in 1945. Playing an active role in the effective administration of the Department, Committee members advise the Department's Director and to help ensure the agency is meeting its mission.

For more information about the Advisory Committee and ODVA services and programs, visit online at www.oregon.gov/ODVA.



**Joseph R.
(Ryan) Howell**



Eugene J. LaBonte



Gerard F. Lorang



Kevin J. Owens

Advisory Chair Named 2008 Veteran Small Business Champion Of The Year

Small Business Administration Oregon Director Harry DeWolf has announced that Tino Ornelas, CEO of the Ornelas Enterprises, is the Portland SBA Veteran Small Business Champion of the Year for the northwest region and the state of Oregon. Ornelas will receive his award at the SBA Portland's Small Business Week Awards Gala May 22, 2008, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Oregon Convention Center, 777 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. in Portland.

"For more than 40 years, SBA has recognized outstanding small business owners for their contributions to Oregon's economy and for their personal achievements during small business week. I am proud to honor our true champions of small business whose tireless efforts have provided tangible and significant support to small businesses and their communities," said DeWolf.

Celestino (Tino) Edward Ornelas was born January 5, 1945 in Florence, CO. His grandparents came to this country from Mexico

in 1910. They settled in Colorado and became coal miners.

Ornelas joined the U.S. Navy in 1962 at the age of 17. His active duty service included one year in Vietnam. He served as a radar technician until his honorable discharge in 1966 at the rank of petty officer second class and also served another four years in the inactive reserve. Once he was discharged from the military, Ornelas resided in Seattle, WA. He met and married Joy Lynn Brewster and they have two children.



**TINO ORNELAS,
CEO OF ORNELAS
ENTERPRISES**

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Magazine Subscription Program

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

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

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Ornelas began his career in the private sector with the Boeing Company in Seattle, WA before being hired by the Tektronix Corporation where he worked for 20 years. During this time, he received his Bachelor of Science Degree in business from Marylhurst University. In 1991, Ornelas started his own company as CEO of Ornelas Enterprises, Inc. His company specializes in electronics assembly and has completed work for major high-tech and electronics manufacturing firms. When his business expanded and there was a need to hire additional employees, Ornelas made it a priority to hire qualified veterans and continues to do so to this day.

Ornelas also volunteers as a business mentor for the Portland Community College Small Business Development Center and has assisted veterans interested in starting and maintaining their own businesses.

During Ornelas’ service on the Governor’s Advisory Committee, he has been a strong and continuing voice for veteran-owned small businesses and has encouraged and assisted the Oregon Department of Veterans’ Affairs (ODVA) and private sector business employees in attending veteran small business development seminars and conferences.

Ornelas has championed the development of a State Veterans Small Business Enterprise program and encouraged the awareness of PL 106-50: “The veterans Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development Act of 1999.”

As a result of work by Ornelas and others, a bill was introduced during the 2007 session of the Oregon Legislature to create the Oregon Veterans’ Business Enterprise program. The United Veterans Groups of Oregon (UVGO)

requested the bill. The bill received the support of the Governor’s Small Business Council, the 19 Small Business Development Centers in Oregon, the Governor’s Advisory Committee to the Director of ODVA and the UVGO. Approximately 366,000 Oregon veterans are well served by the unselfish advocacy demonstrated by Ornelas.

Ornelas Enterprises has been honored with several awards including The Austin Family Business Award, Minority Business of the Year for the State of Oregon, the Performance Award from Intel Corporation and the Top 100 Fastest Growing Businesses five years running as listed in the Hispanic Business Magazine as well as the Top 10 National Entrepreneurs of the Year from Oregon Business Magazine. Ornelas is the Chairman of the ODVA Advisory Committee.

Veteran of Doolittle Raid, DeShazer, dies at age 95

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Jacob DeShazer, 95, of Salem died March 15, at the Lancaster Village assisted-living facility. DeShazer is best known as a member of the legendary World War II Doolittle Raiders who bombed Japan after Pearl Harbor. DeShazer endured more than three years as a Japanese prisoner of war and later teamed up with his wife, Florence, to serve as a Methodist missionary in Japan for nearly 30 years.

“He passed away peacefully in his sleep at home,” according to Ruth Kutrakun, one of DeShazer’s five children. Kutrakun characterized her father as a gentle and humble man with a lively sense of humor. His life was centered around faith, family and country, she said.

“My dad was just an incredible person,” Kutrakun said. “He had a sense of honor and duty. He served his country, but more importantly, he served his Lord. He had deep faith, and during his time as a prisoner of war, he was convinced that he needed to forgive his enemy. After that, he spent his life spreading the message of love and forgiveness.

“We’re all going to miss him. I think everybody that knew him felt like they knew someone special.” DeShazer’s fervent faith was forged during harrowing events.

On April 18, 1942, he was among nearly 80 fliers whose bombs struck targets in Tokyo and Nagoya. It became known as the Doolittle Raid — the United States’ first air attack on Japan, by Lt. Col. James Doolittle and his Raiders.

Most of the 16 planes taking part in the raid lacked enough fuel to reach the planned refueling point and crashed or were ditched over China. DeShazer and his crew bailed out near the coast of China. Captured and held in a cramped Chinese prison cell, DeShazer withstood 40 months of solitary confinement,

interrogation, torture and threats of execution. He was fortified by a born-again religious experience that came while reading the Bible — the only book his captors allowed him.

“My hatred for the enemy nearly drove me crazy,” DeShazer said during a 2001 interview. “My thoughts turned toward what I had heard about Christianity changing hatred



between human beings into real brotherly love.”

In August 1945, DeShazer’s POW stint ended. He was freed by U.S. troops who parachuted into China shortly after Hiroshima was leveled by an atomic bomb.

Back in the United States, he enrolled at Seattle Pacific College, now Seattle Pacific University, a Christian school, and trained to be a missionary.

He met Florence Matheny in spring 1946, and they married that August. In 1948, the young couple moved to Japan. Initially, they lived in Nagoya, the city DeShazer bombed during the Doolittle Raid.

During three decades as missionaries, the couple helped start 16 churches in cities throughout Japan.

One of those converted to Christianity by DeShazer’s testimony was Mitsuo Fuchida, the former Japanese pilot who led the attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. After reading a tract that DeShazer had written, titled “*I Was a*

Prisoner of Japan,” Fuchida began to study the Bible. He became a Christian and spent the rest of his life as a missionary.

Bonded by their experiences, DeShazer and Fuchida met and became friends.

“I saw him just before he died,” DeShazer said in 2001, recalling their last meeting. “We shared in that good, wonderful thing that Christ has done.”

The DeShazers retired from missionary work in 1977 and, upon returning to the U.S., settled in Salem.

In 2001, DeShazer was a special guest at the premiere showing of the movie “Pearl Harbor.” He was invited to view the film aboard a Navy ship moored in Pearl Harbor. In 2005, he was inducted into the Oregon Aviation Hall of Honor. Friends, family and community members celebrated DeShazer’s life Saturday March 29, at a memorial service held at the Methodist church on Silverton Road NE and a graveside service at Restlawn Memory Gardens.

At the cemetery, dozens of people gathered around DeShazer’s casket and his family. Members of the McChord Air Force Base Honor Guard honored him with a gun salute. A single bugler then played taps as part of the full military honors.

Moments later, the crowd looked up at the sky and cheered as a single B1-B bomber from the 34th Bomb Squadron flew overhead and then disappeared into the clouds. The Doolittle Raiders were part of the 34th, now based at Ellsworth Air Force Base in South Dakota.

Honor Guard members silently folded the American flag that draped DeShazer’s casket, which Sgt. Douglas Pecor presented it to DeShazer’s wife.

In addition to his wife and their five children, DeShazer is survived by 10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Commission Approves Grants For War Memorial Projects

The Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission has approved \$250,000 in grants for veterans and war memorial projects.

Seven of the lottery-funded grants will help build memorials in Beaverton, Central Point, Coos Bay, Estacada, Gresham, Irrigon and Scio. An eighth grant will help restore an existing memorial in Roseburg.

The grant amounts, sponsors, project names and specific locations of the new memorials are:

- \$50,400 to Point Man Ministries Outpost 101 for a David Dewett Veterans Memorial Wayside just north of the Conde B. McCullough Bridge in Coos Bay;
- \$15,632 to Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 4750 for a granite memorial and plaza at the Irrigon City Hall;

- \$18,685 to VFW Post 584 for a memorial next to the Thomas Creek Bridge in Scio;

- \$26,000 to U.S. Submarine Veterans of World War II for a USS Albacore memorial in Beaverton's Memorial Park;

- \$40,000 to Gresham United VFW Post 180 for the Heroes Memorial Tribute next to Main City Park in Gresham;

- \$17,076 to the American Legion for a memorial in the Estacada business district;

- \$64,187 to the VFW Rogue River Post 4116 for an Oregon Fallen War Heroes Memorial in Central Point's Don Jones Memorial Park.

An \$18,020 restoration grant to Vietnam Veterans of America will help renovate a rock wall and plaques for the Douglas County War Memorial in Roseburg.

Most of the awards for new construction projects include funds for site preparation, design and engineering, flags and flagpoles, concrete pads, lighting, and landscaping. The sponsors are providing matching funds ranging from 20 percent to two-thirds of total project costs.

The 2005 Oregon Legislature created and authorized the grants which can fund up to 80 percent of a project's construction or restoration costs. Organizations eligible for the funding must be based in Oregon, or, like the American Legion and VFW, have chapters in the state.

The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department awarded the program's first grants in January 2007 for projects in Albany and Portland.

Operation Purple Is Providing Help To Dependents of Service Members

The Program is Offering Needed Coping Skills For Children

When a family member is deployed, children often experience a wide range of emotions that affect all facets of their young lives. To help ease these emotions, the National Military Family Association is hosting four free summer camps in Oregon during June and July for dependent children of military members ages 8-17.



at the Salem center, located at 5390 4-H Road N.W. "We want to personally say thank you to all veterans and their families for their service and sacrifices," said Joan Engeldinger, of the Oregon State University Extension office.

Registration will close on May 5, but to check on potential remaining camp openings, contact Engeldinger at 503-260-4053, or joan.engeldinger@oregonstate.edu.

The goal of these free summer camps is to bring together youth who are experiencing the stress associated with a parent who is out of the home. *Operation Purple* camps give kids the coping skills and support networks of peers to better handle life's ups and downs.

In 2007, more than 40 weeks of camps were held at 34 locations in 26 states. The camps' outreach programs provide the skills and positive outlets for their feelings. The camaraderie, learning coping skills, making new friends, and experiencing life lessons at an early age are what make *Operation Purple* camps so unique.

Oregon 4-H in Salem and Redmond are hosting four separate camps. The dates for boys and girls age groups include:

- June 15-20, ages 13-14 in Redmond
- June 22-27, ages 15-17, in Redmond
- June 29-July 4, ages 8-9 in Salem
- July 6-11, ages 10-11 in Salem

On July 4, Oregon 4-H is hosting a free barbeque lunch for all veterans and their families



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Memor 20

Albany

May 26 – 11:30 a.m. – Linn VFW Post 584 will host a memorial service at Willamette Memorial Park, 2640 NE Old Salem Road. Following the ceremony, free lunches will be available at Post 584, 1469 Timber St. SE, and at American Legion Post 10, 1215 Pacific Blvd. SE.

May 26 – 2 p.m. – Linn VFW Post 584 will host a memorial service at Twin Oaks Cemetery, 34275 Riverside Drive.

Guest speaker: Val Conley, Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs Veterans Services Division Administrator.

Contact: Roy Poppleton, 541-974-2172.

Ashland

May 22-26 – The Welcome Home Project will sponsor a five-day veterans retreat at Buckhorn Springs near Ashland. The retreat will feature the use of expressive arts to share stories and support veterans. Michael Meade and Peggy Rubin will facilitate.

Contact Bill McMillen at 541-482-1072 or visit www.thewelcomehomeproject.org.

Beaverton

May 26 – 11 a.m. – American Legion Post 124 will host a ceremony at Beaverton Memorial Park on Watson Street. Legion Post 158's band will play. An Oregon Air National Guard flyover has been requested.

Contact: Marv Doty, 503-644-0350

Bend

May 24 – 9:30 a.m. – DAV Chapter 14, American Legion Post 4, Vietnam Veterans Chapter 820, and Bend, Mountain View, and Summit High School NJROTC units will place flags at veteran's gravesites at Pilot Butte Cemetery, 575 NE 15th St.

10 a.m. – VFW Post 1643 will conduct a flag placement ceremony at Deschutes Memorial Gardens located on Highway 97 two miles north of Bend.

May 26 – 1 p.m. – VFW Post 1643 will conduct a ceremony at Deschutes Memorial Gardens located on Highway 97 one mile north of Bend. An Oregon Air National Guard flyover has been requested. Post 1643, located at NE 4th and Olney, will host an open house afterwards.

Contact: Keith Macnamara, 541-385-3214.

Buck Hollow

May 26 – 10:30 a.m. – VFW Post 4211, NIVA, AMVETS Post 2000, and American Legion Post 75 will conduct services at the Buck Hollow Cemetery. Take Willamina Creek Road to Buck Hollow Road.

Contact: Carl Lambert 503-879-4222

Coos Bay

May 24 – 11 a.m. – AMVETS Post 10 will host a parade downtown. The parade will begin at 4th Street and Golden Avenue and will include marching bands, veterans groups, and many community organizations. The parade's Grand Marshall will be Iwo Jima combat veteran, Lloyd T. Keeland.

May 24 – 1 p.m. – A memorial ceremony will take place at the Marshfield High School gymnasium, located at 10th and Ingersoll. Selected veterans will be presented with the Oregon Honorable Service Medal.

May 26 – 11 a.m. – Memorial Day services will be held at Ocean View Cemetery, 1525 Ocean Blvd. NW, and 12 p.m. at Sunset Cemetery, 63060 Millington Road. AMVETS Post 10 will post the Avenue of Flags at both cemeteries.

Contact: Fred or Jan Clauson, 541-759-2291

Corvallis

May 26 – 10 a.m. – American Legion Post 11 and VFW Post 640 will host a ceremony at Crystal Lake Cemetery on Crystal Lake Drive.

Contact: Nicky Jones, 541-753-4149

Corvallis

May 26 – 2 p.m. – The annual program will be held at the Benton County Veterans Memorial, 1100 NW Kings Blvd. Tribute will be paid to Benton County soldiers who have been killed in Iraq and to Purple Heart recipients—all will be honored on the "Purple Heart Walkway of Honor." In case of inclement weather, the event will move inside with seating available.

Contact: Les Whittle, 541-752-3222

Dallas

May 26 – 11 a.m. – American Legion Post 20 and VFW Post 3203 will host a memorial ceremony at the Dallas Cemetery, 2065 SW Fairview Avenue. Nearly 400 U.S. flags will be posted on the Avenue of Flags. Guest speaker: Col. Don Bond, Oregon Army National Guard. Seating is limited.

Contact: Al Ratzlaff, 503-623-2591

Depoe Bay

May 26 – 11 a.m. – The 63rd annual Fleet of Flowers memorial will depart from the harbor following a brief bay front ceremony. All five U.S. military service flags will be presented. Taps will be played. The fleet's vessels will on-load people at the docks. Flowers will then be cast upon to the open ocean in memory of U.S. military members who have given their lives in service to our country, those who have lost their lives at sea or buried at sea. A flyover by the U.S. Coast Guard has been requested.

Contact: Barbara Leff, 541-765-3445

Eagle Point

May 26 – 11 a.m. – At Eagle Point National Cemetery, veterans will lay wreaths at gravesites. A 21-gun salute will be fired. An Oregon Air National Guard flyover has been requested. The cemetery is located 14 miles northeast of Medford and one mile east of Eagle Point at 2763 Riley Road.

Contact: Bob Huff, 541-825-4916

Eugene

May 26 – 9 a.m. – Mount Calvary Cemetery, 220 Crest Drive, will host their annual Memorial Day Mass and "Salute to Veterans" – a tribute to honor all veterans and their families, especially those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Contact: Don Dove, 686-8722

May 26 – 12 p.m. – Lane Memorial Gardens, at 5300 West 11th Ave., will host their annual "Salute to Veterans" – a tribute to honor all veterans and their families, especially those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Contact: Dee Harbison, 343-1684

May 26 – 1:30 p.m. – West Lawn Memorial Park, 225 S. Danebo Ave., and the Lane County Memorial Day Association, will host their annual "Salute to Veterans," tribute and will honor all veterans and their families, and those who made the ultimate sacrifice. A memorial will be dedicated to Vietnam War veterans. Keynote speaker: Jim Willis, Director, Oregon Dept. of Veterans' Affairs.

Contact: Randy Wood, 342-8281

Florence

May 26 – 10 a.m. – A commemorative memorial service will be held at Elks Lodge 1858, 1686 12th St. The guest speaker will be announced. A U.S. Coast Guard Color Guard will present the Colors.

Contact: Ted Naylor, 541-997-2610

Forest Grove

May 26 – 11 a.m. – American Legion Post 2 and the Oregon Army National Guard 2-218 Field Artillery, HQ Battery will host a ceremony at the Forest View Cemetery, 1161 Pacific Ave. Keynote speaker: Capt. Pete Helzer, Oregon Army National Guard. An Oregon Air National Guard flyover has been requested.

Contact: Jim Craigg, 503-357-3660

Grande Ronde

May 26 – 8 a.m. – VFW Post 4211, Northwest Indian Veterans' Association, AMVETS Post 2000, and American Legion Post 75 will conduct Memorial Day services at the Grand Ronde Cemetery on Grand Ronde Road.

May 26 – 3 p.m. – A ceremony will be held at the Grand Ronde Veterans Memorial, 9615 Grand Ronde Road. VFW Post 4211, Northwest Indian Veterans' Association, AMVETS Post 2000, and American Legion Post 75 will conduct the services. Names of local war veterans will be added to the memorial. Keynote speaker: Gov. Ted Kulongoski.

Contact: Carl Lambert 503-879-4222

Grants Pass

May 26 – 11 a.m. – The Marine Corps League will host an all veterans service including a parade of flags and the laying of wreaths. The event will include guest speakers and will be held at Hillcrest Memorial Park, 945 N.E. Hillcrest Drive. An Oregon National Guard flyover has been requested.

Contact: John Woods, 541-479-2707

Hillsboro

May 26 – 11 a.m. – VFW Post 2666 will provide a Color Guard during a ceremony at Fir Lawn Memorial Park, located at 1070 W. Main Street. Oregon Army Air National Guard will post service branch flags. A bag piper will play Amazing Grace. Guest speaker: Doyle Robertson. Taps will be played.

Contact: George Anderson, 971-404-7905

May 26 – 1 p.m. – Valley Memorial Park, 3809 S.E. Tualatin Highway will host a ceremony. Cub Scout Pack 195 will present and retire the colors. Music provided by the Clan Maclay Pipe Band. Guest speaker: State Sen. Bruce Starr. An Oregon Air National Guard flyover has been requested.

Contact: Dean Markasky, 503-648-5444

Hood River

May 26 – 9:45 a.m. – A parade will proceed south from uptown Hood River on Tucker Road to Idlewild Cemetery. Behind the Walk of Honor, a flagpole flying the U.S. and POW flags will be dedicated.

Contact: Patrick Scranton, 541-386-1080

La Pine

May 26 – 11 a.m. – American Legion Post 45 will host a memorial service at the La Pine Community Cemetery, on Reed Road off of Highway 97. Post 45, 52532 Drafter Road, will host an open house at 12 p.m. Lunch will be served.

Contact: Pat Cotton, 541-536-1402

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Lebanon

May 26 – 10 a.m. – American Legion Post 51 will display nearly 400 casket flags—donated by veterans' families—at the I.O.O.F. Cemetery on Highway 20 and Cemetery Road. Each flagpole has a brass plaque bearing the name of the veteran whom the flag honors. Post 51 Honor Guard will fire a gun salute. Cheryl Wallace will play taps.

Contact: [Fred Schaefer, 541-258-7453](mailto:Fred.Schaefer@lebanonoregon.com)

McMinnville

May 24-26 – The Evergreen Aviation Museum's Memorial Day weekend celebration will include military aircraft cockpit viewing, presentations by veteran pilots, and guided tours. Call or check the website for updated Memorial Day event information. The museum is located at 500 N.E. Captain Michael King Smith Way, on Highway 18.

Contact: [Nicole Wahlberg, 503-434-4023](mailto:Nicole.Wahlberg@evergreenaviationmuseum.com). Website: www.sprucegoose.org

Milwaukie

May 24-26 – Milwaukie Pioneer Cemetery Association members will be available at the cemetery to answer questions, help find gravesites and provide information. The cemetery is located at the intersection of Waverly Drive on S.E. 17th Ave.

May 26 – 8:30 a.m. – Boy Scout Troop 143 will conduct the 40th Annual flag raising ceremonies at the cemetery. Flag retirement will be at 4:30 p.m. Check the association's website for more information: www.milwpioneerccem.org.

Contact: [Mark Neubauer, 503-659-8087](mailto:Mark.Neubauer@milwpioneerccem.org), or email to: info@milwpioneerccem.org

Mt. Angel

May 23 – 7 p.m. – American Legionnaires and Boy Scouts will decorate veterans' graves at Calvary Cemetery, located one-quarter mile north of town on Highway 214, and at eight other area cemeteries.

May 26 – 9:30 a.m. – American Legion Post 89 will host a service in Calvary Cemetery, located one-quarter mile north of town on Highway 214. A memorial wreath will be placed, the Marion County Citizens Band will play patriotic music, and Mass will be celebrated. The Oregon Army National Guard Honor Guard will fire a gun salute. An Oregon Air National Guard flyover has been requested. If there is inclement weather, services will take place in St. Mary Parish Church, 575 E. College Street.

Contact: [Jerry Lauzon, 503-845-6882](mailto:Jerry.Lauzon@mtangel.com)

Newberg

May 26 – 11 a.m. – VFW Post 4015 and American Legion Post 57 will host a ceremony and special remembrances at Memorial Park, 4th and Howard Street. The Newberg Police Department Honor Guard will present the flag, read the Roll Call of service members who have died while serving, and render a "Salute to the Dead." Laurie Parker will sing the National Anthem and Battle Hymn of the Republic. Jem 100 will sponsor a BBQ. All donations will be given to a local scout troop and family relief fund.

Contact: [Don Miller 503-538-6108](mailto:Don.Miller@newbergoregon.com)

Nyssa

May 26 – 11 a.m. – American Legion Post 79 will conduct a memorial service at the Hilltop Cemetery.

May 26 – 11:30 a.m. – American Legion Post 79 will host a service at the city park boat ramp on the Snake River. A wreath will be placed on the water to honor all military members who have lost their lives at sea.

Contact: [Bill Thomson, 541-889-6649](mailto:Bill.Thomson@nyssa.com)

Ontario

May 26 – 10 a.m. – American Legion Post 67, VFW Post 5452, and the Disabled American Veterans D-Day Chapter 18 will combine their organizations to present three memorial services beginning at Evergreen Cemetery located on S. Park Boulevard.

May 26 – 10:30 a.m. – Services will be held at Sunset Cemetery on Sunset Drive, two blocks south of S.W. 4th Avenue.

May 26 – 11 a.m. – Services will be held at Meadowbrook Assisted Living Facility, 1372 S.W. 8th Avenue.

Contact: [Bill Thomson, 541-889-6649](mailto:Bill.Thomson@ontario.com)

Prineville

May 26 – 10:30 a.m. – American Legion Post 29, VFW Post 1412 and their Auxiliaries will co-sponsor a parade that runs from the Crook County Courthouse to Ochoco Creek Park and the POW/MIA Monument. Afterwards, there will be an Open House at the Vet's Club, 405 N. Main Street.

Contact: [Sid Carter, 541-447-5304](mailto:Sid.Carter@prineville.com)

Portland

May 24 – 10 a.m. – Skyline Memorial Gardens and Funeral Home, 4101 N.W. Skyline Blvd., will host a ceremony with flag presentations and placement of memorial wreaths. The Ft. Vancouver Pipe Band will play. An Oregon Army National Guard helicopter flyover has been requested. The Guard's 2-218th Field Artillery unit will fire a 21-gun salute. Color Guards: VFW Post 4015, American Legion Post 57, and Aloha Boy Scout Troops 290 and 297.

Contacts: [David Alford/Colleen Combs, 503-292-6611](mailto:David.Alford@portland.com)

May 26 – 10 a.m. – Willamette National Cemetery will host their 58th Annual Memorial Day program. A joint-military Color Guard will present honors and fire a rifle salute. More than 450 U.S. flags, donated by veterans' families, will be flown along the Avenue of Flags. Musical selections will be by: "Messenger," Bravo-Vancouver Chorale, Portland Police Highland Guard, and 234th Army Guard Band. Guest speaker: Lt. Gen. Charles H. Jacoby Jr., Commanding General, 1st Corps at Fort Lewis, Wash. An Oregon Air National Guard flyover has been requested.

Contact: [George Allen, 503-273-5250](mailto:George.Allen@portland.com)

May 26 – 10 a.m. – The names of 801 Oregon Vietnam veterans who were killed during the war will be read at the Oregon Vietnam Veterans Memorial located in Washington Park across from the Metro Park Zoo at 400 S.W. Canyon Road. During the ceremony at the Memorial, Canby VFW Post 6057 will post the Colors and join other veterans' groups in presenting wreaths. A keynote speaker will be announced. An Oregon Air National Guard flyover has been requested.

Contact: [Ron Cannon, 503-819-4228](mailto:Ron.Cannon@portland.com)

Portland

May 26 – 1 p.m. – The United States Submarine Veterans, Inc. will host a ceremony at the Submarine Memorial at OMSI, on the riverside overlooking the *USS Blueback*. The names of all U.S. submarines that have been lost and the number of men lost with them—"Tolling of the Boats"—will be read. Sea Cadets will present the Colors. A memorial wreath will be laid followed by a fireboat colored water display.

Contact: [T. Scott Duncan, 503-318-9664](mailto:T.Scott.Duncan@portland.com)

Redmond

May 26 – 11 a.m. – Redmond Cemetery VFW Post 4108 and American Legion Post 44 will present a ceremony and post Colors at the memorial. Taps will be played. Post 44 will present an Avenue of Flags. The cemetery is located west of Hwy. 97 on Yew Ave., and near the Old Bend-Redmond Hwy. Post 4108 and the Boy Scouts will place 1,000 flags on the city's streets, weather permitting.

Contact: [Dennis Guthrie, 541-280-5161](mailto:Dennis.Guthrie@redmond.com)

Reedsport

May 25 – 4 p.m. – A community BBQ will be served by the Military Order of the Purple Heart at Reedsport High School, 22nd Street and Hwy. 101.

May 25 – 7 p.m. – The 29 Palms U.S. Marine Air Ground Combat Center Band will present a free concert at Reedsport High School. Tickets are required and are available at Umpqua Bank, Bank of America, or The Reedsport/Winchester Bay Chamber office.

May 26 – 12 p.m. – A parade will proceed down Hwy. 38 in "Old Town." The U.S. Army's Green Beret Skydivers will parachute in to start the Memorial Service (1:30 p.m.) at Hahn Memorial Park. A U.S. Coast Guard Color Guard will present the colors. The 29 Palms U.S. Marine Band will play patriotic music.

Contact: [Joe Mirvis, 541-361-9080](mailto:Joe.Mirvis@reedsport.com)

Rogue River

May 26 – 11 a.m. – VFW Post 4116 will host a ceremony at the Woodville Cemetery, on Ward Road. The Post's rifle team will fire a 21-gun salute.

Contact: [Tom Lazette, 541-582-0490](mailto:Tom.Lazette@rogue.com)

Salem

May 26 – 11 a.m. – The Greater Salem Area Veterans' Organizations (GSAVO) will sponsor the 26th annual Memorial Day program at the City View Cemetery, 390 Hoyt Street S. The keynote speaker will be announced. An Oregon Army National Guard flyover has been requested. A luncheon will be held afterwards at VFW Post 661, 630 Hood Street N.E. Parking is limited.

Contact: [Bernice Harlan, 503-362-5530](mailto:Bernice.Harlan@salem.com)

May 26 – 6 p.m. – Girl Scout Troop 5 will conduct a flag retirement ceremony at Lee Mission Cemetery, 2104 D Street. Troop members will properly retire unserviceable flags. Taps will be played. The troop will later collect veteran and clergy flags from gravesites.

Contact: [Anny Shay, annymango@comcast.net](mailto:Anny.Shay@comcast.net)

May 30 – 2 p.m. – A ceremony will honor Oregonians who have been killed in action since November 2007 while serving in support of military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. Their names will be inscribed on the granite wall of the Afghan-Iraqi Freedom Memorial. Oregon Dept. of Veterans' Affairs Director Jim Willis will be the keynote speaker. The memorial is located on the ODVA grounds at 700 Summer Street N.E.

Contact: [Robin Steckley, 503-373-2390](mailto:Robin.Steckley@odva.com)

Scappoose

May 26 – 10:30 a.m. – VFW Post 4362 and Ladies Auxiliary will host a program at the Scappoose Veteran's Memorial located in Heritage Park next to the library. Guest speaker: Oregon Army National Guard soldier. An Oregon Air National Guard flyover has been requested.

Contact: [Ronald A. Urban, 503-543-7482](mailto:Ronald.A.Urban@scappoose.com)

Sheridan

May 26 – 12 p.m. – VFW Post 4211, Northwest Indian Veterans' Association, AMVETS Post 2000, and American Legion Post 75 will perform services at the cemetery located near Highway 18.

Contact: [Carl Lambert, 503-879-4222](mailto:Carl.Lambert@sheridan.com)

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Upcoming Military Reunions and Events

96th Infantry DW "Deadeyes" is having its reunion June 1, 2008 for those who trained at Camp Adair, OR. For information, contact John Pfaff, 20 S. 4th Street, Independence, OR 97351.

The 26th Infantry Regiment Association will hold its reunion June 4-7, 2008 at the Hilton Garden Inn, Columbus, GA. For information, contact Bob Morris, 503-639-2365, email: lionspade@aol.com.

A.P. Troop Transport Group will hold its 20th annual reunion June 19-22, 2008 at the Holiday Select-Oryland Airport Hotel in Nashville TN. Crewmembers, former passengers, Ex-POW's or military personnel or dependants are invited to attend. For information, contact Chuck Ulrich, 516-747-7426 or Bob Pfeifer, 503-209-8299 or 541-330-1134.

Battle of Chosin Reservoir Korea survivors are having a mini reunion June 22-25, 2008 in Reno, NV. For information, contact Stan Galewick, 530-221-4196.

Marine Corps League, Department of Oregon will hold its state convention June 27-29, 2008 at the Medford Regency Hotel. Registration will begin at the reception desk Friday, June 27 at 4 p.m. Conference meetings begin Saturday, June 28 at 8 a.m. The banquet speaker will be Jim Willis, Director of the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs. The Rogue Valley Detachment of the Marine Corps League will host the event. For information, contact John Woods, 541-479-2707.

USS Boxer Veterans Association is having a reunion August 20-23, 2008 in Gaithersburg, MD. Contact Dick Yanko, 610-356-4874.

1st Infantry Division "Big Red One" will hold its reunion August 20-21, 2008 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Colorado Springs, CO. For information, contact the Society of The First Infantry Division, 1933 Morris Road, Blue Bell, PA 19422, or call 215-661-1969, email: Soc1ID@aol.com.

USS Badoeng Strait (CVE-116) is having its reunion in September. For information contact Henry Trotter, 210-658-3447, email: hctrotter@yahoo.com

USS Fulton AS-11 is having its reunion September 2008 in Las Vegas, NV. For information contact Richard Hartman, 400 Bellevue Avenue #305, Newport, RI, 401-846-6536, or 401-855-5998. Email: rhnkhs@verizon.net.

USS Maddox Destroyer Association is having its reunion September 3-7, 2008 in Oklahoma City, OK. For more information, contact Cliff Gillespie, 2118 Hines Road, Jennings, LA 70546, 337-616-8450, email: cwgilles45@aol.com.



Red Warrior Reunion 1/12th Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Division is having its reunion September 4-6, 2008 in St. Louis, MO. Those assigned to the unit from 1966 to 1970 may contact Roger Hill, PO Box 210, Lena, IL 61048, or call 815-369-2330. Email thearmypast@mchsi.com.

10th Corps 1950-1953. The Corps and attached units will hold its reunion September 4-7, 2008 at the Rogue Regency Inn, Medford, OR. For information, contact John Pimentel, 541-476-7898.

USS Merrick AKA-97 is having its ship reunion September 7-11, 2008 at the Oxford Suites Hotel, (Jantzen Beach) in Portland, OR. For reservations, call the hotel at 1-800-548-7848. Mention the *USS Merrick* reunion for the group rate. For information about the reunion, contact Richard Bonn, 503-982-7117, email hpolete@yahoo.com, or Hank Polete, 360-735-7438, email: dbonn@wbcable.net

483rd Bombardment Group (H) Association is having its reunion September 8-14, 2008 in St. Peters/St. Charles, MO. For information, contact George Stovall 825 NE Lawndale Place, Corvallis, OR 97330, 541-758-0009, email: gstovall@peak.org.

USMC Motor Transport Association is having its reunion September 14-17, 2008 in Kilauea, HI. For information on the reunion, contact Terry Hightower PO Box 1372, Jacksonville, NC 28541, 910-324-7281, email: secretary@usmcmta.org.

The Society of The Third Infantry Division is having its 89th reunion September 18-21, 2008 in Columbus Georgia at the Sheraton Hotel 4 Points, 5351 Sydney Simons Blvd, Columbus, GA. For reservations call, 1-706-327-6868. For information contact Linda Irvine, 1-360-663-2521, email: info@thereunionbrat.com.

To Submit Reunion Information please mail to:

Public Information
Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs
700 Summer St NE
Salem, OR 97301
Email: shaffes@odva.state.or.us
Fax: 503-373-2362

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"BENEFITS"

spouse of a service member who dies on active duty or is certified by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) as 100 percent disabled as a result of their military service. The bill passed with no opposition.

Senate Bill 1066 was signed by Governor Ted Kulongoski and took effect on March 11, 2008.

If you have any questions regarding this veteran benefit, please contact a county veteran service officer who can assist you. A listing by county is provided on page 12 of this publication. You also may call the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA), 503-373-2085 or toll-free at 1-800-692-966.

Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs
Veterans' Home Loans - Veterans' Benefits - Conservatorship
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503-373-2000 or 1-800-828-8801
ODVA Website: www.oregon.gov/odva

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- * Access ODVA's website at www.oregon.gov/odva
- * Call ODVA at 1-800-828-8801 ext. 2141 or 503-373-2141
- * Write to ODVA's Privacy Officer to have a copy mailed to you; or
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~SAVE THE DATE~
Saturday, August 23, 2008

Oregon All Military Gala
"A Tribute to Patriots"

Come join the people of Oregon to recognize and honor "Real American Heroes" at the 2nd Annual Oregon All Military Gala. Honorary guests include 10 Congressional Medal of Honor recipients, Oregon Gold Star families, along with Oregon's Military, active duty, Reserve and Guard members. Reserve your tickets or table today by calling
Judy Wilcox at 503-362-4288 or

"Sponsor a Soldier" and guest by calling

"EVENTS"

Sisters

May 26 – 11 a.m. – The Sisters Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8138 and American Legion Post 86 will present the 16th annual ceremony at the Village Green Park on S. Elm Street across from the Sisters/Camp Sherman Fire Hall. The Sisters Veterans Memorial and flagpole will be dedicated. The memorial will be unveiled by Pearl Harbor survivor Harold Mulligan and Post 8138 Commander Phillip Gale (USN, Ret.). Crook County's NJROTC will present the Colors and a rifle demonstration.

Contact: *Phillip Gale, 541-549-6167 or 541-848-1907.*

Spray

May 24 – 11 a.m. – Five World War II veterans will be parade Grand Marshals. Oregon Army National Guard soldiers will escort the men in Humvees during the parade and for the rodeo's grand entry at 1 p.m.

Contact: *Joann Griffith, 541-468-2442*

Springfield

May 26 – 10:15 a.m. – Springfield Memorial Gardens, 7305 Main Street, in conjunction with the Lane County Memorial Day Association, will host their annual "Salute to Veterans" tribute to honor all veterans, especially those who made the ultimate sacrifice, and their families. A memorial will be dedicated to Vietnam War veterans. Keynote speaker: Jim Willis, Director, Oregon Dept. of Veterans' Affairs.

Contact: *Gene Drake 746-5311*

Terrebonne

May 26 – 9 a.m. – VFW Post 4108 and American Legion Post 44 will present the services at the cemetery. Post members will post the Colors. Taps will be played.

Contact: *Dennis Guthrie, 541-280-5161*

The Dalles

May 26 – American Legion Post 19 and VFW Post 2471 will conduct ceremonies at the following locations that will include posting the Colors, a moment of silence and the playing of Taps.

8:30 a.m. – Wreath laying at the Boat Basin. The Oregon Army National Guard will post the Colors and fire a gun salute.

9:30 a.m. – Park Lawn Cemetery located on Three Mile Road.
10:15 a.m. – Columbia Basin Nursing Home, 1015 Webber Road.

11 a.m. Odd Fellow Cemetery, on Cherry Heights Road.
11:45 a.m. – Kelly View Point Cemetery, at Sorosis Park.
2 p.m. – Oregon Veterans' Home, 700 Veterans' Drive.

Contact: *Dick Fadness, 509-767-4774*

Vale

May 26 – 11 a.m. – American Legion Post 96 will be conducting memorial services at the Valley View Cemetery, 1699 Valley View Road.

Contact: *Bill Thomson, 541-889-6649*

Vernonia

May 26 – 11 a.m. – The Aloha American Legion Post 104 Honor Guard will present the Colors and fire a 21-gun salute during a ceremony at the Vernonia Memorial Cemetery, 2080 Bridge Street. Taps will be played. An Oregon Air National Guard flyover has been requested.

Contact: *Dave Yeo, 503-640-4941*

Wallowa County

May 26 – American Legion Wallowa Lake Post 157 will conduct memorial services at the following locations. A Color Guard will fire a rifle salute and Taps will be played:

10:30 a.m. – Alder Slope Pine Tree Cemetery

Gold Star Wives Gather in Salem

"This is an Organization No one Wants To Be A Member Of"

-- Judi Van Cleave, Northwest Region President



Members of Gold Star Wives of America, Inc. (GSW) seek comfort from one another, and shelter from the rain at the organization's Regional Conference held March 28-29 in Salem.

Group members met at the Afghan Iraqi Freedom Memorial for a prayer and a few brief remarks.

The membership of the organization consists of women whose husbands died while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States, or as a result of service-connected disabilities.

Organization volunteers help out in many Veterans' Hospitals, in their communities and participate in ways that help with survivors needs and Outreach programs. GSW is a non-profit national service organization.

Founded by widows in the 1940s, the organization was created to help others, realizing that military surviving spouses have had unique needs and can support each other in understanding the problems and sorrow with their losses.

For more information, visit their official website at www.goldstarwives.org.



Lending A Helping Hand

Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs

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Whether you're just back from a combat zone or have been home for 60 years, you may be eligible for federal VA benefits. Give the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs a call so we can direct you to the Veteran Service Officer nearest you!



800-692-9666

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Friends of the Home

Donations to the Oregon Veterans' Home Trust Fund continue to be received. We deeply appreciate the thoughtfulness and generosity of an ever-growing number of Friends of the Home. To become a friend of the Home, use the gift form on page 11, and make a tax deductible donation today. Those who contributed during the months of February and March 2008 are listed below:

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DAV Jackson County Auxiliary #8

Events Calendar

Living History Day

America's military heritage will be celebrated at the 11th Annual Living History Day at the Oregon Military Museum at Camp Withycombe. This free public event runs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 17. A special presentation will be made at 1 p.m. to the family of Howard Ramsey, an Oregon veteran who, though now deceased, was the last living combat veteran of World War I.

Remembering America's Heroes

Remembering America's Heroes will be participating in Living History Day at Nestucca Valley Middle School, May 19-20. Veterans who would like to participate as living history in this event should contact Katy at 503-659-5157.

Atomic Veterans to Meet

The Oregon Atomic Veterans Mid-Valley will meet at 10 a.m. May 19th at American Legion Post 51 in Lebanon, 480 Main Street in Lebanon. For more information contact Fred Schafer 541-258-7453.

First Swing Golf Tour

The First Swing golf tour for disabled veterans will make two stops in Oregon this summer, including Bend and Eugene. The free events will be held at River Ridge Golf Course for Eugene-area veterans on June 6-7. First Swing will be in Bend at The Lost Tracks Golf Club on June 9-10. Those interested in golfing at the First Swing event in Bend must contact Amber Blanchard at 541-419-0314 or by email at amber@bendparksandrec.org.

To golf at the Eugene event contact Patty Prather at 541-682-6365 or email patty.l.prather@ci.eugene.or.us.

State Conventions

AMVETS

Date: May 17-18
Location: Eagle's Lodge, Coos Bay
Contact: Billy Keller, 541-888-6556

Disabled American Veterans

Date: May 22-24
Location: Shilo Inn, Bend
Contact: Ed Mazza, 541-582-0504

American Merchant Marine Veterans

Date: May 24-27
Location: Red Lion on the River, Portland
Contact: Nelson Cauble, 541-459-7982

Military Order of the Purple Heart

Date: June 14
Location: Village Green Resort, Cottage Grove
Contact: Robert Haltiner, 503-657-7085

Veterans of Foreign Wars

Date: June 19-21
Location: Red Lion, Pendleton
Contact: Roger Ege, 503-255-5808

American Legion

Date: June 25-28
Location: Albany High School
Contact: 503-685-5006

Marine Corps League

Date: June 27-29
Location: Medford Regency Hotel
Contact: John Woods, 541-479-2707

"MEMORIAL DAY"

11 a.m. – Joseph Airport Cemetery
12 p.m. – Prairie Creek Cemetery.

Wallowa County

May 26 – VFW Post 4307 and Auxiliary will conduct memorial services at the following locations. A Color Guard will fire a rifle salute and Taps will be played:

9 a.m. – Bramett Cemetery
9:30 a.m. – Wallowa Cemetery
10 a.m. – Lostine Cemetery
11 a.m. – Enterprise Cemetery

Contact: Renee Beaudoin, 541-426-3155, ext. 241

Wasco

May 26 – 10 a.m. – A ceremony with patriotic music will be presented at the Historic Wasco Train Depot at the corner of Clark and Fulton Streets. Guest speaker will be Paul Conway.

May 26 – 11 a.m. – A parade will proceed on Main Street (Hwy. 97). Wasco American Legion Post 91 will

provide the Color Guard. A BBQ will be served at the train depot.

Contact: Paul Conway, 541-565-3408

Willamina

May 26 – 9:30 a.m. – AMVETS Post 2000, VFW Post 4211, NIVA, and American Legion Post 75 will conduct services at the Willamina Cemetery located downtown off of Main Street.

Contact: Carl Lambert 503-879-4222

Winchester Bay

May 27 (Tue.) – 12 p.m. and 6 p.m. – Two free outdoor concerts with the 29 Palms U.S. Marine Air Ground Combat Center Band will be at Jason Boe Park (12 p.m.) and at the Sportsman's Cannery (6 p.m.). A seafood BBQ will be served.

Contact: Joe Mirvis, 541-361-9080



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pull together again to help those who are going to be impacted by this latest emergency. I will be in touch with the Oregon Veteran Service Organizations after we determine the needs and how best to help.

In closing, I want to thank all of you who are

sending comfort items to our troops in the field, who are contributing to the senior residents at the Oregon Veterans' Home and who are volunteering your time in the many worthwhile programs at the federal, state and local levels that aid our veterans and their families.



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