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## Oregon Guard members participate in Veterans Day events across state



Oregon State Command Sgt. Maj. Brunk Conley waves to participants passing the reviewing stand at the Veterans Day Parade in Albany, Ore., Nov. 11.

Story and photos by Oregon Sentinel Staff

Citizen-Soldiers and Citizen-Airmen from the Oregon National Guard participated in a number of events throughout the state to commemorate Veterans Day, Nov. 11.

Oregon Air National Guard pilots from Kingsley Field in Klamath Falls, and the Portland Air National Guard Base in Portland, Ore., conducted 11 F-15 flyovers around the state, including a Veterans Day parade in Tulelake, Calif.

During the 60th annual Albany Veterans Day Parade in Albany, Ore., a joint-Color Guard led nearly 350 Oregon National Guard members along the 1.5 mile parade route.

Gov. John Kitzhaber participated in the parade, riding on horseback with the Oregon Mounted Governor's Guard.

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Col. Michael Stencil, Commander of the 142nd Fighter Wing, Oregon Air National Guard, watches as members of the North Albany High School Drill Team perform in front of the reviewing stand during the Veterans Day Parade in Albany, Ore., Nov. 11. Members of the Oregon National Guard took part in 25 separate Veterans Day events around the state. See full photo layout on Page 5.

Photos by Tech. Sgt. Nick Choy, Oregon Military Department Public Affairs Office

## 1249 Engineer Battalion set to return to Oregon in December



Photo by Staff Sgt. Anna Rutherford, Task Force Gridley Public Affairs

Soldiers of Task Force Gridley line up to prepare for the M9 Stress Shoot portion of the soldier of the Quarter Competition on March 21 in Paktika province, Afghanistan. The Stress Shoot portion of the competition was conducted immediately after a 5-mile road march.

Story by Oregon Sentinel Staff

Soldiers from the Oregon Army National Guard's 1249th Engineer Battalion are scheduled to return to Oregon sometime in early December.

Approximately 175 Soldiers from throughout Oregon deployed to Afghanistan supporting Operation Enduring Freedom

for a 400-day mobilization in December 2010. The unit conducted pre-mobilization training at Fort McCoy, Wis.

The unit's primary role was command and control while providing support for Task Force Gridley.

The battalion included approximately 850 Soldiers from other units in California, Connecticut, Georgia, Michigan,

Mississippi, and Nebraska.

Unit commander, Lt. Col. Kevin Dial, said during their mobilization ceremony that he was very proud to lead his Soldiers on the deployment.

"As the battalion commander for the 1249 Engineer Battalion, it is with great pride that I have been given the privilege of leading this amazing group of men and women in this very important mission," Dial said.

TF Gridley's area of operations was roughly the size of Oregon. As part of the continuing stability operations in Afghanistan, the work conducted by the Soldier engineers focused on building critical infrastructure, which supports the country's ability to project power and defend itself, Dial said.

"This is definitely more than just a job, it is service with my extended guard family, working to change a small part of Afghanistan," said Dial.

The battalion was mobilized in 2003 supporting Operation Noble Eagle to provide Homeland Security missions in both Washington and Oregon. This was the first overseas mobilization for the 1249 Engineer Battalion Headquarters and Forward Support Companies.

Soldiers are scheduled to take part in demobilization ceremonies after their return to Oregon. Information regarding locations and times for these events will be made available through the Oregon Military Department in early December.

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## COMMAND

## Oregon National Guard committed to future missions



Maj. Gen. Raymond F. Rees, The Adjutant General, Oregon

By the time this message is in your hands another great Oregon National Guard unit will be back in the USA.

The 1249 Engineer Battalion will have completed a very complex and demanding tour in Afghanistan. LTC Kevin Dial and his team have led multiple engineering companies across a huge geographical area and tackling a wide variety of important engineering tasks. Congratulations! One Step Better!

Similarly the 1186 Military Police Company and the 173 Security Forces Squadron will have arrived at their new post

in Afghanistan as you thumb the pages of the Sentinel. We know they will represent us well.

The news talks about reduced tempo and drawdown. Rest assured, that each and every deploying soldier and airman of the Oregon Guard of the Oregon National Guard will receive the best training and the best support that the Oregon Military Department has to offer.

Before you start to fret about a loss of OPTEMPO, contemplate a few of the events scheduled over TY12:

1. Vigilant Guard, a multi-state exercise will play out in the second and third quarter. It will give us an opportunity to hone our domestic response skills across the state. The event will reinforce the bond between the National Guard and civilian first-responders and better prepare our soldiers and airmen to manage an actual large-scale disaster or emergency.

2. The Oregon Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and High-Yield Explosive Emergency Response Force Package (CERFP; pronounced "surf-p"), will use Vigilant Guard as a warm-up exercise. The unit must be certified and ready to perform by the close of TY12.

This joint team is well on its way to success under the guidance of the 41 Special Troops Battalion.

3. 3 Battalion, 116 Cavalry is quickly putting its recent mission in Iraq behind them as they return to duty. New equipment training awaits them as they prepare to receive the M1A1 System Enhancement Package (SEP) Abrams tank and the M23A Bradley Fighting Vehicle. This equipment makes the 116 Cavalry Brigade the premier National Guard Heavy Brigade Combat Team.

These few items are among the many that will engage the Army and Air Guard of Oregon throughout the year. Regardless of size and number of deployments, the demands on all members of the Oregon National Guard will remain high as we shift our attention to our domestic responsibilities and adjust to new requirements for our warfighting role.

Success breeds success. Your winning ways have brought more capacity, more capability, and more responsibility to the Oregon Guard. Always Ready, Always There!

Happy Holidays.

## Swartwout begins tenure as State Command Chief Warrant

I am proud to call myself your State Command Chief Warrant. I would like to start with an introduction.

I will have served in the military for 39 years by the 25th of November. I spent three years Active Duty Army '72-'75, then ETS'd and joined the ORARNG and started drilling the following month. In May '84, I was hired as a full-time technician working in the then 2-218 Field Artillery OMS in Portland.

In 1989, I was selected by the WOC board and then attended WOCS at Fort McCoy, Wis. In 1990, I graduated from the Ordnance Technical and Tactical Certification Course in Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md., and was pinned as a WO1.

In May 2011, I passed my 30-year mark as a Federal Technician. I have served in both Brigades and at Joint Forces Headquarters as both an enlisted Soldier and as a Warrant Officer.

So as I begin a new chapter in my full-time military career, I find myself marveling at the progress and changes in the National Guard, the United States Army, and the United States of America.

We all have varied opinions and perspectives regarding the military and these United States, but there is no doubt in the fact that we are a resilient, resourceful, and united people, especially when our backs are against the wall.

I encourage each and every soldier and airman of the Oregon National Guard to move toward common ground with one another, especially in these trying times, to reach the next plateau, in continuing our patriotic journey as this nation's best State Militia.

I give my heart-felt thanks to CW5 Zagyva for his leadership, accomplishments, mentorship, and friendship over the last few



Chief Warrant Officer 5 Terry Swartwout, Command Chief Warrant Officer, Oregon National Guard

years. The ORARNG Warrant Officer Corps is a better, more viable, and increasingly involved entity of the ORARNG as the result of his tenure as CCWO.

It is my goal to not only continue his efforts and direction, but to lead the ORARNG Warrant Officer Corps into a new era with cutting edge professionalism in the years ahead.

For the Corps!

## Frontline Leadership: Advice on preserving freedom from a WWII vet

By Don Malarkey, WWII vet and former member of Easy Company (Band of Brothers)

After the HBO *Band of Brothers* series premiered in 2001, I began receiving invitations to speak at various business and education meetings.

On one occasion, a police academy training conference asked me to present my experiences in a leadership-training format. I was a bit taken aback, but thought it could be done.

I contacted Vance Day, a good friend of mine and a local attorney, who had worked as a history teacher.

I figured that he was familiar with putting together something along the lines of what the conference wanted.

I was right. Vance jumped right into it and we created an ever-evolving presentation called *Frontline Leadership*.

We presented it first at the police academy conference, and we began getting calls from other police, firefighter, and military organizations.

*Frontline Leadership* was adapted into various formats to fit different venues: after-dinner presentation, ninety-minute, four-hour, and eight-hour versions.

Vance put together a course syllabus for those organizations needing class credit. Pretty soon we were giving the presentation three to four times a month.

It was kind of a "Mutt and Jeff" show. Vance would run video clips and give the leadership theory side of the presentation. I would share stories from my Easy Company

and life experiences that exemplified the points we were making.

The two of us have a great deal of fun together, and the audiences enjoy it.

Since the initial event we have given the presentation, in one form or another, dozens of times.

Vance and I have traveled Europe and North America together, lectured at the United States Military Academy at West Point, the Lazard Lecture Series.

We have also presented to Focus on the Family's National Family Policy conference, the Heritage Foundation, the Family Research Council, in addition to various military bases and numerous organization and educational institutions. Not a bad run.

In May of 2005 we were asked to give *Frontline Leadership* on Capitol Hill for members of Congress, followed by a presentation to senior staff at the White House.

Buck Compton joined us for Washington, D.C., events and several other occasions. Bill Guarnere even joined on a trip to New York City to give a presentation.

I feel humbled by the attention, even a bit embarrassed. But then I remember that I owe it to the guys who did not return. It's as if I am keeping faith with them.

Somehow, as I tell of their courage, trauma, and accomplishments, I am helping to establish a legacy of leadership for future generations.

So many Americans have done so much that we might enjoy this liberty that we, and other nations, possess.

*Frontline Leadership* brings home that

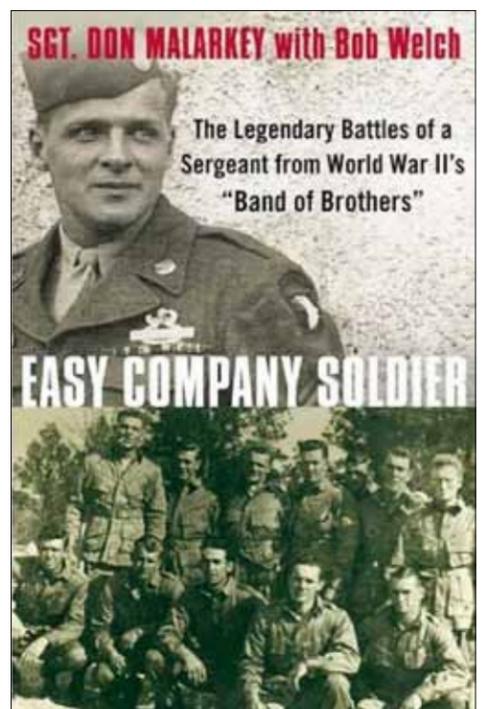


Illustration courtesy of Don Malarkey

point. It reminds people that we have such a rich heritage of sacrifice that not only demands our reverence, but calls us to leave a legacy.

We are Americans—we lead and are looked to as leaders in the fight for liberty. We dare not shirk this responsibility.

See also the story on Don Malarkey's visit to the 173rd Fighter Wing, on Page 6.

**NEWS**

**ESGR now accepting 2012 award nominations**

ARLINGTON, Va. – Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) is now accepting nominations for the 2012 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award.

The Freedom Award is the DoD's highest award for civilian employers supporting Guard and Reserve members.

All Guard and Reserve members are encouraged to nominate employers who have provided exceptional support of their military service.

Nominations may be submitted through Jan. 16, 2012 by service members, or a family member acting on their behalf. For more information, visit: [www.FreedomAward.mil](http://www.FreedomAward.mil).

"Employers who go above and beyond in their support of Guard and Reserve members are providing a tremendous service to our country; they are contributing to the resiliency and peace of mind of the more than one million men and women who stand ready to serve when our nation calls on them," said David McGinnis, acting Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs.

With employer support acknowledged as a critical component of our national defense, ESGR enhanced the nomination website this year to help guide nominators in capturing the most important details of their employers' support.

Previous recipients garnered recognition for supportive measures including organizing colleagues to provide dinners to a deployed employee's family, covering extra shifts during an employee's military training, taking a deployed service member's children to sports practices and other family events, and establishing robust military support networks.

The 2012 recipients will be announced by early summer and honored in Washington, DC during a special ceremony early next fall.

The Freedom Award was instituted in 1996 under the auspices of ESGR to recognize exceptional support from the employer community. In the years since, 160 employers have been honored with the award. ESGR was established in 1972 to develop and maintain employer support for Guard and Reserve service.

For more information, call 703-696-1171, ext. 539, or by email at [ESGR-PA@osd.mil](mailto:ESGR-PA@osd.mil).



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**JFHQ Family Readiness Group seeking volunteers**

Story by Robin Webb, Alternate JFHQ SARC

Welcome to the JFHQ Family Readiness Group (FRG) Section of the Sentinel.

In 2011 at JFHQ there have been a lot of changes, one of those being a new Commander, Capt. David Romero.

This brought changes and additions to the JFHQ Family Program as well. I understand it has been quite sometime if ever, that JFHQ has had a Family Readiness Group.

I was asked in December of 2010 if I would be interested in volunteering for this position and I agreed.

I can't say it hasn't come without challenges, i.e. forms, information, processes and procedures, but sometimes we need those in life to make us stronger.

For those of you who are not familiar with what a "Family Readiness Group" is, here's the official definition,

*"An organization of family members, volunteers, and Guard members belonging*

*to a unit that together provide an avenue of mutual support, assistance, and a network of communication among the family members, the chain of command, and community resources."*

It is not a babysitting service, social worker, loan or lending service, taxi or bus service, etc.

We (the FRG's) are that group that helps your unit with family picnics, holiday parties and other family-oriented unit functions.

We are also here for Soldiers and their families in times of need, or when Oregon Guard members are deployed.

We have a great resource list which includes various referrals for such things as legal, financial, Tricare, ID cards, crisis intervention and community outreach.

We are also a non-profit group that is only supported by fundraising and donations.

This group is staffed by volunteers; myself, our Treasurer Theresa, group co-leader and phone tree key caller Richel Warren and Master Sgt. Israel Garcia,



our Military Liaison. We are seeking volunteers for a number of open staff

positions, including phone tree callers, newsletter writers, and persons to help with social functions and fundraising.

In particular, we are looking for volunteers to assist with planning and execution of our upcoming JFHQ Holiday Party this December.

If you would be interested in becoming part of this worthy cause, we extend a sincere invitation to join our group, or a group assigned to your unit.

You can never have too much information, too much support, or too many friends. The FRG is your opportunity to all of this and more.

If you would like more information, please contact me at 503-715-6363, or by email at [JFHQFRGOR@gmail.com](mailto:JFHQFRGOR@gmail.com).

**Silver Star awarded to Vietnam vet after 42 years**



Photos by Sgt. Paul Rushing, Oregon Military Department Public Affairs

Retired Command Sgt. Maj. Al Herrera, (second from right), former member of Charlie Co., 1-16th Infantry, 1st Infantry Div., is awarded the Silver Star during a ceremony in the Governor's ceremonial office in Salem, Ore., Nov. 28. Herrera, an active member of the "Bandido Charlie" Association, was recognized for "Gallantry in Action" on Aug. 12, 1969 during a firefight in Vietnam, where in spite of his own wounds, he helped evacuate other wounded Soldiers. From left to right: Oregon Governor John Kitzhaber; Oregon Air Guard Brig. Gen. Bruce Prunk, Assistant Adjutant General (Air); CSM (Ret.) Herrera; Jim Willis, Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs Director.

**Helicopter Pilots Wanted**

The Oregon Army National Guard's 2-641 Aviation Regiment is seeking applicants for its upcoming Initial Entry Rotary Wing Board, Jan. 23-27.

**Eligibility Criteria:**

- All members of the Oregon National Guard are eligible
- Born after May 1, 1980. (Must be less than 33 to attend Flight School)
- Passing APFT with minimum of 70 points in each event
- Must be able to pass Class I Flight Physical (No disqualifying medical condition per AR 40-501)
- No Criminal conviction or DUI's
- GT score of 110 or higher
- Secret Security Clearance
- Support from applicant's Chain of Command
- Must pass AFAST (Alternate Flight Aptitude Selection Test)

**Preferred applicants will have (but not required):**

- Bachelors degree
- Private pilot's license
- E-5 or above (with WLC completed)
- ROTC Cadet

IERW positions will be in FY12 and FY13. The board will be conducted the week of Jan. 23-27, 2012, at the AASF#1, in the Charles L. Deibert Operations Facility in Salem, Oregon. The IERW positions will be in FY12 and FY13.

Flight School is a series of highly demanding courses, including; Warrant Officer Candidate School (WOCS)(for Warrant applicants); Helicopter Overwater Survival Training (HOST); Survival, Escape, Resistance and Evasion level C (SERE-C); Initial Entry Rotary Wing Training (IERW); Advanced graduate flight training for the UH-60 or CH-47.

**Only motivated, physically and mentally fit applicants who are serious about seeing the process thru to completion are encouraged to apply.**

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**Army National Guard Reenlistment/Extension Bonus (REB)**

The National Guard Bureau has established a Reenlistment/Extension Bonus (REB) for FY12. The REB provides bonuses up to \$10,000, depending on when a soldier extends his/her service. A few notes about the REB\*:

- ~ Soldiers can now only receive one Selected Reserve Incentive Program (SRIP) incentive. Soldiers currently receiving benefits under the MGIB kicker or who will have an active SLRP contract on the contract start date are not eligible.
- ~ Soldiers must be in pay grade E-7 or below and have no more than 10 years time in service at time of current ETS.
- ~ Soldiers must be the primary position holder, not in an over-strength or excess status.
- ~ Bonus is only available for soldiers who extend for a 6 year period.
- ~ Military technicians and AGR soldiers are not eligible for this bonus.
- ~ Soldiers must be within 365-91 days from their ETS. Bonus payment amounts are dependant on **WHEN** the soldier extends:

365-271 Days before ETS:	\$10,000
270-181 Days before ETS:	\$7,500
180-91 Days before ETS:	\$5,000
90-1 Days before ETS:	No Bonus

For specific questions regarding the Reenlistment/Extension Bonus, please contact your unit Recruiting and Retention NCO.

\* Information is current as of 5 Oct 11.



*When We Are Needed, We Are There*

## NEWS &amp; FEATURES

## City of Keizer rooted in state's history, Oregon National Guard

Story and photos by Kimberly Lippert,  
Oregon Military Department Public Affairs

If you drive into the city of Keizer, you may have seen a large statue in front of City Hall.

Dedicated in February, 2010, the statue of one of the first commanders in the Oregon Militia—now the Oregon National Guard—honors the founder of the city of Keizer.

Thomas Dove Keizer was the patriarch of the family which came to Oregon with the Applegate wagon train in the fall of 1843 and settled in what is modern-day Keizer.

The statue is just a small reminder of the deep roots of service that run through this small town.

"We are very honored and proud to have some passionate people in Keizer serving our community," said Christine Diiker, Executive Director of the Keizer Chamber.

"There is a long history from the very beginning, Keizer men and women have served well and helped us with the freedom we appreciate," she added.

Lt. Col. Kevin Dial, a Keizer resident and Commander of the 1249 Engineer Battalion, who is currently deployed to Afghanistan, said he is grateful to live in such a patriotic town.

"It's almost like small-town America,

with its own baseball team, lots of parades and patriotic celebrations," Dial said.

"People who don't know you but see you in uniform will buy your meal and shake your hand to say thank you for serving," he added.

To underscore the support given to local military members, the Keizer Chamber hosts a military appreciation luncheon every year.

One of the city's past mayors, Bob Newton who retired as a colonel from the Oregon National Guard, brought a number of projects, including a little league baseball field, to Keizer through the Innovative Readiness Program and the 1249 Engineer Battalion.

"It's a true gem of a community and I couldn't imagine living anywhere else," said Dial.

The commitment to service goes beyond the military to include law enforcement and first responders.

Keizer Fire Chief, Jeff Cowan, said although he didn't serve in the military,

much of his extended family has served in the Oregon National Guard. He sees a strong bond between the military and first responders.

"It takes a unique person to provide this level of service," Cowan said.

"There is teamwork, camaraderie, and a level of dedication and loyalty that you don't find in many other places," he said.

Cowan said joining law enforcement or firefighting is a natural transition for many who desire to continue serving their local community after serving their country.

Many former Soldiers go on to become a law enforcement officer or paramedic, adding to the strong support in Keizer.

"Soldiers are tremendous and I'm delighted to be associated with them in any way," said Cowan.

"The Keizer theme is pride, spirit, and volunteerism and that motto carries on through the Oregon National Guard, a fantastic group of young men and women who are serving," said Diiker.

According to many Keizer residents, many keep the spirit of the town's founding father alive through volunteerism, service and sacrifice.

"Keizer may not look a lot like Mr. Keizer saw it in 1843 when he got off the wagon train but the principles he lived by are still a driving force in this town today," said Dial.



Keizer Fire Chief, Jeff Cowan.



Near the entrance to the town of Keizer, Ore., visitors and residents are greeted with the statue of Thomas Dove Keizer, founder of the City of Keizer. Keizer served in the Oregon Militia after arriving in the Oregon Territory by wagon train in 1843, and settled in the Keizer area. The Oregon Militia preceded the modern-day Oregon National Guard.

## Sobering statistics on holiday drinking and driving

Story by Robin Webb,  
Alternate JFHQ SARC

This year, 1,200 people will lose their lives during the holiday season as a result of alcohol-related traffic accidents.

The United States Department of Transportation reported that from 2001 to 2005, an average of 45 people died each day during the holiday season, with the largest number of drunk driving fatalities occurring during Thanksgiving.

According to Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), deaths from drinking and driving spike around the holidays, with alcohol being blamed for about 52 percent of fatal collisions on Christmas and 57 percent on New Years compared to a rate of 41 percent for the entire year.

In addition to the more than 1,200 alcohol-related deaths that will occur on the road this holiday season, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimate that more than 25,000 people will be injured.

Good News / Bad News:

The good news is that there has been



a steady decline in the rate of alcohol-related deaths on the nation's highways during the holidays.

Statistics gathered by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) show that in 1982, there were more than 2,600 deaths due to drinking and driving -- accounting for 60 percent of all accident fatalities.

Recent years, however, have witnessed about 1,200 fatalities, or roughly 40 percent.

The discouraging news, however, is that underage drinkers are responsible for between 10 and 20 percent of all alcohol consumed and that, during the holiday period, 21- to 24-year-olds repeatedly make up the highest percentage of impaired drivers.

Another negative trend is that arrests for women driving under the influence

increased by 29 percent from 1998 to 2007, while DWI arrests for men fell by eight percent. However, the number of men arrested during that period was still four times that of women.

Even with the steady decline in fatalities, the number of drivers with DWI arrests is on the rise.

It is estimated that there are as many as two million drunk drivers with three or more convictions and more than 400,000 with five or more DWI convictions still behind the wheel.

Here are five steps you can take to help avoid becoming a statistic:

- If you drink, don't drive no matter how little you think you've had.
- Don't let someone you know get behind the wheel if they've been drinking.
- Avoid driving during early and late evening hours on holidays.
- If you must drive, be cautious and watch for the erratic movements of drunken drivers.
- Immediately report suspected drunk drivers to the police.

## Women veterans focus of national project, presentation

Story by Kimberly Lippert,  
Oregon Military Department Public Affairs

Her goal is to interview 1,000 female veterans in two years, and according to Therese Hughes, she is well on her way to reaching it.

On Tuesday, October 25, Hughes interviewed her 333rd female veteran, Oregon National Guard Maj. Amy C. Payton, the Human Resources Manager for the 41 Infantry Brigade Combat Team.

During her interview with Hughes, Payton recalled her service in the war-torn country of Iraq during her 2009-2010 deployment.

"I'm a girl from Silverton what am I doing here as a female?" she said, recalling her deployment.

Payton's interview will be featured in a traveling photography exhibit, *I am a U.S. Veteran: Women in Wars and Conflicts* project, opening at the Women's Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery in the Spring of 2013. Each participant will get their own page in a companion book.

The project is the brainchild of Hughes, who said a nagging question prompted her

to begin the interviews; why do women join the military?

"It's seeded in my heart, I'm the child of two veterans myself and I wanted to know why they had served," said Hughes.

Over the course of the last year, Hughes has traveled across the country to interview hundreds of women across all branches of the military, ranging from World War II veterans to those who deployed to Afghanistan and Iraq.

She has even interviewed a 94-year old retired female pilot who was a member of the Women Air Force Service Pilot (WASP) during World War II.

Hughes said among all of the women there is a common theme.

"All of them have said I would do it again in a heartbeat, regardless of what happened to them," Hughes said.

For Payton, her reason for serving was simple.

"I wanted to be a part of something bigger than myself," she said.

For more information on the *I am a U.S. Veteran: Women in Wars & Conflicts* visit [www.womensmemorial.org](http://www.womensmemorial.org). Click on News/Events.



Photo courtesy of Therese Hughes

Oregon Army National Guard Maj. Amy Payton, following her interview with Therese Hughes, Oct. 25. Hughes is organizing a women's veterans project at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C.

### Want to be a Teacher?

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**NEWS**

# Veterans honored with parades, flyovers, community support



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Grand marshals this year were members of Bravo Co., 2nd Battalion, 162nd Infantry Regiment of the 41st Infantry Brigade Combat Team. The group was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation last January in Corvallis.

The citation is the highest decoration a military unit can receive and is given for extraordinary heroism against an armed enemy.

Thirty soldiers were honored for their participation in the Battle of Fallujah.

Maj. Gen. Raymond F. Rees, Adjutant General, Oregon; Brig. Gen. Eric Bush, Assistant Adjutant General (Army), Col. Michael Stencel, Commander, 142nd Fighter Wing, and several other honorees stood in the reviewing stand overlooking the intersection of 2nd Avenue and Lyons Street.

At the University of Portland, Brig. Gen. David B. Enyeart, Oregon Army National Guard, addressed the university's ROTC cadets, fellow students, faculty and members of the community during a Veterans Day memorial held at the campus.

Enyeart spoke on the importance of continuing to honor veterans, so that their sacrifices will always be remembered.

In total, the Oregon National Guard took part in more than 25 separate ceremonies throughout the state honoring United States military and veterans.

1. Soldiers with the 2-218 Field Artillery perform a Howitzer Salute at Timber Linn Park in Albany, Ore., Nov. 11.
2. University of Portland Army ROTC Cadet Christopher S. Kelly participates in a Veterans Day Memorial held at the University campus Nov. 11. Kelly is scheduled to graduate and join the Oregon Army National Guard, as an Armor Officer, in spring, 2012.
3. Maj.Gen. Raymond F. Rees is honored by Bill Clotere at the Veterans Day Memorial Banquet in Lebanon, Ore., Nov. 10.
4. Brig. Gen. Eric Bush awards representatives of the West Albany High School Marching Band with their first-place trophy in Albany, Ore., Nov. 11.
5. Soldiers with the Oregon Army National Guard's 41 Infantry Brigade Combat Team march in the Albany Veterans Day Parade, Nov. 11.
6. An unidentified woman participates in the Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs' Veterans Day Memorial Ceremony at the Iraq-Afghanistan Memorial, in Salem, Ore., Nov. 11.

# Oregon Counterdrug participates in Red Ribbon events around the state

Story and photos by Tech. Sgt. Nick Choy, Oregon Military Department Public Affairs

**SANDY, Ore.**—Young faces pressed against the school's windows, watching as the olive drab helicopter entered into a low hover before settling down in the soccer field just outside Cedar Ridge Middle School, Oct. 27.

In the adjacent football field, a group of school administrators stood with members of the Oregon National Guard's Counterdrug Support Program.

Behind them were the Counterdrug Program's events trailer and a National Guard Light Armored Vehicle (LAV)—displays for the school's Red Ribbon Week event.

"Schools in communities throughout the country are doing this at the same



Oregon Air National Guard Tech. Sgt. Ryan Palmer, a member of Oregon's Counterdrug Support Program, shows students of Estacada Junior High School during the kick off of Red Ribbon Week, in Estacada, Ore., Oct. 25.

time," said Tech. Sgt. Robert Vickery, Counterdrug Support Program team member.

Teachers at Cedar Ridge led groups of students to view the LAV and events trailer, which featured interactive displays educating students about the dangers of drug use.

Next to the trailer, a table covered with wristbands, pencils and dogtags commemorating Red Ribbon Week was surrounded by pre-teens jockeying for position. Some chatted with team member Tech. Sgt. Matt Simmons.

In the soccer field, aviation mechanic Spc. Chase Rogers spoke to students from Kendra Payne's eighth grade class in front of an Oregon Army National Guard OH-58 Kiowa.

The aircraft, from Detachment 1, Charlie Co., 1-112 Aviation, based in Salem, Ore., typically serves as an aerial observation platform, and is often used in Oregon for search and rescue missions.

Students asked Rogers the obvious questions; "How fast does it fly?" and "Is it bullet-proof?" and the not so obvious; "You ever been shot?"

Rogers said showing off the Oregon Guard's equipment to the students helps them better understand the important role military members play in the local community.

"Events like these remind me of why I joined the military in the first place," Rogers said.

"I wish we could do more events like these because I think both side (military and civilians) benefit from it."

The experience also enforces the importance of role modeling for the children, Rogers said.

"To see the kids' faces when we flew in was amazing and it made me feel honored about what I was doing for the children," Rogers added.

Michelle Emery, Prevention Specialist at Cedar Ridge, who, along with the



Oregon Army National Guard Spc. Chase Rogers, of Det. 1, Charlie Co., 1-112th Aviation, shows off the OH-58 Kiowa helicopter to students at Cedar Ridge Middle School, in Sandy, Ore., Oct. 27.

school's 45 staff members (24 of whom are teachers), oversee nearly 450 students, appreciated the assistance from the Oregon National Guard in helping to educate her students.

"I think it's great to have the Oregon Guard involved in the community this way," said Emery, who runs the onsite drug and alcohol prevention program for fifth and sixth graders.

School Principal, Matt Newell, said while today's students might have more exposure to illicit drugs, they are better educated and have more information at their disposal.

"With programs like this, and the Internet, I think kids today are much more aware of the dangers associated with drugs," Newell said.

The Red Ribbon Week national drug awareness campaign was established in

1988 by the National Family Partnership to increase drug awareness and educate the public on the dangers of drug abuse. Supporters wear red ribbon pins as a symbol of solidarity, and pledge to live a drug-free lifestyle.

Members of Oregon's Counterdrug Support Team visited several schools the week of Oct. 23-28, providing awareness information to students and school administration as part of the local campaign.

Earlier in the week the team visited Estacada, Gardner, Mulino, Willamina and Kraxberger Middle Schools and Mount Pleasant Elementary School. In total, the team was able to present to, or directly impact 2,125 students.

Red Ribbon Week reaches more than 80 million people nationwide every year from October 23-31.

## AIR NATIONAL GUARD

## Band of Brothers members visit Oregon Airmen at Kingsley Field

Story by Tech. Sgt. Jefferson Thompson,  
173rd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

**KLAMATH FALLS, Ore.** -- Two surviving World War II veterans made their last formal appearance to a packed house at Kingsley Field, home of the 173rd Fighter Wing, Oregon Air National Guard, on Aug. 31, 2011.

Lynn "Buck" Compton and Donald G. Malarkey, who were members of "E" Company, 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne, better known as "Easy" Company, parachuted into Normandy, France June 6, 1944—the infamous D-Day.

With the help of Vance Day, the man responsible for tailoring the presentation focused on leadership the three have delivered all over the country, the two vets recounted throwing themselves into battle amidst a hail of anti-aircraft fire.

Compton wryly recollected putting

nearly everything into his leg bag including his weapon, rations and ammunition that night and having it ripped from his leg upon exiting the aircraft, "and I haven't seen it to this day," he chuckled. "I sure wasn't much of a threat to the Germans without even a weapon."

Marlarkey, at 90 years of age, explained to the assembled Airmen what was behind his decision to go to war and risk his life.

"I wanted to be part of a tough, new outfit, and I wanted to avenge two of my uncles killed in World War I by the Germans."

To that end he spent more consecutive days in combat than any other "Easy" Company Soldier.

"I was struck by the fact that these two have continually given to their country and even now at their age they are still doing it," said Oregon Air National Guard Tech. Sgt. Mike Shirar. "Being a military

history major makes this extremely special for me, it would be like someone else meeting a movie star or a celebrity."

The presentation consisted of scenes taken from the HBO Special *Band of Brothers*. Vance would show a particular vignette and ask the two for their reactions. On an occasion or two he pointed out that the adaptation wasn't entirely accurate, while at other times confirming the eerie reality of others.

"When we first began this Don couldn't watch the video clips without breaking down, but now he can watch it and he's fine," said Vance. "He's healed through this process and we're talking about a man who has had PTSD for all these years."

The presentation lasted two full hours in the Kingsley theater, and when it was over the Airmen of the 173rd rose and applauded the two men. "I would have been surprised had the standing ovation not been spontaneous," said Shirar. "We



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Jefferson Thompson, 173rd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

From left to right: Lynn "Buck" Compton, Don Malarkey and former 173rd Fighter Wing Commander, Oregon Air National Guard Col. Jeff Silver.

knew we were in the presence of great men who set the standard we seek to live up to today."

## Former Oregon Air Guard member, WWII Vet donates photo collection to EOU

Editorial by Fred Parish, former member of  
ORANG's 123rd Observation Squadron  
Introduction by Maj. Melinda Lepore,  
142nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Fred Hill, one of the original founding fathers of the Oregon Air National Guard's 123rd Observation Squadron, has spent his entire life dedicated to country and community – all 91 years.

On October 14, he was recognized by Eastern Oregon University as an Honorary Alumnus and parade grand marshal. A native of La Grande, Ore., Hill was honored for his service as a World War II veteran, noted photographer, historian and devoted Eastern Oregon University supporter.

In 2010, he donated his entire collection of WWII images to Pierce Library. His collection can be viewed at: <http://pierce.eou.edu/home/collections/#fhw2>

Hill spent his World War II years in the Pacific Theater where he worked as a member of the 17th Tactical Photographic Reconnaissance Squadron.

As their mission, Hill and his crew raced to landing aircraft, detached large film canisters containing aerial reconnaissance photos, and returned them to their tented dark room where they toiled meticulously to develop photos that were used by senior officers to determine enemy locations and to create battle plans.

When the war ended, Hill pursued his passion for photography and spent his life as a professional photographer. His photographs have appeared in 14 different books including his self-published "Darkroom Soldier."

For the past 70 years, Hill has kept in touch with his fellow WWII wingmen. His long-time friend, Fred Parish who is 94 and also an original 123rd Observation Squadron member, visited Eastern Oregon University to celebrate Hill's journey to celebrate his recognition. What follows is Parish's account of the experience.



Above: Third Attack Group with 17th Squadron Men. Because photo recon men were in short supply at Dobodura, Hill's entire darkroom unit was split up and farmed out. Most were assigned to the 26th Bomb Group; four men and Hill were assigned to the 3rd Attack Group.

For almost a month, the combined unit shown here processed aerial images for the December 26 Cape Gloucester landing on New Britain. Later, Hill reported that 2,000 prints a night was a common schedule. "Many times we ate breakfast before going to bed. What a life," Hill said. From the Fred Hill Collection, 1943. Caption authored by George Venn.

Once again, an original member of the Oregon Air National Guard has proved that the men who first organized the 123rd Observation Squadron were made of the right stuff.

On Friday evening, October 14th, Fred Hill (aka & self-dubbed Baron von Hillenstein) proved the point as he received the Distinguished Alumni Award presented to him during homecoming ceremonies by Eastern Oregon University in LaGrande, Oregon.

Hill was born in the northeast Oregon town of Elgin and joined the Oregon Army National Guard in 1940. Later, after going on active service, Hill transferred to the 123rd Observation Squadron at Fort Lewis, Wash., where he worked under the guidance and tutorage of Master Sgt. Ken Rinke and Tech. Sgt. Roy Wolford.



Photo by Alisha Hamel, Oregon Military Museum

Fred and Verna Hill are Grand Marshal's for the parade at Eastern Oregon University's Distinguished Alumni parade 2011. After the parade, Hill was invited to speak at an Alumni Honors Ceremony. As the final speaker he said, "Mine was the last opportunity to talk, thus I was not stealing time from the "next speaker" by taking seven minutes instead of the suggested three."

Because of his intense penchant for photography, he was later transferred to head up the photo section of the 17th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron which served in the South Pacific theatre of operations.

During this time, the Baron von Hillenstein (aka Sgt. Hill) ran the photo lab which processed reconnaissance film brought back from tactical aerial missions. These photos were then sent to operations planners to provide intelligence for later operations.

In his time off, Hill was always busy with his cameras taking pictures of some of the background wartime scenes and he amassed a huge number of interesting images. Recently, many of these imaged appeared in his book called "Darkroom Soldier."

Recently, this photo warrior, having turned past his 90th birthday, donated his

entire collection of WW II photo negatives to the Pierce Library at Eastern Oregon University where they can be made available to interested people on a loan and return basis. Fred has been a life-long supporter of his Alma mater.

Now, von Hillenstein at age 91 is living proof and very representative that those who organized the Oregon Air National Guard had what it takes to do things right.

Today, the men and women of the Oregon Air Guard carry on with distinction. In war and in peace, today's Air Guard is made up of others who are demonstrating that they have the right stuff. Photo warrior Fred Hill deserves a smart salute for being awarded this high honor.

To see Fred Hill's entire collection, including historical post-war pictures of Eastern Oregon, visit <http://pierce.eou.edu/home/collections/#fhw2>.

## Sample gallery of Fred Hill's photographic work:



Adams Ave. in LaGrande. View of the Sacajawea Hotel, Chris Foods and China Mary's, taken from top of Bohnenkamp's. From the Fred Hill Collection, 1939.



Cpl. Fred Hill works on a sign while another Soldier looks on. From the Fred Hill Collection, 1943.



New Guinea man in the area of Dobodura - Near Buna and Gona on North East coast of the Island of New Guinea. From the Fred Hill Collection, 1944.



Sgt. Edward A. Bernardo, head of 17th Tactical Recon's photo section, Camera Maintenance looks at flack damage on a B-25 nose wheel. From the Fred Hill Collection, 1944.



Allan Countryman, writing his daily letter home to wife, Pat in New York State. From the Fred Hill Collection, 1944.



17th Air Crew members stop in Hawaii as they ferried a group of B-25s from the U.S. to Dobodura, New Guinea. From the Fred Hill Collection, 1943.

## NEWS / FEATURES

## Oregon Airmen bid farewell to Battle Dress Uniform on Oct. 31

Story by Tech. Sgt. Nick Choy,  
Oregon Military Department Public Affairs

**SALEM, Ore.**--For anyone in the Air Force, Air National Guard or Reserve, October 31, 2011 marked a milestone in the service's history. For those who have been Airmen for more than a few years, that day was especially significant.

It is the day the Air Force officially said goodbye to the Battle Dress Uniform, or BDU.

A number of Oregon Air National Guard members who work at the Oregon Military Department agreed to wear their BDU on the last day the Air Force authorized its use.

The BDU has been in active use by the United States military since September 1981. Its distinctive woodland camouflage pattern is based on Vietnam-era jungle fatigues, which found their roots in specialty uniforms used by U.S. paratroopers during WWII.

The pattern, which uses shades of green, brown, tan and black, is primarily based on the woodland colors of Northern Europe. It was initially printed on a cotton-nylon blend twill cloth, but was updated in 1989 to a lightweight fabric printed on 100-percent rip-stop poplin cloth.

The BDU replaced all early camouflage patterned uniforms for wooded, jungle and tropical environments, and by 1989, had completely replaced the standard olive drab uniforms used since 1952.

The U.S. Army adopted the BDU on Oct. 1, 1981 as their field and garrison uniform, and wore it proudly until early 2005, before instituting the Army Combat Uniform, or ACU.

The BDU pattern didn't just help military members blend into forests during the day. All BDU's were printed on a special fabric which allowed the wearer to go undetected by infrared image converters, making them nearly invisible at night.

However, the tradition of starching the uniform for a more formal appearance increased the infrared signature. It was said that once a BDU was starched it should never be worn in combat.

The Air Force replaced it with the Airman Battle Uniform, or ABU which was issued to Air Force personnel as part of Air Expeditionary Force (AEF) 7 and 8 in early 2007. It was also issued to basic trainees, and became available to the rest of the force in June 2008.

The ABU incorporates medium to light gray color based on a distinctive Vietnam-era "tigerstripe" pattern, and is made with a 50-50 nylon-cotton blend in the same material used by the Army Combat Uniform, or ACU.

Chief Master Sgt. David Gardner, Management Analyst for the Oregon Military Department, said he likes the new uniform with its wash and wear feature.

"The ABU is much easier to care for," he said. "There was a lot of upkeep with the BDU."

Indeed, as a sheet metal mechanic earlier in his military career, Gardner went through quite a few BDUs over the years.

"I must have gone through at least 40 or 50 sets, and a pair of boots every six months to a year," Gardner said.

Capt. Dawn Choy, Supervisory Human Resources Specialist at JFHQ, said she likes the new style of the ABU, as well as the extra pockets, durability and ease of wear, but wasn't completely sold on the sage green suede boots.

"The uniform color and sage green boots are cool, just harder to keep nice and clean," she said.

One feature which won't carry over from the BDU to the ABU is the unit patches, leaving many with mixed feelings.

"It was interesting to see where everyone was from when we traveled with other military members," Choy said. "Many military used to trade and/or collect them throughout their careers."

Gardner had a different take.

"I do miss the unit patches, they give each unit their own identity," he said. "But I think we are moving toward all services in one uniform and the one team concept so the patches would not work with that mind set."

Just like opinions on the ABU versus the BDU, so too are the range of ideas on what to do with the old uniform.



Photo by Spc. Betty Boyce, Human Resources Benefits Assistant

Oregon Air National Guard members wear their Battle Dress Uniform on the last authorized day to wear the BDU, in front of the Oregon Military Department, Oct. 31. From left to right: Capt. Dawn Choy, Tech. Sgt. Nick Choy, Master Sgt. Sheryl Derrick, Chief Master Sgt. David Gardner.

"Hunting clothes," replied Gardner.

Capt. Choy has a list of plans for hers.

"I plan to keep one uniform intact for history sake," she said. "One pair of pants I will make into shorts, and one set will turn into a tote bag, with the already made pockets and all. The rest I will probably donate to the Oregon Civil Air Patrol."

Master Sgt. Sheryl Derrick, who works in the Human Resources Office at the Oregon Military Department said the last day to wear her old BDU on Halloween isn't much of a coincidence.

"In fact, I'm surprised the last day (to wear it) wasn't April Fool's day," she said

with a laugh.

Derrick said she has never been fond of the unit patches, but realizes they might come in handy for her shadowbox.

"Unless they become collector's items," she added. "Then I'll sell them!"

While Derrick plans to keep her BDUs, she said she might someday donate them to a museum.

It appears someone already got the jump on Derrick's idea. A set of BDUs worn by Gen. Colin Powell during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm now sits in the National Museum of American History in Washington D.C.

## Tigard resident joins Oregon Guard, honored as Staff Judge Advocate student

During his third year at Willamette University College of Law, while many of his classmates were sending resumes to law firms hit hard by the recession and hiring freezes, Jared Hoffer, of Tigard, Ore., enlisted in the Oregon National Guard as an Officer Candidate.

Spc. Hoffer was selected as one of five legal clerks and assigned to work with a supervising attorney in the Oregon Guard's Office of the Staff Judge Advocate.

This competitive program provides training in leadership, teamwork, military justice and trial practice to law students interested in the Judge Advocate General's Corps.

After graduation from law school in May 2011, Hoffer sat for the Oregon Bar Examination before reporting to basic training.

As part of his commissioning program, which will provide \$50,000 in student loan repayment, Hoffer attended basic training at Fort Sill, Okla., from August 8 to October 21, 2011. He was given opportunity to demonstrate the skills learned during his first year with the Oregon Guard and was named Distinguished Honor Graduate for his battery of nearly 200 Soldiers. This honor is awarded to the Soldier who



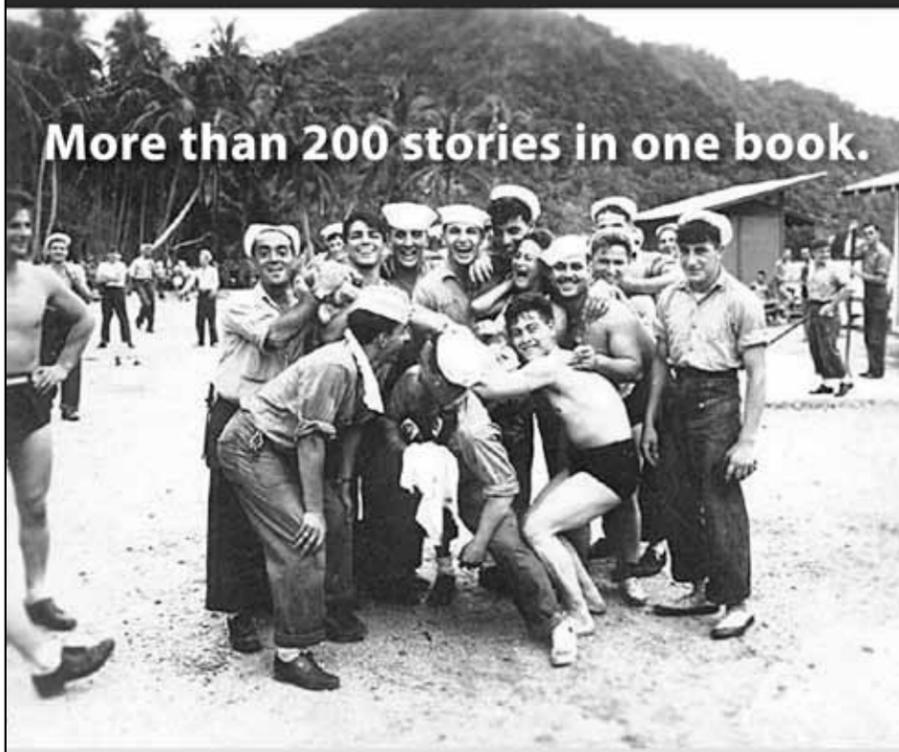
Photo courtesy of Oregon Military Department Staff Judge Advocate

demonstrates superior physical fitness, marksmanship, leadership, tactical and technical knowledge.

In January, 2012, Hoffer will attend Officer Candidate School at Fort McClellan, Ala., where he will earn his commission. He plans to apply for a position as a military lawyer with the Judge Advocate General's Corps in the spring of 2012.

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### JFHQ Safety meeting scheduled for Jan. 20

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This event will run from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and is free of charge and open to the general public.

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OREGON NATIONAL GUARD

Story and photos courtesy of Warren Aney,  
Oregon National Guard Military Historian

This is the second part of a two-part story about the history of Camp Withycombe. Part one appeared in the October 2011 issue of the Sentinel.

## Rifle Marksmanship

From its inception in 1909 until the 1980s, the state conducted marksmanship training and annual rifle competitions at the Clackamas range.

With 55 firing points and a series of firing lines extending from 100 to 1,500 yards, it provided an excellent training range for line troops as well as a practice facility for Oregon National Guard rifle teams (see Figure 1).

Oregon National Guard rifle teams achieved an impressive record in national competitions held annually at Camp Perry, Ohio; the 1913 team finished ahead of every other state team present; in the 1923 national rifle competition Oregon's rifle team won the Hilton trophy as the nation's top National Guard team and an Oregon team member won the Leach cup over 801 fellow competitors.

In 1912 and 1913, the Oregon National Guard earned first and second honors trophies for National Defense. The Oregon Guard also got the Kerm Skirmish award in 1912.



Fig. 1: Oregon National Guard rifle team practices at Camp Withycombe.

In the 1930 national competition, the Oregon team brought the Hilton Trophy home again and a team member won the Wimbledon Cup and the Farr Trophy as the long range rifle marksmanship champion of the United States.

Between 1919 and the 1950s, the famous Pearson Brothers earned the Oregon National Guard numerous honors, awards and much recognition. During the 1950s Camp Withycombe hosted annual rifle tournaments as part of the Portland Rose Festival.

Over the years, several Citizen-Soldiers attained national recognition during competitions at Camp Withycombe; Carl V. Shoemaker Sr., from the late 1920s to the 1950s; Ed Hardt, U.S. National Champion Carbine Match at Camp Perry, Ohio in 1955, who scored 195-200; and Jonathon Nelson Shew who the President's Match in 1988 against 1,542 other competitors, were all well-known Oregon Guard marksmen.

In recent years, residential development and subsequent public complaints from these areas, a proposed highway corridor, and the construction of new buildings resulted in the closure and eventual removal of the Camp

Withycombe rifle ranges.

Starting in 1987 the Oregon Department of Transportation purchased 157 acres of Camp Withycombe land for a proposed freeway corridor (see Figure 2).



Members of the 3670th Maintenance Company's Auto Repair Platoon, Camp Withycombe, circa 1969.

## Camp Withycombe moves into modern times

### From rifle range to multi-purpose post to state of the art facilities



Illustration courtesy of Oregon Military Department AGI Division

Fig. 2: A recent aerial photo of Camp Withycombe, with an overlay of the various sections and building locations and associated legend (lower right). The post's perimeter is shown in yellow, while the proposed "Sunset Corridor" extension of Highway 26 is shown in gold. Note the Historic Section, indicated in green, which contains majority of the buildings highlighted in this article.

This purchase included the area where the rifle range was previously located. These purchases left Camp Withycombe at 77 acres.

The eastern portion of the site will feature ODOT's freeway on the flat area near the base of the hillside. Freeway construction is scheduled to begin in 2013.

The environmental cleanup operations on the hillside will continue beyond freeway construction and future land use may include green space or natural areas.

During the 1990s the schools housed at Camp Withycombe moved to the new Regional Training Institute on the Western Oregon University campus in Monmouth.

Many of the World War II-era temporary buildings were torn down at this time. A large, new Combined Support Maintenance Shop (CSMS) was built (Building 6480). With this new construction, Camp Withycombe once again became primarily an ordnance and supply center.

Camp Withycombe benefited from the Depression-era Work Progress Administration (WPA) program during the 1930s, with as many as 600 workers at the camp at one time. WPA workers constructed Buildings 6400, 6410 (built in 1937) and Quarters 1, among others.

Two older buildings (6410 and 6415, connected by 6410A), which is a newer one-story concrete block addition, currently houses the 3670th Maintenance Company Organizational Maintenance Shop (OMS).

Building 6410 is a two-story concrete structure with a flat roof and art deco stylistic embellishments, including a geometrically incised parapet and stepped pilasters (see Figure 4).

Recently, the Oregon National Guard began a refurbishment project of Building 6400 to house the future Army & Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES), which is scheduled to officially open in March 2012. The new Camp Withycombe Exchange will include a Class-Six store.

Both Buildings 6400 and 6410 are considered eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places because of its association with the WPA economic program. The other buildings in this complex, 6410A, constructed circa 1973; and 6415, constructed in 1956; do not possess exceptional importance that would justify listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

## Clackamas Armory

The Clackamas National Guard Armory (Building 6101) is located immediately east of the old Camp Withycombe entrance gate (see Figure 3).

The 3670th Maintenance Company was the primary unit most recently occupying



Fig. 4: Photo of Building 6410, constructed in 1937, taken around 2004.

this armory. The armory is now occupied by the Oregon Military Museum. The museum is currently closed and will reopen after the armory building is upgraded to meet museum standards.

Designed by Portland architect John E. Jensen, the Clackamas Armory is a departure from the 1950s K-type armories.

The most striking difference is an arched-roof drill hall with poured concrete buttress-like piers and arched clerestory windows.

One-story additions formed the south and west sides of the armory. A north section was added in 1961.

The Clackamas National Guard Armory is considered eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places because it is associated with the 1956 establishment of Camp Withycombe as a



Photos courtesy of Tracy Thoennes, Oregon Military Museum

Fig. 3 (above): The Clackamas Armory, Bldg. 6101, taken in Jan. 2004. The structure, designed by civilian architect John E. Jensen, features an arched roof drill hall and arched clerestory windows. The building qualifies for listing on the National Register of Historic Places due to its association with a 1956 establishment of Camp Withycombe as a state-owned National Guard facility.

Right: Interior of the Clackamas Armory drill floor, taken Jan. 2004.

state-owned National Guard facility.

Also, it is a unique example of the K-type armory with its arched roof drill hall—one of only two post-World War II expansion armories that were designed by private architects.

The other private architect-designed armory is located in Klamath Falls in southern Oregon.

The Clackamas Armory has retained its integrity of location, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association despite a 1961 addition.

## 41 Infantry Div. AFRC

Beginning in 2008 Camp Withycombe's landscape underwent one of its biggest changes.

A number of older buildings were removed and the rifle range was reclaimed for a major construction site.

The first task was to remove the 100-year accumulation of bullet lead from the hillside backstop behind the old target pits. Nearly 300 tons of bullets were recovered using "green" technology based on processes used by the mining, pulp and paper, and wastewater treatment industries, earning the Oregon Army National Guard the Secretary of the Army Environmental Award and national recognition.

Then in 2009 construction began on a new 248,960 square-foot facility, and was completed on schedule in August 2011.

Nine Oregon Army National Guard units and eight U.S. Army Reserve units moved from facilities scattered around the Portland metro area and now call the AFRC home.

During an official ceremony on Sept. 16, 2011, the new facility was dedicated in honor of the 41st Infantry Division, emphasizing the division's long and arduous World War II service in the Southwest Pacific.

Composed of Pacific Northwest National Guard units, this was the famous "Sunset Division" also known as the "Junglers."

Oregon's 41st Combat Infantry Brigade proudly carries the lineage and honors of this division, and is headquartered in this new building.

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