

2008 Oregon Veterans Day Events

Albany

Nov. 10 - 7 p.m. – Veteran of the Year Banquet recognizes veterans who have been nominated and selected by various organizations. Guest speaker: Former Operation Iraqi Freedom POW, Shoshana Johnson (Sp., ret.). The public is welcome, by reservation only, to a prime rib dinner at the Linn-Benton Community College Commons Room. Cost: \$25 each. Reservations: 541-990-6538.

Nov. 11 - 8 a.m. – Memorial service at the Linn County Veterans Memorial located at Timber-Linn Park, 900 Price Road, S.E. A wreath will be laid in honor of past, present, and future veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces. Guest speaker: Jim Willis, Director, Oregon Dept. of Veterans' Affairs.

11 a.m. – 89th annual Veterans Day Parade. Grand Marshals: Former Prisoner's of War from all eras. Parade theme: "*Land of the Free, Home of the Brave.*" An Oregon Air National Guard fly-over has been requested.

Contact: Pat Moritz, 503-348-6095 or Mary Jean Crawford, 541-990-6538

Astoria

Nov. 11 - 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. – American Legion Post 12 will serve a free breakfast, lunch, and dinner to veterans and their spouses. Donations are welcome. Ceremonial program: 1 p.m. Live music: 6 p.m. Post 12 is located at 1132 Exchange St.

Contact: Betsy at Post 12, 503-325-5771

Beaverton

Nov. 11 - 11 a.m. – A ceremony will be held at Memorial Park, between Watson and Hall Streets. A monument will be dedicated to the lost World War II submarine *USS Albacore SS218*. Southridge High School's vocal group will sing. American Legion Post 124's Honor Guard will post the Colors.

Contact: Marv Doty, American Legion Post 124, 503-644-0350

Bend

Nov. 8 - 9 a.m. – Veterans Day/Marine Corps Birthday Run – 5K run/1 mile walk – in downtown next to City Hall, 710 N.W. Wall. Charitable raffle prizes will be awarded at the end of the run. This event will raise money for the Disabled American Veterans Portland shuttle van. Register online:

www.vetsdayrun.homestead.com.

Contact: Eric Chandler, 541-383-8061.

11 a.m. – Veterans Day parade will be held downtown on Bond and Wall Streets. The parade theme: "*Stand for Veterans.*" Parade grand marshals: U.S. Marine Corps League members. An Oregon Air National Guard fly-over has been requested.

1 to 5 p.m. – Open House at VFW Post 1643, 1503 N.E. 4th St. The public is invited. Refreshments will be served.

Contact: Del Buhrman, Post Commander, 541-389-0775 or Mike Ward, 541-330-4677

Nov. 8 and 11 – Bend Parade of Flags will display 200 American Flags in downtown. American Legion Post 4 and "Bend's Band of Brothers." will install the flags.

Contact: Dick Tobiason, 541-388-5591

5:30 p.m. – Marine Corps Birthday Ball at the Bend Golf and Country Club. Social hour: 5:30 p.m. Dinner: 6:30 p.m. A "Caring for the Troops" raffle will raise money for mailing gifts overseas. The club is located at 61045 Country Club Drive.

Contact: Suzie Wirges, 541-388-2604

Burns

Nov. 6 - 6:30 p.m. – The Elks Lodge, 118 N. Broadway, will host a Veterans Day dinner that is co-sponsored by American Legion Post 63. All veterans and families are invited. Voluntary donations will be accepted. Guest speaker: Mike Jones, Commander, American Legion District 10.

Contact: Sean Wilson, 541-573-2800 or Ron Estep, 541-573-7919

Canyonville

Nov. 11 - 11 a.m. – Veterans' Remembrance Ceremony at City Hall. Guest speakers: State Rep. Susan Morgan, Sue Shaffer, Chairperson, Cow Creek Band of the Umpqua Indians, and Bill Markham. Refreshments will be served.

Contact: Chuck Spindel, Mayor, 541-839-4258 or 863-1602

Central Point

Nov. 11 - 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. – The Oregon Fallen War Heroes Memorial will have a dedication ceremony. This statewide memorial honors all fallen war heroes from statehood in 1859 to present. Names will be inscribed on the monument for each branch of service, the National Guard, Reserves, and Merchant Marine. Guest speakers: State Rep. Dennis Richardson and other state officials. An Oregon Air National Guard fly-over has been requested.

Contact: Marty Terell, 541-664-0191

Coos Bay

Nov. 11 - 6:30 p.m. – The Coos Bay Eagles Lodge, 568 S. 2nd St., will provide a free dinner for all veterans and their spouses. Guest speaker: Jim Willis, Director, Oregon Dept. of Veterans' Affairs.

Contact: John Martin, 541-756-5314

Corbett

Nov. 11 - 8 to 11 a.m. – Veterans Recognition and Appreciation Breakfast at Corbett High School, 35800 E. Historic Columbia River Hwy. Sponsored by the Columbia River Gorge Kiwanis Club. Veterans are encouraged to share their experiences. Veterans eat free, all others are \$5 each.

Contact: Byron S. Willis, byronsci@aol.com

Corvallis

Nov. 7 - 11 a.m. – Oregon State University AFROTC Detachment 685 presents a Veteran's Day ceremony at OSU's Memorial Union outdoor quad, 26th and Jefferson Way. The ceremony will include: Reading names of POW/MIA's, 21-gun salute, and a guest speaker. An Oregon Air National Guard fly-over has been requested. A 24-hour vigil and flag walk will begin after the ceremony.

Contact: Cadet-Lt. Col. Billy Poeschl, 503-314-0282.

Elkton

Nov. 10 - 1 p.m. – Elkton High School will honor veterans with a program in the school's gymnasium.

Contact: 541-584-2228, ext. 1

Eugene

Nov. 9 - 2 to 11 p.m. – “Casino Night” fundraiser for Homeless Veterans at the University of Oregon’s Erb Memorial Union.

Nov. 11 - 11 a.m. – Veterans Day recognition at the University of Oregon’s Knight Library. “*Telling*”—a play written by recent veterans recounting their military experiences and their return home.

Contact: Joe Reilly, 541-682-4191

Florence

Nov. 11 - 1 p.m. – The 3rd Annual Veterans Day Parade travels on 6th St. and Hwy. 101 to Bay St. and to Veterans Memorial Park. Service branch flags will be sold. Website: www.florenceveteransdayparade.com/

Contact: Megan Gerber, 541-999-8216

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Forest Grove

Nov. 9 - 12 p.m. – American Legion Post 2 and Elks Lodge 2440 will co-host ceremonies, entertainment and a free dinner for veterans, current active duty military personnel and their families. Dinner: 1 p.m. The lodge is located at 2810 Pacific Ave.

Contact: Jim Craig, American Legion Post 2, 503-357-3660, or 503-357-2440

Grants Pass

Nov. 7 - 1 p.m. – A student assembly, Celebrating Veterans in our Country, will feature patriotic music and presentations at the Riverside Elementary School gymnasium, 1200 S.E. Harvey Drive. Prior to the assembly, American Legion Post 28 will present a program on Americanism and Flag Etiquette. All veterans will be honored with student-read poems, essays, and a special choral presentation. VFW Post 2302 will post the Colors. Veterans are encouraged to wear their uniforms, awards and ribbons.

Contact: Mariann Heater, 541-474-5780, ext. 137

Hillsboro

Nov. 11 - 11 a.m. – VFW Post 2666 will hold a Veterans Day program at Fir Lawn Cemetery, 1070 S.W. Main St. Refreshments will be served.

Contact: George Anderson, 971-404-7905

Hood River

Nov. 11 - 8 to 11 a.m. – American Legion Post 22 and Auxiliary will sponsor a breakfast at Elks Lodge 1507, 304 Cascade Ave.

11 a.m. – Ceremony at the Oregon National Guard Armory on Belmont Road at 12th St.

Contact: Patrick Scranton, 541-386-1080

Klamath Falls

Nov. 8-11 – VFW Post 1383 will present an Avenue of Flags at the Veterans Cemetery, at the intersection of the south side by-pass and Green Springs Drive.

Nov. 11 - 11 a.m. – Veterans Day Parade downtown will conclude at Veterans Memorial Park at Main and Klamath Ave. A ceremony includes placing wreaths for each military era and a guest speaker. An Oregon Air National Guard fly-over has been requested. The ceremony will be followed by these activities:

- Stew Lunch at American Legion Post 8, 228 N. 8th St., 541-882-0475
- Spaghetti Feed at Marine Corps League, 1019 Main St., 541-882-1775
- Chili Feed at VFW Post 1383, 515 Klamath Ave., 541-882-0057

Contact: Joe Collins, 541-884-0074

La Grande

Nov. 11 - 11 a.m. – American Legion Post 43 Veterans Parade along Adams Ave. VFW Post 4060 will lead the parade. A spaghetti feed will be held following the parade at the Post 43 Legion Hall, 301 Fir St. Cost: Free to Post members, \$3.50 for non-members.

Contact: John Marsh, 541-963-5141

Lakeview

Nov. 12 - 2:30 p.m. – Central Oregon veterans will participate in a ceremony to honor the service of 2002 Lakeview High School graduate Cpl. Jessica Ellis. The high school is located at 906 S. 3rd St.

Contact: Dick Tobiason, 541-388-5591

La Pine

Nov. 11 - 11 a.m. – Veterans Day Ceremony at the La Pine Community Cemetery. Following the ceremony, American Legion Post 45 will host an open house, 52532 Drafter Road.

Contact: Pat Cotton, 541-536-1402

Lebanon

Nov. 6 - 6 to 8 p.m. – A special program to showcase and honor our local heroes, *Heroes of America*, honors all veterans from the past, present, and future. The program will be held at Lebanon High School in the Commons area. All Linn County veterans and their families are invited to attend. Reservations are required.

Contact: Tonya Cairo, 541-451-8487 ext. 1217.

Lincoln City

Nov. 11 - 6:30 to 9 p.m. – The public is invited to a free Veterans Day concert in the showroom at the Chinook Winds Casino, 1777 N.W. 44th St. A Color Guard will post the Colors. Taps will be played. A band will perform.

Contact: Heather Hatton, 1-888-244-6665

McMinnville

The Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum, 500 N.E. Captain Michael King Smith Way, will be hosting these events:

Nov. 6-17 – Military uniform display spanning 60 years of American military history.

Nov. 8 - 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. – Presentation on the B-17 bomber by Russell Barney, a former World War II pilot and museum volunteer.

1 p.m. – Ceremony with Color Guard and speeches by museum volunteers.

Contact: Laura Graham, 503-434-4006, www.sprucegoose.org

Medford

Nov. 11 - 11 a.m. – Veterans Day parade will take place on Main St. from Hawthorne St. to Oakdale.

2 p.m. – Medford Veterans Memorial Park Ceremony, sponsored by Jackson County Veterans Allied Council, will be held at the Medford Armory off of Hwy. 99. Guest Speaker: Col. Dave Dotterer, (USMC, Ret.). Color Guard: Medford Police and Co. A, 1-186th Infantry, Army National Guard. An Oregon Air National Guard fly-over has been requested.

Contact: Bob Huff, 541-601-9283

Merlin

Nov. 10 - 11 a.m. – The Merlin Community Park Board and VFW Post 2302 will host an event at the Josephine County Veterans Walk of Honor at the community park. Names placed on the monument since

2007 will be read. Wreaths will be laid to honor departed veterans. Guest speaker: Keith Heck, U.S. Marine Corps veteran. Boy Scout Troop 77 will retire old and worn American flags.

Contact: Dick Smith, 541-471-9446

Milwaukie

Nov. 3 - 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. – Milwaukie High School, 11300 S.E. 23rd Ave., will host their 13th Annual Living History Days—Remembering America’s Heroes. American military veterans will be sharing their stories with students in classrooms. Native American veterans will be recognized during the event. A USO Show will honor veterans. All veterans from any era are invited to attend. Lunch will be provided.

Contact: Katy Spinks, 503-659-5157

Nov. 11 - 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. – Open House at American Legion Post 180, 2146 S.E. Monroe St. A free potluck for all veterans and their families with food provided by Post 180 and auxiliary.

3 p.m. to 5 p.m. – Live patriotic music provided by Portland American Legion Post 185 musicians. All veterans and their families are welcome.

Contact: Mike Lueck, 971-246-9088

Molalla

Nov. 7 - 1 p.m. – Molalla Middle School, 318 Leroy St., will host a program to recognize and honor veterans. Open to the public, the program includes student and guest speakers, a school choir and band.

Contact: Mike Clark, 503-829-8986 or 829-7325

North Bend

Nov. 11 - 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. – American Legion Bay Area Post 34, 1421 Airport Way, will host the annual breakfast. Cost: \$5; children, \$2.50. An 11 a.m. ceremony will celebrate the history of Veterans Day.

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Nov. 8 - 1 p.m. (MST) – The 7th Annual American Legion Post 67 Veterans Day Parade will form up on Alameda and S.W. 4th Ave., and conclude at the train depot. State Sen. Ted Ferrioli will be in the parade.

Nov. 11 - 11 a.m. (MST) – Post 67 will host a memorial ceremony at Evergreen Cemetery at the American Legion Memorial, 1155 S. Park Blvd.

Contact: Steve Farrow, 541-881-1389, or Bill Thomson, 541-889-6649

Portland

Nov. 9 - 8 a.m. – Veterans Convoy will travel on I-205 to honor all veterans along the highway named in their honor. The convoy forms at the Clark County Fairgrounds in Vancouver, Wash. Gates open at 7 a.m. Grand Marshals: Families of Iraq and Afghanistan veterans from the Oregon and Washington who lost their lives in the Gulf war, families of deployed veterans, and veterans who have returned. New toy donations are for children of deployed veterans. Entry applications on-line: www.veteransoforegon.com

Contact: Vietnam Veterans of America, Portland Metro Chapter #392, 503-622-6084

Nov. 11 - 9:45 a.m. – 34th Annual Hollywood District Veterans Day Parade will travel between N.E. 40th and 48th Ave. and Sandy Blvd. The parade includes veterans, community groups, various military service organizations, and a local high school band. It concludes with a ceremony at the Veterans Memorial Flag Pole, N.E. 48th and Sandy Blvd. Covered seating will be available for seniors and those with disabilities. Guest speakers: Mayor Tom Potter, Mayor-elect Sam Adams, and Robert Haltiner, Military Order of the Purple Heart.

Contact: Sara Van Houten, 503-422-7141

Prineville

Nov. 10 – 11:30 a.m. – Veterans are asked to attend, wear their military uniforms, ribbons or medals, and share stories with students in their classrooms at Crook County High School, 1100 S.E. Lynn Blvd.

7 p.m. – A public ceremony—A Salute to Veterans—will be held in the high school Commons. Local officials will speak. Also, the Crook County Navy Junior ROTC rifle light show, Oregon Army National Guard static displays, and information booths.

Nov. 11 - 11 a.m. – Veterans Day Parade, sponsored by VFW Post 1412, will start behind the Crook County Courthouse on 3rd St., and continue to the POW/MIA Memorial in Ochoco Creek Park.

2 to 4 p.m. – The American Legion and Auxiliary will serve a traditional ham dinner free to all veterans and their families at the Veterans' Club, 405 N. Main St. Donations will be accepted.

Contact: Donny Jackson, donny.jackson@crookcounty.k12.or.us

Redmond

Nov. 11 - 11 a.m. – The annual Veterans Day Parade will be downtown. The public is invited to a Chili Feed following the parade at VFW Post 4108, 1636 S.W. Veterans Way. The event is co-sponsored by Post 4108, American Legion Post 44, and the Redmond Chamber of Commerce.

Contact: Jeff Casserly, VFW Post 4108, 541-550-6656

Roseburg

Nov. 11 - 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. – A pancake breakfast will be served at American Legion Post 45, 406 S.E. Oak Ave.

11 a.m. – Douglas County Veterans Day Parade—one of the largest in Oregon. This year's parade theme: "Served with Honor, Not forgotten." Parade Grand Marshals: Korean War veterans.

Contact: Mary Newman, 541-440-4219

Salem

Nov. 8 - 7 p.m. and Nov. 9 - 3 p.m. – The Willamette Master Chorus will perform two Veterans Day weekend events titled: *Honoring our Veterans*. An orchestra and chorus will perform patriotic songs and service hymns. The concerts will be held in Hudson Hall in the Mary Stuart Rogers Music Center at Willamette University. General admission: Adults \$15; students and seniors, \$12. All veterans and active military personnel, \$8. For more information, or to buy tickets, visit www.WillametteMasterChorus.org.

Contact: Weathers Music, 503-362-8708.

Nov. 10-14 - 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. – Salem Senior Center 50+ and the Coalition of Troop Support will create care packages to send to troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. The community is encouraged to donate comfort items. Vintage military uniforms and military art will be displayed at the center, 2615 Portland Road N.E.

Contact: Holli Crown, City of Salem Senior Center 50+, 503-588-6303

Nov. 10 - 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. – The Salem Vet Center, 617 Chemeketa St. N.E., Suite 100, will be hosting a recognition day honoring veterans. The Oregon Lions Mobile Screening Unit will offer free health screenings (three-hour fasting period is required). Salem's Community Based Outreach Clinic will provide free flu shots for veterans. Other services are provided to everyone. Refreshments available.

Contact: Rosy Macias, 503-362-9911

Nov. 11 - 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. – American Legion Capitol Post 9 will host a free breakfast for veterans and their families, at the Eagles Lodge, 2771 Pence Loop S.E. Priority service will be given to on-duty law enforcement officers, emergency medical crews and firefighters.

Contact: Earl Pepper, 503-364-0261

2 p.m. – A ceremony will be held at the Afghan-Iraqi Freedom Memorial, on the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs grounds, 700 Summer St. N.E. Names of Oregonians killed while serving in Operations

Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom will be unveiled. Guest speaker: Col. Dan Hokanson, Oregon Army National Guard. The Army Guard will present the Colors and provide a fly-over.

Contact: Robin Steckley, 503-373-2390

7 p.m. – Salem Towne Community will honor all veterans of the armed forces during their 8th Annual, Veterans Day Celebration in the Towne Hall building, 2900 Oakcrest Drive N.W., off of Wallace Road. The public is invited. Guest Speaker: Command Sgt. Major Brunk Conley. Paula Brown, Deputy Director, Oregon Dept. of Veterans Affairs, will make an award presentation.

Contact: Lew Crites 503-507-1570

Sandy

Nov. 11 - 11 a.m. – Ceremonial tribute with Patriotic music hosted by VFW Post 4273 and Auxiliary at the Sandy Veterans Memorial Statue, intersection of Highways 26 and 211. The Post 4273 Color Guard and Rifle Team will participate.

12 p.m. – Community potluck at VFW Post 4273, 38452 Proctor Blvd.

Contact: Bert Key, 503-668-8418

Scappoose

Nov. 11 - 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. – VFW Post 4362 is sponsoring and providing the Color Guard for the Veterans Day service at the VFW Memorial located in Heritage Park. Gun salute: Det. 1, Co. B, 1-186th Infantry, Oregon Army National Guard.

Contact: Ron Urban, 503-543-7482

Springfield

Nov. 9 - 1:30 p.m. – The Lane County Veterans Day Parade will begin at Centennial Blvd. at Mohawk. The parade's theme: "Citizen Soldiers." Grand Marshal: James Arnold, Korean and Vietnam veteran. For an entry or more information: <http://vetsdayparade.org/index.html>

Contact: Joe Reilly, 541-682-4191

Sweet Home

Nov. 7 - 5 p.m. – AMVETS Post 13 and Auxiliary and VFW Post 3437 and Auxiliary will host the 20th annual Veterans Appreciation dinner. No-host social hour: 5 p.m. Dinner: 6 p.m. The dinner is free to all veterans. Guest speaker: Jim Willis, Director, Oregon Dept. of Veterans' Affairs. Cold War veterans will be presented a congressionally approved award to recognize their military service.

Contact: Teri Spier, 541-367-4020.

The Dalles

Nov. 11 - 11 a.m. – Mid-Columbia Veterans Day Parade begins at the National Guard Armory, 713 Webber St. It will proceed downtown and return to the Armory. Parade grand marshals: Korean War veterans. An Oregon Air National Guard flyover has been requested.

1 p.m. - VFW Post 2471 Auxiliary will host a potluck dinner and patriotic program at the National Guard Armory. The public is invited to attend.

Contacts: Les Cochenour, 541-298-5692, or Olivia Hall, 541-298-5670

Tigard

Nov. 11 - 12 p.m. – Annual Hobo Stew luncheon for American Legion Post 158 members and guests will be held at Post 158, 8635 S.W. Scoffins St.

Contact: 503-624-2332 or 503-639-8083

Tillamook

Nov. 11 - 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. – Tillamook Air Museum volunteers will serve a traditional S.O.S. Breakfast at the museum's Air Base Cafe, located on Hwy. 101, south of Tillamook.

9:30 a. m. to 11 a.m. – The Museum and local VFW Posts, will host the 12th annual Veterans Appreciation Day and Open House to honor and thank veterans. Patriotic ceremony participants include: U.S. Coast Guard and VFW Color Guard; guest speakers; singers; USAF Civil Air Patrol; Tillamook Community Band. An Oregon Air National Guard flyover has been requested. Half-price admission for all veterans.

Contact: Michelle, Tillamook Air Museum, 503-842-1130

White City

Nov. 11 - 10 a.m. – Southern Oregon Rehabilitation Center and Clinics, 8495 Crater Lake Hwy., will host a ceremony in the theater. The public is invited. Guest speaker: Dr. Richard K. Pimentel, veteran and author. Patriotic music tribute by the Rogue Valley Symphonic Orchestra. The 1-186th Infantry, Oregon Army National Guard, will post the Colors. An Air National Guard fly-over has been requested.

Contact: Rhonda Haney, 541-830-7585

Wilsonville

Nov. 10-11 - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. – Korean War Veterans Association Oregon Trail Chapter will be on site, at the Korean War Memorial, to answer questions and be of service during daylight hours. The Memorial is located off Interstate 5 at exit 283, about 10 miles south of Portland. Follow the signs to Town Center Park.

Contact: James Arling, 503-285-8118