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Oregon National Guard’s 41st BCT wraps up stateside training with farewell ceremony in Shelby, Mississippi

On a bright Sunday in May, more than 900 members of the Oregon National Guard marched onto the parade field at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, along with 400 Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen from 31 other states and the territory of Puerto Rico. Together, they formed the Combined Joint Task Force Phoenix V, which will spend a year in Kabul, Afghanistan training the Afghan National Army. Their departure is the largest single deployment of Oregon military personnel since World War II.

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BG Cunningham retires
O’Hollaren takes over as ORANG commander

More than 90 Oregon Army National Guard Soldiers, from B Company (-) 2nd Battalion, 162nd Infantry, will travel to Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia for three weeks in August during the Khan Quest IV 2006 training exercise to help train members of the Mongolian Armed Forces in United Nations peacekeeping operations. B Company, 2-162 Inf. Bn. will deploy two infantry Platoons, five trainers, tactical operations personnel, and several medics to Mongolia to participate in Khan Quest IV, a platoon level, peace support operations training exercise, sponsored by the Mongolian Armed Forces (MAF) and U.S. Pacific Command. The exercise is designed to con-
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A time for reflection, forward-vision
It's been a year since I returned to Oregon as the Adjutant General, and it has been quite a year. Between deployments and redeployments, natural disasters, BRAC, recruiting, operational readiness inspections, transformation, and more we've encountered a number of trials. I'm pleased to say that in the face of everything we've thrown our way, our Soldiers and Airmen have risen to the challenge. In the coming months we can expect more challenges, and I'm confident we'll face each of them with the same courage and commitment, and with the confidence that is the hallmark of the Oregon National Guard. We are a seasoned and veteran force, ready for whatever is around the bend.

With dozens of Airmen around the world and nearly 1,000 Soldiers on the ground between Afghanistan and Kuwait, it's our responsibility to make sure the families of those soldiers are taken care of. We've got a great family readiness program, but each of us needs to know that during deployments our focus on the family mission at home helps the troops focus on their mission abroad.

Another major challenge was recruiting. The trend throughout the Army in recent years was a negative one—we brought in fewer people than expected. To turn that around and meet our recruitment requirements, our recruiting mission increased by about 13 percent. That meant not only had to stop the downward trend, we had to completely reverse it. Thanks to the superb efforts of our entire recruiting team (all 6,000 of you), and to a clear understanding of the value of service in the Guard, we're on target to meet or exceed our goal.

Now that we're meeting the challenge, it's time to turn our attention to retaining our troops. I said, we're a seasoned force, but with all the new Soldiers coming onboard, we need experienced mentors and teachers to bring these new troops along. I firmly believe that if someone is thinking about getting out, we have options that can keep that soldier with us. I've asked commanders at all levels to be aware of this issue. There is no reason to should lose a Soldier if we're doing what we can to meet their needs.

Perhaps the most significant challenge before us was Transformation. In looking at the long-term effects of transformation, there are three factors we need to keep in mind: organizing for new missions, moving personnel, and getting the right equipment into the mix.

We're at about a 95-percent solution when it comes to organizing for missions. We've undergone significant changes to the organizational structure of the Oregon Army National Guard, including unit activation, unit inactivation, and unit redesignation at battalion as well as company, troop, and squadron levels. There are just a few more pieces to put in place before we are complete.

The new structure we're adopting brings many new opportunities; for example, there are new MOS’s available to soldiers, and there are positions for women in many units that weren't available until Transformation. Although we have these new opportunities, we also have to realize there will be obstacles we have to overcome.

In coming years, training will be one of our greatest challenges. We've got new MOS’s that require new programs. We're working a fix on what we can do here in Oregon to expand training. Right now we can easily train a soldier for an 11B Infantry MOS; but with our new Reorganization, Surveillance, Targeting and Acquisition battalion, for example, we don't have programs in the state yet. We're working diligently with the active component to improve our training here in Oregon and elsewhere.

The last layer to Transformation is equipment. We're reorganizing to meet federal requirements, and we'll get our equipment through the overall Transformation plan. It's going to take the Army a handful of years to provide each component what it needs. Fortunately, for us, Transformation is seeing place in Oregon and we are also expected to follow. In the meantime, we'll remain a ready and relevant force to serve the state and nation.

It's been a good first year back on the job. I look forward to the next one.
Enlisted leaders visit troops in Kuwait

Command Sgt. Maj. Thomas R. Moe, State Command Sergeant Major

In this issue of the Oregon Sentinel, Command Sgt. Maj. Moe has decided to run an article written by Sgt. Kara Greene of the 115th ASG Public Affairs Office.

Greene reported on enlisted leaders who visited troops stationed in Kuwait in May.

Some of the top Army senior enlisted advisors gathered in Kuwait recently to see first-hand the training and services available to Soldiers in theater.

Twenty-five National Guard senior enlisted advisors joined deployed command sergeants major at the first National Guard Senior Enlisted Workshop, sponsored by the National Guard Bureau and Third U.S. Army command, May 15-17.

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This was a hands-on workshop where they can see the dangers Soldiers are seeing and dealing with every day,” said coordinator Sgt. Maj. Bradley Marfitt. “They have the opportunity to impact the training that Soldiers need to have completed before deploying overseas.

“Another goal of the workshop is to also see how the training and the training venues are run,” Marfitt explained.

While the command sergeants major came to learn more about the training and deployment process in Kuwait, they left with a better understanding of how the troops live and function daily – having experienced it first hand.

These senior leaders lived in tents with latrine and shower facilities down the “street.” They ate in the dining facility – standing in line to get their three square meals a day and they traveled from place to place like all Soldiers, in buses. It was these experiences that allowed them to understand the deployment process and see improvements camps are constantly under going to improve the quality of life for all service members.

The quality of life in theater is constantly evolving, said Oregon’s Command Sgt. Maj. Thomas Moe, who has visited the theater about every six months since the war began.

“Three years ago this place was the wild, wild west, no place I ever thought I would be recalled,” said Moe. “I’m pleased Soldiers are offered Morale Welfare and Recreation events, fitness centers and ways to communicate with their home.”

Arkansas’ Command Sgt. Maj. Deborah Collins agreed that as the theater environment life becomes more livable for Soldiers. She was impressed with running water and air conditioned living conditions; conditions that said the lack of were significant issues in 2003.

When not in meetings or viewing slide show presentations, the attendees participated in simulated battles with insurgents in learning the intricacies of the Electronic Warfare System. They convoyed through the live fire ranges and they rolled over a Humvee in the Army’s newest training tool, the Universal Egress Assistance Trainer. HEAT simulates a vehicle rollover, allowing service members to practice life saving techniques.

It was the training events that the attendees found most valuable, seeing that their Soldiers are getting the best possible training before facing the dangers of combat, Moe said. The general consensus was that training during the final phase of mobilization has improved greatly.

“Since Soldiers focus on individual skills prior to coming into country, trainers here are able to focus on unit-level training,” Moe said. “With this kind of preparation, I’m confident my Soldier will be just fine up north.”

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Recruiting and Retention are vital keys to Oregon Air Guard’s mission

Oregon Air Guardsman gains insight about brotherhood, Army culture during mobilization training with the 41st Brigade Combat Team

Tech. Sgt. Nick Choy photographs the 41st Brigade’s ‘Sunset’ formation from a Uh-1 ‘Huey’ on May 21, while on photo assignment at Camp Shelby, Mississippi. See page 8 for related story.

I’m definitely out of my element here. But at the same time I realize I’m not outside my comfort zone. All this somehow feels natural to me. This place, the people I’m with, the gear I carry – it’s all so...comfortable.

The place is Camp Shelby, Mississippi. It’s the last two weeks in May. The people I’m with are members of Coalition Joint Task Force Phoenix V, comprised of elements from the Oregon Army National Guard’s 41st Brigade Combat Team. For past three months, these Soldiers have been training for their one year deployment to Afghanistan.

Once there, they will help train the members of the Afghan National Army, or ANA.

In late March, I travelled to Mississippi for an up-close-and-personal view of the Brigade members’ training.

As reported in the Oregon Sentinel, their rigorous training schedule, coupled with living conditions at the Camp Shelby Mobilization Station, prepared these men and women in areas of cultural awareness and sensitivities, weapons familiarization, and qualification, and more importantly, the basics of how to stay alive.

But these are not just Soldiers preparing for their trip to Afghanistan. Indeed, the entire ANA deployment is a model of the joint force doctrine. Joining the 41st BCT will be a large contingent of United States Navy Reserve and Air Force Reserve, Army National Guard personnel, and civilian advisors from 31 other states and Puerto Rico. They will retain their distinct capabilities and individual service branch identities, but everyone is here for one common goal: to prepare the Afghan National Army, and indeed the Afghan people, for self-governance and self-reliance.

The theme throughout the training and the subsequent deploying mission is a sentiment seen in the March, and in the pages of the current issue of the Oregon Sentinel, is about relationships. It is a common thread voiced by task force leaders in every presentation, document, and guidance generated and/or adopted by the 1,700 or so personnel who comprise the coalition. Indeed, it is driven from the top, dictated on all levels by the Task Force Commander, Brigadier General Douglas A. Pritt, a 36-year member of, and respected leader in, the Oregon Army National Guard.

The year the coalition will spend in Afghanistan will surely be rewarding on all levels – professional, personal, intellectual, cultural, and most importantly in the arena of international diplomacy. Through my own experience with the Oregon Sentinel I am happy to have brought you a unique insider’s view into the irrevocable training all coalition members receive out of the Oregon Air Guard Station.

We wish both of these Chiefs the best in their new endeavors. It is not to believe it has been two years since Brigadier General Cunningham awarded me the privilege of representing all of Oregon Air National Guard that makes up the Oregon Air National Guard.

This time has brought me even more exciting opportunities to serve you. I am especially proud as I watch you perform your duties so magnificently. I realize that so many of you have been deployed, but on those bad days you have always come through and met the mission head on. In the past couple of years our enlisted force has deployed all over the world. We have shown the nation the dedication and determination that allows us to execute our duty in a professional manner. I have seen you in action. I have taken many trips back to Washington D.C. and each time I go, I hear about the positive things Oregon is doing to support the war efforts here at home and abroad.

We are talking about the National Guard where all the missions are important andGroup Chief’s in making decisions that affect all Airmen in the ORANG. I’m sure that I am unable to come out and meet every one of you, but your opinions, concerns and suggestions are what I live for. I encourage you to e-mail me rodney.smith@ arlington.orng.af.mil and let me know what you are thinking. This is your Guard and I need to know both the good and bad things that are happening so we can continue to improve on the things we are doing and everywhere I go, I represent each and every one of you. I do have the ear of our senior leadership and they do listen to me, so with that being said I need to know what issues you would like me to move forward.

I would like to congratulate Chief Murray on his retirement and thank him for the outstanding service members.

He has a hard job ahead of him and we want to wish him all the best.

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Deployments a family affair for Ericson family

One would likely be hard pressed to find a parent back home who wasn’t equally proud — and worried — about their son or daughter serving in a combat zone in support of Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraq Freedom.

Most rely on e-mails, letters or the occasional phone call from their offspring to put them at ease that their children are safe and everything’s okay.

For one parent, however, those messages just aren’t coming anymore.

That’s because Army Staff Sgt. Larrie Ericson, a 36-year veteran of the Oregon National Guard, passed away at the 1042nd MEDEVAC Company based in his hometown of Salem, Ore., is serving alongside his Marine son on the same base, Jalalabad Air Field (JAF), in Afghanistan.

"When I first found out 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, based at Kaneohe Marine Corps Base in Hawaii, was going to Afghanistan it has been more fittingrew he was deploying there, so I said to him, ‘Hey, we might run into each other,’ not really thinking

it would actually ever happen,” admitted Lance Cpl. Michael Ericson, a 1/3 assault man with Weapons Company, Combined Anti-Tank Team (CAAT) 1.

"Then, by chance, my unit ended up at Bagranda and was running with them when I was on rotation,” recalled the younger Ericson, a native of Larkspur, Colo., who still runs the Marine Combat Training Center opposing players with during his high school football playing days at Douglas County High School. "I’ve always had a heart condition that if I don’t have it down to his unit and they said they’d have him taken to a hospital at Lawren.”

At that moment I glanced up the street and saw him walking toward me. I took off running towards him, but just then I saw him cross the intersection and didn’t see me, so I ran up behind him and bear hugged him and picked him up off the ground.”

For both father and son, the greeting couldn’t have been more fitting.

"I live in Oregon and my son grew up in Colorado, but despite the miles between us we’ve always been as close as a brother and son could be,” said the elder Ericson, a Blackhawk crew chief in the 1042nd who also married the daughter of another Blackhawk pilot, a Marine Reserve officer, employed as a Blackhawk mechanic with the Oregon National Guard. “It’s just amazing things like that happened here so far from our homes.”

When the elder Ericson’s command found out that his son was being stationed at JAF, the 1/3 command had already drawn up his leave papers, got him checked out, and had him on a plane to Afghanistan within hours. The leadership at 1/3 went out of their way to help our family during that difficult time. It is something my family and I will always appreciate and will never forget. My son is with a class of Marines at 1/3. They take care of each other not only on the battlefield, but also off as well.”

Both father and son know the hardships that being in the military can sometimes bring. The elder Ericson has served previously in Bosnia, Kuwait and Iraq, while his son was on the front line of Fallujah in 2004.

Additionally, according to the elder Ericson, his son working with the 1042nd is very active back in the States.

"We don’t just train back home, we do actual missions,” he explained. “We rescue climbers trapped on mountains or people stuck in rivers, not just in Oregon but all the way from Washington to Northern California. I know what it’s like to see danger.”

For his part, the younger Ericson said the most important thing he learned serving in combat in Iraq was “to be calm and stay cool.”

"You’ve got to keep your head at all times, even when rounds are coming in on you, and let the Marine Corps training kick in.”

That type of battlefield presence under pressure has not gone unnoticed by those who serve with Ericson.

"Lance Corporal Ericson is the type of Marine who looks out for everybody,” said Cpl. Emilio Diaz Jr., a 1/3 machinegunning with Weapons Company, CAAT 1. “He’s the type of Marine you want with you in combat.”

Ericson shows up in Afghanistan and his dad is here. They really lucked out.”

Derringer is also quick to add that Ericson is “one of my go-to guys. He’s an expert in his field. He’s a tough Marine.”

According to Sgt. Luis Maceira, a 1/3 anti-tank assaultman with Weapons Company, CAAT 1, it brings a smile to the faces of the other Marines when they see the Ericson’s together.

"They are both walking around a little prouder, a little taller, and they should be,” said the Humacao, Puerto Rico native. “I know Lance Corporal Ericson is proud of his dad. His dad is doing the same thing we are, out here supporting Operation Enduring Freedom. We all got to meet his dad. It was pretty exciting. It’s a morale boost for all of us in 1/3.”

Story by Kimberly L. Lippert, Oregon National Guard Public Affairs

It was a beautiful morning, the kind bikers dream about — clear skies, crisp air, with the smell of blossoming flowers in the morning mist.

Rick Braun was riding his Harley to work when he was struck by a van which crossed in front of him at the intersection of Southeast Lafayette Highway and Stringtown Road just south of McNinville. He died instantly.

In a split-second, the Oregon National Guard lost a Soldier, dedicated worker, and loyal friend.

I felt like someone kicked me in the gut,” said Chief Warrant Officer 2 Rob Karnes. “I lost a good friend and mentor,” he added.

Braun spent 22 years in the Oregon National Guard and retired in 2000 after 13 years as the Standard Installation/Division Personnel System (SIDPERS) Chief.

"I was always very patient with me when it came to computer reports,” said Kraxberger. “I think of myself as computer illiterate and he would always tell me, ‘Denise, you’re not computer illiterate, you’re a fraud. You can’t hurt anything just do it!'”

Kraxberger says she was devastated after hearing the news of Braun’s death.

“My thoughts turned to how Jannett (Braun’s wife) was taking the news. Rick was a family man and loved his family,” Kraxberger said.

For Kraxberger and many others, Braun was much more than just a co-worker. According to many, he was a good friend.

"I will always remember his love of his family, his giggle, and everything he was. I considered him one of my best friends,” Kraxberger added.

Braun, 47, had owned and operated Braun Systems Inc., a computer technology firm, since 2000.

Braun is survived by his wife, Jannett Braun; two sons, Richard and Jeremy; three grandchildren; his mother, Margaret Braun; four sisters, Dayle Gorton, Karla Champ, Michelle Stein and Melissa Leffler; and one brother, Craig Braun.
ORANG’s Garry Dean assumes new rank, new role

SALEM, Ore. (May 31, 2006) — A self-styled “Army brat” and the former commander of the Oregon Air National Guard’s 142nd Fighter Wing has been promoted to the rank of brigadier general. Garry Dean, 49, became one of the four brigadier generals within the Oregon National Guard on May 31.

The Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. Ray mond F. Rees said during the promotion ceremony, at the Oregon Joint Forces Headquarters in Salem, that for 16 years Dean “...has served Oregon with distinction and will provide great leadership to Oregon’s Air National Guard in the future.”

ORANG Commander, Brig. Gen. Jim Cunningham said the military promotes more on potential than on past performance. “You got to this point in your career by working together with everyone—from the enlisted ranks to the officers,” Cunningham said. “We’re very proud of your service.”

“I thank my family and friends for helping me to attain this position of trust. You’ve all been examples to me,” Dean said. “Thanks to my dad for always modeling discipline and hard work.”

Dean told more than 150 people in attendance that it was humbling to be a general officer. “He understands jointness.”

Those were just a few of the accolades given by Maj. Gen. Raymond F. Rees, Adjutant General for the Oregon National Guard, cited Cunningham’s long and storied career that dated back through the events of 9-11, Operation Southern and Northern Watch, Enduring Freedom, and Iraqi Freedom, to the Vietnam conflict, where the former Oregon Air Guard commander flew combat missions.

“Jim has been with us for many years,” Rees said. “And all along the way, he’s given our troops the best of training, and the best of leadership.”

Also under Cunningham’s leadership, the Oregon Air National Guard was the first Oregon Army National Guard joint force environment. He called attention to the few Oregon Army National Guard members, and current Airmen. The ceremony included family and friends, retired Oregon National Guard members, and current Airmen. The ceremony understands in the main hangar against a backdrop of two F-15 Eagles, communications equipment, and a display from the newly-formed 125th Special Tactics Squadron.

“His a visionary,” Cunningham said. “He understands jointness.”

“‘He has led this unit through some turbulent waters and he’s left us postured to move forward from a position of strength.’”

Cunningham devoted more than 36 years to the Oregon Guard, and had served as the Commander of the Oregon Air National Guard since 2000. — a command he relinquished to Brig. Gen. Daniel B. O’Hollaren during the change of command.

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“It’s now space and cyberspace,” Cunningham said. “The concept highly cherished in the military.

“More specifically, the Guard’s state and federal missions. Cunningham added that he is confident in the abilities of the ORANG’s leadership and members to achieve their objectives.

“Further, we are in a world now where the adversary is not a nation-state,” he warned. “We have to adapt to this threat.”

Col. Bruce Marshall, who recently took on the role as 142nd Fighter Wing Vice Commander, said O’Hollaren’s close association with Cunningham over the years ensures the continuity of command — a concept highly cherished in the military.

“I think General O’Hollaren brings a great strength to the ORANG in that he’s a very experienced senior executive and he’s going to lead us in the organization in accomplishing many of the challenges that we face,” Marshall said.

Cunningham thanked those in attendance for “the opportunity to serve alongside your comrades in arms.”

He concluded his speech by quoting Rudyard Kipling’s poem, Gunga Din: “You may talk o’ gin and beer when you’re quartered safe out o’ere,” he said. “An’ you’re sent to penny-fights an’ Aldershot it; But entered safe out ‘ere,” he said. “An’ you’re

Dean is married and has three daughters and one step-daughter. They along with his parents and extended family attended his promotion ceremony at the Oregon National Guard Headquarters.

James E. Cunningham, then a Lieutenant, mugs for a photo next to his T-38 training aircraft while at Randolph AFB, Texas, in November 1970.

Garry Dean, left, is sworn into the general officer ranks by Maj. Gen. Raymond F. Rees, (right), Adjutant General for the Oregon National Guard, while Dean’s wife, Lisa, holds the bible. Dean was promoted at the Joint Force Headquarters on May 31, 2006.

Photo by Tech. Sgt. Nick Choy, Oregon National Guard Public Affairs

ORANG Commander, Brig. Gen. Daniel B. O’Hollaren, Commander of the Oregon Air National Guard, (left), presents outgoing commander, Brig. Gen. James E. Cunningham, with a U.S. flag during his retirement ceremony, which was flown over the Capitol Building in Washington DC.
Oregon Guard Marathon Team makes their mark in Nebraska

Story by Sgt. 1st Class Tim Vandervlugt, Oregon Army National Guard

Near-perfect weather greeted participants in the National Guard Marathon Championships on Sunday, May 7, 2006. The Oregon National Guard running team placed second overall during the venue, behind the team from Puerto Rico. Running out the top three was the Indiana National Guard team.

All the Oregon runners had an excellent showing and took home some good hardware.

Sgt. 1st Class Tim Vandervlugt, of Joint Force Headquarters, placed 11th overall and 5th in the National Guard with a time of 2:44:49, averaging 6:18 per mile. He was followed closely by Oregon Air Guardsman, Staff Sgt. Ed King of the 123rd Weather Flight, who placed 18th overall and 9th in the Guard with a time of 2:48:39, beating his best time by six minutes.


Vandervlugt, King and Kaeumer earned a spot on the elite All-Guard team.

The All-Guard team will travel to races across the country and set up recruiting booths at race expos and then the runners will compete in the event. The All-Guard team is composed of the fastest male (top 40 overall) and female (top 15 overall) runners.

The runners attended recruiting and retention classes during the two days prior to the race to help them gain leads into the Guard.

The Oregon team had an impact at the Recruiting and Retention workshops held in conjunction with the National Guard championships. The Oregon Guard was cited by event organizers as an example of a very successful program and was asked to speak to the other states to share some of their reasons for success.

"This was my first trip to Lincoln. It was a very well run race, and all the Oregon runners competed very strong. It was a good event for recruiting retention," said King.

Runners participated from 50 states and three U.S. territories. A total of 977 runners finished the 26.2-mile course.

Kaeumer, who was originally with the Iowa National Guard, appreciated how the Oregon Guard members ran the recruiting and retention initiative.

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King appreciated the diverse population represented at the venue. It was his second trip to the National Guard Marathon in Lincoln.

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Story by Rich Rosenenthal, Southern Oregon University Information Dir.

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King appreciated the diverse population represented at the venue. It was his second trip to the National Guard Marathon in Lincoln.

"As my running career continues to grow, I hope to one day reach Lincoln again," he said.

He also credited his recruiter for giving him a chance at pursuing not just a career in the military, but also his passion for running.

"I would like to thank my recruiter, MSG (RTF) Bob Droke for the opportunity and success in the National Guard," Vandervlugt added.

The Oregon Guard Team members credited Sgt. 1st Class Eister Liberman of Graphic Landscape in Dallas, Ore., and Sgt. 1st Class Gower Talley of JFHQ Recruiting & Retention, who helped sponsor their team.

If you are interested in joining the Oregon National Guard Running Team, contact Sgt. 1st Class Tim Vandervlugt at Timothy.vandervlugt@us.army.mil or by phone at 541-390-3157.
Sentry Lion was an air-to-air combat exercise between the Bulgarian Air Force and the 173rd Fighter Wing, held at the 3rd Airbase at Graf Ignatievo, near the city of Plovdiv, Bulgaria. The exercise provided an opportunity for American pilots to fly in combat situations against MiG 29, MiG 21 and SU-25 aircraft. The wing flew more than 70 sorties in country throughout the two week training exercise.

“In 2003 we were able to send members of Kingsley Field over to Bulgaria to set up a memorial for David Kingsley and the Bulgarians who were also killed in the crash,” said Col. Tom Schiess, 173rd Fighter Wing commander. “The idea of a joint exercise between the 173rd Fighter Wing and the Bulgarians was birthed from that trip.”

The 173rd FW trains air-to-air combat pilots in the F-15, and according to Schiess, the Sentry Lion exercise gave the instructor pilots the ability to bring back real-world experience to the classroom.

“Among all of the benefits of this exercise, the real-world training with foreign aircraft was probably the greatest,” said Maj. Chris Casson, 114th Fighter Squadron and Sentry Lion Project Officer. “To be able to come back and teach our students from first-hand experiences how to fight against a MiG 29, enhances our training exponentially.”

Most of the pilots from the 114th FS, located at Kingsley Field, had the opportunity to fly in at least one of the Bulgarian aircraft and learned personally what the fighter planes are capable of doing in the air.

“The MiG 29 is a great aircraft, it has great capabilities,” said Casson. “The one thing that it does not have is a long loiter time. Our jets could fly almost three times longer than their jets could during a training sortie.”

Sentry Lion was more than just an air-to-air exercise, it was a chance for the United States to build a military relationship with Bulgaria. Bulgaria has recently joined the North American Treaty Organization (NATO), which will make them an ally in the War on Terror. Additionally, the Secretary of State, Condoleezza Rice, recently signed a U.S. basing agreement with the Bulgarians.

“Looking big picture, this exercise made a lot of sense,” said Schiess. “The Bulgarians have a great air force and very capable pilots, we laid the groundwork for them to train and ultimately fight like a Western nation.”

Members of the Bulgarian Air Force and the Oregon Air National Guard recently completed a two-part Joint Contact Team Program, sponsored by European Command. The JCTP is a program designed to help new NATO accessions begin to learn how to train and fight with allies.

“The first part of the JCTP happened in October and about 12 Bulgarian officers came to Oregon,” said Casson. “In March we sent some our people over to Bulgaria to take part in the second half of the program. The JCTP was a great learning experience and really paved the way for Sentry Lion.”

While in Bulgaria, members of the 173rd FW were also able to extend some humanitarian aid. Maj. Ed Tuby, an optometrist with the unit, and doctor in Klamath Falls, performed more than 1,300 eye exams in the local villages surrounding Plovdiv and the unit donated nearly 6,000 pairs of eye glasses.

“The humanitarian assistance, which Maj. Tuby provided certainly won the hearts of the Bulgarian people,” said Schiess. “It was amazing to watch as people who have not had proper eyeglasses for many years finally be able to see clearly. We really made an positive impression with the Bulgarian people by doing this mission and in the end this will go as far, if not further in establish-

relationships with the general public than flying exercise.”

“Looking at the other events during Sentry Lion was placing a memorial at the crash site of Kingsley, who was shot down during WWII not far from the village of Sun-hoem. He was a bombardier on a B-17 which was attacked by German fighters on its return from a bombing mission in Romania.

“The tail gunner in the plane was wounded in the attack,” said Schiess. “Kingsley took his parachute and strapped it on the tail gunner and pushed him to safety. Kingsley went down with the plane and was the only member of the crew who died. However seven Bulgarians were killed when the plane crashed in a field.”

Kingsley was awarded the Medal of Honor posthumously and the base was named after him in 1954.

Despite having a sad link with Bulgaria, according to Casson, the future for international relations between Bulgaria and Kingsley Field looks bright.

“I envision other exercises in the future between us and Bulgaria,” said Casson. “The ground work has already been laid and the relationships have been established. The success of Sentry Lion proves that the men and women of Kingsley Field are world-class individuals.”
Oregon's 41st Brigade Combat Team completes their training with an eye on their ultimate goal: Afghanistan

E very year on post included in Coalition Task Force Priest carries a weekly "training tip" that is distributed to the entire base. It is a great way to keep the training mindset and the importance of training alive. The most recent tip was about "Ready and Willing." It highlighted the importance of being prepared and ready to take on any task at a moment's notice.

The Oregon National Guard, also known as the Oregon Army National Guard, is responsible for providing soldiers to the United States Army when they are needed. This is a vital role, as the National Guard is always on call to support the Army in times of war or conflict. The Oregon National Guard is made up of both active-duty soldiers and reservists, who are called to active duty when needed.

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The Oregon National Guard is also responsible for providing soldiers to other countries, including Afghanistan, where they are stationed to support the United States Army. The Oregon National Guard is one of the most active and engaged units in the Army, and they are always ready to respond to any call.

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In summary, the Oregon National Guard is a vital part of the United States Army, providing soldiers to support the Army in times of war or conflict. They are always ready to respond to any call, and their training helps to prepare them for any task they may be asked to take on. The training tip mentioned the importance of being ready and willing to take on any task at a moment's notice, which is a key aspect of being a soldier.
Khaan Quest IV: 2-162 joins MAF in UN peacekeeping training exercise

The Mongolian Armed Forces and the 2-162 IN BN joined the Mongolian Defense Ministry and is a graduate of U.S. Army Ranger School in Fort Benning, Ga. A joint peacekeeping training exercise in Mongolia will be conducted between the United States and the Mongolian Armed Forces.

Mongolia is located in north-central Asia between Russia and China. Originally part of the Mongol Empire, the area was under Chinese control from 1691 to 1911 and from 1919 to 1921, when it formed a separate state under the protection of the Soviet Union. Ulaanbaatar is the capital and the largest city. Population: 2,790,000. Information courtesy of World Fact Book.

Left: The Mongolian flag.

Retired Oregon Guard member gives ‘CSI-Vegas’ star a new ride

Story by Spc. April L. Dustian, Oregon National Guard Public Affairs


Ashcroft is the owner of Ashcroft Motorcycles, a custom bike shop in Salem, Ore. His custom-designed motorcycles have drawn national attention — having been featured in magazines such as The Robb Report and Easy Rider. As if this wasn’t enough, his bikes have been shown on the Speed Channel, and his designs have been featured in a Mike Chaste Studio book.

Ashcroft said Dourdan e-mailed him after seeing Ashcroft Motorcycles featured on television and in magazines. The actor offered Ashcroft $42,000 for the custom bike known as “Evil Bastard”, which won Best in Show at the 2005 Easy Rider show. Ashcroft said he never cooked his bikes with the same light that resembles a weapon all contribute to the ‘evil’ demeanor. The seat, designed by Heavy Metal Leather of Austin, Texas, has “Ashcroft” stitched in leather and leather word bleeding into the carved black leather and stainless steel cloth through it underneath. The bike’s frame, sheet metal and machine work was done by Ashcroft himself, and the ‘shovel head motor’ was custom built by Mike Steggman. The bike is a perfect representation of the Ashcroft motto, “Because Evil is Everywhere. Ashcroft Motorcycles in full of many 1940s and 1950s hot-rod inspired motorcycle creations, ranging in value of $25,000 to $40,000. Although Ashcroft’s bikes may look like rebellious renegades, they are completely street legal and made to be ridden. They are designed to look very simple, but are built with a great attention to detail. The bikes may have similar styles, but each one is unique in its own way. Ashcroft said he never builds two of his bikes the same.

“My mind is always working. I’ve already got the next two or three bikes already designed in my head,” said Ashcroft. “My favorite bikes is always the next one I’m going to build.”

Ashcroft began customizing motorcycles after purchasing his first Harley Davidson in 1992 and modifying it to fit his own style. He began coming up with his own designs and taught himself how to weld, machine, and build them.

“I have a hard time leaving things alone and not changing them,” said Ashcroft. “I look at a functioning item and think of different ways that I can improve or modify it to make it look unique.”

Even though the company employs three people who assist Ashcroft with his projects, he enjoys doing all of the design, assembly, metal fabrication and machining himself. According to Ashcroft, this ensures his creativity is not limited by how other people may envision his ideas.

“Get a picture in my mind of what I want the bike to look like, and then I make sure everything follows that same design and theme,” said Ashcroft.

Ashcroft has been building and showing custom motorcycles for 12 years, a business that started as a hobby in between juggling a legal profession as managing partner of Ashcroft & Wiles LLP with offices in Salem and Portland, a part-time assignment as a pro tem judge, and a military career.

“My military experience has influenced the way I approach all my projects,” said Ashcroft. “Everything has a purpose and function, and I work in a very efficient method.”

Ashcroft served seven years in the active duty Army, including stints with the 19th Special Forces Group in Utah, the 91st Division in California, and a JAG officer for ICORE at Fort Lewis, Wa. He also served 25 years in the Oregon Army National Guard as an armor officer, infantry officer, and JAG officer. “Joining the military was the best thing I ever did,” said Ashcroft. “It gave me the confidence that there is no dream or concept that I can’t accomplish whether it’s becoming an officer, a lawyer, a judge, or building motorcycles.”

Retiring from the Guard did not end Ashcroft’s service to the state and nation. In December 2004 he was promoted to brigadier general and became the commander of the Oregon State Defense Force and a title he held until May 2005. Ashcroft now assists the new commander, Brig. Gen. Mike Caldwell.

“When it comes to finding time for everything, I just see it as a project and I get it done and go onto the next one,” said Ashcroft. “It takes loving what you do.”

To view pictures of Evil Bastard and other custom Ashcroft Motorcycles visit www.ashcroftmotorcycles.com or visit the shop at 3525 Silverton Rd. NE, Salem, Ore.
Brig. Gen. Douglas A. Pritt, Commander of the Coalition Joint Task Force Phoenix V, salutes Soldiers standing in formation on the parade field at Camp Shelby, MS, following the official mobilization ceremony on May 22, 2006. Almost 900 Oregonians join 600 other Soldiers, Airmen and Sailors from around the country for a one-year deployment in Afghanistan to help train the Afghan National Army.

"We march to a destiny yet to unfold... a destiny of greatness"
Soldiers use game video technology to maintain combat readiness

Story by Spc. Nicholas Wood, 115th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment, Oregon Army National Guard

GRESHAM, Ore.—Continuing in its mission to maintain combat readiness in all its troops, C-Company of the 2nd Battalion, 162nd Infantry conducted Basic Rifle Marksmanship training with some of the newest training tools the Army has to offer.

In preparation for qualification, Soldiers conducted training encompassing target discrimination, shot grouping, reflexive fire and other key skills Feb. 11 and 12 at the indoor range at the Forest Grove armory.

In order to accommodate the indoor range, Soldiers fired their M14 Carbines using low-powered .22 LR munitions with the help of a sub-caliber bolt and special magazines.

Private Kyle Bossert, infantryman and guidon Bearer said any time-on-trigger is a good thing and that he could feel difference between the sub-caliber munitions and normal rounds at the range.

Among the training tools were also a Super Nintendo Multipurpose Arcade Combat Simulator machine and a projection screen.

The MACS machine is a weapon simulator and evaluator. A user fires a weapon connected to a box, connected to a TV, much like a video game. It evaluates and educates the firing Soldier on five basics of firing, trigger squeeze, aiming, steady position, breath control and shot position. It is capable of emulating a total of eight different scenarios including zeroing and a pop-up range.

The projection screen is another new training tool. It is used on the indoor range along with a sheet of paper spanning the room. Images are projected down range, forcing the Soldier to evaluate and choose targets.

Squad Leader SGT Shannon Reed said that Soldiers get bored doing BRM classes, so training tools like the MACS and the projection screen are necessary to keep Soldiers motivated.

In the last five years, Reed said he has seen many changes in the Army training curriculum.

“We’ve also been doing a lot more mounted training in five-toms and humvees, reacting to IED,” Reed said. “Things like what we’ve come across in the sandbox overseas.”

“We’ve been doing a lot more urban training,” Reed explained “When it comes to basic marksmanship, the biggest change has been new equipment.”

New technologies include the M4 Carbine, the M68 Red Dot Scope, and the PAQ-4 Infrared Laser which is only visible in night-vision goggles.

“BRM is the main thing one should know. It’s my lifestyle,” Bossert said “If I get stuck out there, it’s something I can always rely on.”

Retired Oregon Air Guardsman

Brigadier General (Ret.) Fred Rosenbaum in Austria.

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Prepared by Sentinel Staff

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The decoration, presented by Gen. Roland Erlt, Austri a’s chief of defense staff and that nation’s highest rank ing military official, was in recognition of Rosenbaum’s significant contribution to the Austrian military and to closer ties between Austria and the United States.

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Guard Bureau unveils new joint logo

Prepared by Sentinel Staff

The National Guard Bureau has released a new logo to better represent the brand of the National Guard system.

Motivated by the Hurricane Katrina relief efforts in Louisiana in September 2005, the bureau set about creating a graphic that better represents both the Army and Air components.

The Public Affairs Office for the National Guard Bureau has been tasked with organization-wide distribution of the new logo, with priority going to vehicles supporting domestic operations such as border control and hurricane relief. The bureau hopes to have all logos in place no later than July 15, 2006.

The graphic is available on the First Muster Website, or through NGB-PA and the J-4.

Two versions are available; an EPS file, which can only be opened using Adobe Illustrator and Photoshop, and a JPG file, which can be used with Microsoft Word documents. It has been designed, proofed and approved by the chief of staff’s office and is available in high-res and low-res versions.

Pre-made decals and magnets were purchased with limited NGB PA fiscal year 2006 funds, and distributed to 12 states, including California, New Mexico, Arizona, Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina.

All other states and territories are encouraged to produce graphics locally if resources are available. According to NGB-PA, if additional FY07 funds are available, the bureau may provide additional logos to those states and territories that cannot produce their own.

If you have any questions or concerns, or need specific Pantone colors, applications, or vehicle/aerospace specific guidelines, contact Dan Allen, Chief of Community Relations, National Guard Bureau, at 703-607-2632.

If you need the graphic, but cannot access the First Muster Website, contact Tech. Sgt. Nick Choy, Editor-in-Chief, Oregon Sentinel at nick.r.choy@mil.state.or.us. Specify whether you need the high-resolution EPS file or the JPG.

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ORARNG volunteers with Food Bank

On Saturday, June 3, 2006, during their drill weekend, several members of HHD 821 TCBN supported the Oregon Food Bank by volunteering their time to put together food baskets.

The unit is involved in periodic community service events throughout the year.

Oregon Army Guard members find time for volunteerism during busy Shelby training schedule

Before leaving Camp Shelby, MS, members of the Oregon Army National Guard’s 141 Logistics Task Force set aside their training to assist victims of Hurricane Katrina and Rita in the New Orleans, LA area with school supplies.

Dubbed Operation Backpack, they formed a convoy of 15 vehicles, and spent a day delivering much-needed and appreciated school supplies to two area high schools and two elementary schools. Backpacks containing pens, notebooks, pencils and other necessities were hand delivered to the students.


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Army announces plans to ‘simplify’ service dress uniform

WASHINGTON (Army News Service) — Army service uniforms will be streamlined to one blue Army Service Uniform, the Army announced today.

“World-class Soldiers deserve a simplified, quality uniform. The blue Army Service Uniform is a traditional uniform that is consistent with the Army’s most honored traditions,” said Maj. Gen. Of the Army Kenneth Preston.

“We have all of these variations of uniforms, green, blue and white,” said Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker. “It makes sense for us to go to one traditional uniform that is really sharp and high quality and which Soldiers will be very proud to wear. And that’s what we’ve done by adopting this blue Army Service Uniform that reflects simplicity, quality, utility and tradition.”

Many Soldiers already own an Army Blue uniform (which is called the Army Green Service Uniform) and may continue to wear it. Improvements will be made to the fabric and fit. Reduction of the number of uniforms will reduce the burden on Soldiers for purchases and alteration cost.

Introduction in the Army Military Clothing Sales Stores should begin in fourth quarter of fiscal year 2007. Introduction in the Clothing Bag should begin first quarter 2009. The Mandatory Possession Date is expected to be fourth quarter fiscal year 2011.

A wear-out date for the Army Green Class A and White dress uniforms will be determined at a later date.

The consolidation of Army service uniform is part of a streamlining of the Army structure.

In 2004, the Army reduced the number of battle dress uniforms from three to one when it adopted the Army Combat Uniform in place of the Woodland Green Battle Dress Uniform (winter and summer versions) and the Desert Combat Uniform. That unification consolidation has been a resounding success in terms of soldier acceptance and reducing the variety of combat uniforms with which they must deal.

Army Blue as a uniform color traces its origins back to the National Blue and was first worn by Soldiers in the Continental Army of 1779. Besides tradition, the Army Service Uniform reflects utility, simplicity and quality.

In utility, the blue Army Service Uniform provides a basic set of components that allow Soldiers to dress from the lowest end to the highest end of service uniforms with little variation required.

In simplicity, the blue Army Service Uniform eliminates the need for numerous sets of green Class A uniforms, service blue uniforms and, for some, Army white mess uniforms (and tunics, for women). Streamlining various service uniforms into one Army Service Uniform reduces the burden on Soldiers in the same manner that the Army Combat Uniform (ACU) did for the field utility uniform.

In quality, the blue Army Service Uniform is made of a durable material that is suitable for daily use without special care.

Story by Walter H. Bradford, U.S. Army Center of Military History

Today’s Soldier wears uniforms of green and tan, plain and camouflage, and Army Blue.

During the American Revolution, when the British Army of King George III turned out in red, Gen. George Washington specified blue for the Continental Army uniform coat in 1779. Regulations of 1821 reiterated that the Army would wear the national blue, and blue remained the only color of the Army uniform until 1902, with the adoption of the khaki and olive drab service dress. In 1954, the Army adopted the Army Green.

Still, Army Blue has remained in service as the service uniform, and its story is that of the Army and the nation.

Army Blue emerged from 18th century warfare, when battle formations required Soldiers to stand elbow to elbow with smoothbore muskets, and colorful uniforms provided unit cohesion amid the clouds of black-powder smoke.

To distinguish among units of the Continental Army after 1779, uniforms displayed colored facings on the collar, cuffs and lapels of the blue coat, by group of states, as in Europe.

For example, Soldiers from New York and New Jersey wore buff facings. Soldiers from the New England states had white facings, while red distinguished the Soldiers of Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland and Virginia, and blue identified Soldiers from the Carolinas and Georgia.

As the new nation grew, the government provided each Soldier with an annual uniform. It consisted of a single blue wool coat and seasonal issues of white wool or linen or cotton waistcoats and overalls.

There was no distinction between a dress and undress uniform. A Soldier’s daily attire for field service was also his parade dress, and the rank-and-file lived out of their knapsacks until the next issue.

By 1810 Napoleon had changed the cut of the uniform worn since the Revolutionary War. The coat now fastened in front and no longer exposed the waistcoat. That garment had become the roundabout fatigue jacket with sleeves, in winter gray or summer white. The skirts of the coat were cut in, straight across, without color facings.

To avoid the stains of winter mud on Soldiers’ white pantaloons or overalls, annual clothing allowances, as early as 1817, provided for the issue of more practical grey, and by 1832 Soldiers were wearing light blue trousers. This established the traditional contrasting color scheme that avoided the difficult color-match of blue coat and trousers worn by generals and staff officers. Encouraged by the excess of military dress in Europe, American uniforms became more elaborate.

Returning were epaulettes for Soldiers of all grades and the facing colors established during the Revolutionary War, Army officers and noncommissioned officers wore stripes on the trousers, and metal insignia for each branch also appeared on Soldiers’ tails, felt uniform caps.

Earlier, in 1829, officers had received an undress garment, a full-skirt frock coat to replace non-regulation civilian attire. In place of epaulettes, this coat introduced the shoulder strap. Redesigned in 1835, from the lace bridle used to secure the epaulette to the shoulder of the uniform coat, it helped develop the gold and silver officer insignia of grade.

However, with undress and fatigue uniforms being worn in the Seminole and Mexican Wars and the costs of the old-style elaborate uniforms becoming a concern for officers, a simple new uniform concept appeared in 1851.

A French pattern, full-skirt tunic or frock coat with black-leather waist belt accoutrements began to replace the old body coat and the white shoulder belts worn since 1810. By the time of the Civil War, years of field service encouraged the use of practical and comfortable uniform components. The forage cap borrowed the metal insignia from the uniform hat, and the tailored frock coat soon gave way to the loose-fitting sack coat or frock coat, first adopted in 1858 for fatigue duty.

After 1872 regulations acknowledged distinctive uniform for the field and for ceremonial occasions. This confirmed a five-button blouse for general-duty wear and a frock coat or sack coat, of European style, for dress occasions and not campaign. Adopted also from Europe was a black felt helmet with plume for mounted troopers and a metal spike for others.

By the end of the 19th Century, the Army Blue uniform had weathered the extremes of frontier duty and tropical fights. It traveled from garrison to the field by merely exchanging the natty blue forage cap for the wide-brim slouch campaign hat and by securing the sky-blue trousers cuffs with a pair of cavalry boots or infantry canvas leggings.

But in 1902 foreign duty and the advent of smokeless powder required a service uniform for wear in both garrison and the field, and in international fabrics of summer khakis or winter olive drab.

Traditional Blue remained but only for dress, with officers authorized full, special evening and mess service uniforms, while enlisted issue ceased in 1917.

Experiments after World War II sought to look to the future and reinvent the dress of the American Soldier. The old service olive drab became the new Modern Army Green in 1954, and black shoes became a common shade for all uniforms, ending the rusted worn since the Spanish-American War. That same uniform, with some modifications and the addition of the ‘black beret’, is essentially the Class A uniform of today.

But that time also saw Army Blue return to staunch, new, as a traditional uniform that enjoyed the honor and privilege, first established by George Washington, of wearing the national blue – Army Blue.

Walter H. Bradford is a museum curator with the U.S. Army Center of Military History.
USPFO receives national awards

Prepared by Sentinel Staff

On Thursday, May 18, 2006, the Oregon logistics community was honored when one of their organizations received the Department of the Army’s Supply Excellence Award during a worldwide ceremony hosted in Washington, D.C.

The Chief of Staff of the Army’s Supply Excellence Award Program was conceived during a total Army Worldwide Supply Conference held in November 1984, as a way to recognize and award supply excellence at the unit and organizational level.

The program was implemented in 1986. In 1995, Supply Support Activities and Direct Support Units were added, with the first awards being presented in 1998. Both Army activities were nominated for the first time in 2004 and won the 2004-05 competition. Supply Excellence Objectives include enhanced readiness of Army units, increased awareness of the Supply Support Activity/Dispersed Program, and increased public awareness of supply excellence throughout the Army system.

Traveling to Washington, D.C. to receive their awards were Lt. Col. Terri Wold, USPFO Supply Management Officer and CW4 Chuck (Norman C. Jr.), former of the USPFO Supply Distribution Center.

Above: CW4 Norman C. Stewart (center), of Oregon’s USPFO, receives the SEA award from U.S. Army Deputy Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Ann E. Dunwoody (right), while Brig. Gen. (P) Mark A. Bellini, Quartermaster General of the Army, (left), looks on.

TRICARE launches prescription program

TRICARE has launched its first-ever campaign to encourage beneficiaries to use the TRICARE Mail Order Program (TMOP) to fill prescriptions.

TRICARE officials hope to use a change in mail order pharmacy distribution to encourage more beneficiaries to use mail order mail instead of generic drugs.

The company Express Scripts runs the TMOP. To reach it, call 866-363-8667, or 866-275-4722 from overseas; e-mail TMOP customerrelations@express-scripts.com; or write to Express Scripts Inc., P.O. Box 52150, Phoenix, AZ 85072.

TRICARE projects help service members with healthy living

TRICARE has created two demonstration projects and one pilot program to test help service members and their families battle the dangerous effects of obesity, tobacco use and excessive drinking.

TRICARE plans to launch weight management and tobacco and alcohol programs within the coming months. These projects will involve service members and their families who volunteer to participate.

The demonstration projects and pilot programs will span through the end of this year. Each of the sole pilot program will cover two years from start-up. They will help identify ways to deliver the best possible benefit for TRICARE beneficiaries.

For more information about the demonstration projects and pilot programs, visit TRICARE’s website at www.tricare.osd.mil/healthychoices.

Free Tae Kwon Do offered to Guardsmen

National Guard members and their immediate families (spouses and children) are welcome to receive free Tae Kwon Do lessons every Wednesday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the auditorium at Camp Withycombe, 10101 SE Clackamas Rd., Clackamas, Ore.

The free lessons are being provided courtesy of Grand Master Hong Sik Kim, owner of Kim’s Taekwondo, who is a ninth degree black belt. Kim is also a member of the Oregon State Defense Forces.

“Taekwondo teaches self defense, and is good for physical and mental fitness,” said Kim.

To pre-register for classes call Hong Sik Kim at 503-653-0200.

News Briefs

Resort vacations for military families

Members of the Armed Forces, their families, and other members of the total Defense Force can stay in any of four Armed Forces Recreation Center (AFRC) resorts around the world. AFRC resorts offer affordable Moral, Welfare, and Recreation (MWR) facilities at ideal vacation destinations. Rates are based on pay grade and travel status. Reservation policies vary slightly by location. For more information, visit www.military.com/ Travel/Content/0,ML_sfr,00.html.

Moe: ‘I’m confident my soldiers will be just fine’

Oregón’s Command Sgt. Maj. Thomas Moe prepares to fire his rifle on the Electronic Training System during his visit to Kuwait as part of the National Guard Senior Enlisted Workshop.

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“Everyday Soldiers are better prepared for the war fight in Iraq. Initially they have no idea what they are up against. But as the war goes on, the Army is coming up with better ideas for fighting this war,” said California’s Command Sgt. Maj. Harry Courtesy said.

After visiting Kuwait, the sergeants major now have a complete understanding of the mobilization process — from the time their Soldiers leave the home state, until they report to their final duty station. This was the purpose of the conference, said the organizers, to give the senior enlisted advisers a snapshot of Soldiers’ experience in Kuwait, and with this knowledge, better prepare Soldiers for their deployment.

Lynn Jones appointed HR Director

Prepared by Sentinel Staff

Lynn Jones has been appointed as Director of Human Resources for the Oregon Military Department.

Col. (Ret.) Roberta Janssen served as interim HR Director while a search was conducted for a full time replacement. Her previous positions include HR Generalist and Manager for Montgomery Wards, HR Manager for AA Ambulance, and Training the private sector and state government. Her previous positions include HR Generalist and Manager for Montgomery Wards, HR Manager for AA Ambulance, and Training the private sector and state government.

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Dear Sirs,

My son’s mail had been forwarded to the person improves attitude and job performance.

Most of you have probably heard the term ergonomics, but do you know that it relates to you? Adjusting the job task to the person improves attitude and job performance.

You have heard of Carpal Tunnel Syndrome, but may think it is a vague illness that only applies to typists and keyboarders. Actually, it is only one of several Cumulative Trauma Disorders, or CTDs — part of the Musculoskeletal Disorders, or MSDs — which affect workers in many jobs. CTDs are the result of repetitive use related to awkward postures, vibrations, duration/frequency, static force/pressure, and environmental issues.

What can you do about CTDs? Make your workstation work for you. Height, distance, angle, and posture are all issues that may be corrected or improved by re-arranging your workspace. Stretch every morning and get up from your chair intermediate and stretch every move. To get close to a window, focus at a distance (out a window, or down a long hallway, etc.) Lighting: Use brightness without glare and task lighting may prevent shadows.

Technology has some answers — anti-vibration gloves reduce stress on hands when using power/hydraulic hand tools, better ergo chairs help posture and vibration; keyboard options keep wrists at normal angles, ergo designed tools or benches may reduce bending.

DOD and the Military Services are continuing their Ergonomics Programs and making improvements across a wide range of specialties. Some information has been distributed over the last couple of years. We will be adding more self-help programs to Your Safety Net — it will be listed under the OH/MD tab. If you need assistance on work station reviews, or have questions related to Ergonomics, contact your occupational health, or ask your Wing Safety and Health office.

Your Letters

Reader finds surprise in last issue

Dear Sirs,

My son’s mail had been forwarded to his address while he was in Afghanistan.

We received your Oregon Sentinel. We really enjoyed reading about all the troops. To our surprise, there was our son throwing his hat in the air, then the beautiful picture of the Chinook with the moon, and best of all, the picture of Adrian with a group of Soldiers. God bless him and the other boys.

All our young men and women serving and who have given the ultimate sacrifice, Bless them! Joyce Rogers, Merrill OR

Shelby story resonates with Tigard woman

Dear Editor,

I’m glad you had the opportunity to meet Miah (Sp. Miah Washburn of Bravo KU 64-5 In, Receiving the Trainer of the Month/March/April 2006 issue of the Oregon Sentinel) and create such a good article with her. I was there in help. Help her great way with people and is very passionate about his job and taking care of his platoon. Thank you again for your personal assistance, and for writing a great article.

Sarah Bisbee, Tigard, Ore.
New guidelines issued for wearing of Army headgear

The patrol cap will be the standard headgear for class C (BDU/ACU) uniforms in the Oregon Army National Guard from October 1 to March 31. The beret will be the standard headgear for class C uniforms in the Oregon Army National Guard from April 1 to September 30.

Wear of the patrol cap will be governed by AR 670-1, 3-5 a(3). The beret is the basic headgear for utility uniforms in garrison environments. The beret is not worn in the field, in training environments, or in environments where the wear of the beret is impractical, as determined by the commander. Commanders may authorize wear of the beret when the arm is identified as “sustainment maintenance.”

Direct Support (DS) levels of maintenance and will be referred to as “field maintenance” while combining the General Support (GS) and Depot levels being referred as “sustainment maintenance.”

Hunting, fishing license fees reimbursed to active duty Soldiers

If you are currently serving in an active duty capacity, National Guard, or reserve component of the United States Armed Forces, or have retired from military service within the last 12 months you are eligible for reimbursement for your Oregon Hunting and Fishing License.

The reimbursement goes through the recruiting department. You will need to show your military ID, hunting and or fishing license, secondary ID such as a driver’s license, DD 214, or DD Form 22, and will be referred to as “field maintenance.”

You have any further questions please call the Oregon National Guard Recruiting Office at 503-584-3811.

Monthly small arms training for ORNG

The Small Arms Readiness Training Section will conduct basic rifle and pistol marksmanship training monthly throughout 2006.

These training sessions are open to all members of the Oregon Army National Guard and will provide opportunities to safely train with weapons under the supervision of skilled instructors offering quality, focused marksmanship training.

Guard members who participate will gain an increased level of shooting skill and a thorough understanding of the basic principles of marksmanship.

Contact the SARTS webpage for location, dates and additional information: www.mil.state.or.us/SARTS

Although use of unit weapons is preferred, SARTS can provide a rifle or pistol to participants. Soldiers should Contact MSG Arrnest via email: jeff.arrnest@us.army.mil.

Recurring launches ESAR Program

The Every Soldier is a Recruiter program is a referral bonus program administered by the Department of the Army. ESAR is similar to G-RAP with the following important differences:

- Payment is $1,000, paid upon completion.
- Only Non-Prior Service referrals will be accepted.
- All Army National Guard soldiers are eligible, including ADSW, AGR and MIL THES.
- Only exists in members of the Recruiting and Retention Forces.

You cannot combine ESAR with the G-RAP program and to register and to provide a referral, visit www.1800GoGuard.com/esar.

Maintenance Shop changes name

The Combined Support Maintenance Shop (CSMS) has been replaced by the Oregon Support Maintenance Site (OSMS). That Partisan General, Maj. Gen. Raymond Rees, approved the title change in April as the new maintenance site continues in the Oregon Army National Guard.

“The new title reflects the transformation within the logistics branch from a four level maintenance system to a two level maintenance system,” said Lt. Col. Bill Schurz, Senior Maintenance Manager. The single title encompasses all the general support and depot level maintenance activities in the State. Oregon Army National Guard is one of five states in the nation that is performing depot level repair on military equipment.

Although the compromised data includes names, Social Security numbers and birthdates of veterans separating from the military since 1975, it doesn’t include health or financial records. Military.com will keep you apprised of any further development for more information, read the full article at www.military.com/NewsContent/131989150,00.html.

Quotable Quotes

“History never looks like history when you are living through it.”

— John W. Gardner, (1912 - 2002)

Oregon Guards’ 1-186 builds drag race car

Members of the Oregon Army National Guard’s 1-186 Combat Infantry Battalion and 41st Infantry Brigade, logged more than 600 hours of their spare time creating a drag race car. The Guard’s Race Team is a non-profit organization funded by local donations and sponsorship. The mission is to promote the Oregon National Guard and to encourage young kids to get involved in drag racing.

The War Machine, a 1963 Chevrolet Camaro IROC Z28, was purchased in 2002 for $400. Needing many repairs and a new engine, in May 2005 the civilian soldiers committed to the cause.

“This is a project that started by Guard members that wanted to entice kids to get involved in drag racing,” states Sgt. Todd Price of A Co. 1-186.

In their freshman year of racing the rookie team took home third place in season standings at Champion Raceway located in White City, Ore.

The reimbursement goes through the recruiting department. You will need to show your military ID, hunting and or fishing license, secondary ID such as a driver’s license, DD 214, or DD Form 22, and will be referred to as “field maintenance.”

“Like I say I am not to get good at the car like its my own,” said Brown. The Guardsmen Racing Team working closely helped recruiters enlist seven recruits in three weekends.

This season we plan on having a National Guard booth at the track.

Story and photo by Pvt. 1st Class, Timothy Brownlow, 115th MIAD

If you would like to make a contribution to the Guardians Race Team, mail donations to: Race Car Fund, 1701 South Pacific Highway. Medford, OR. 97501

Cash donations can be dropped off at any Washington Mutual bank.

Oregon Guards serving in Afghanistan, were given the opportunity to give the official start of the 2006 Champ Car Race on June 18 at the Portland International Raceway.

Working with the 354th Mobile Public Af- fairs Detachment, Soldiers from the 41st Bri- gade Combat Team gave the command to start the big race via video teleconference.

Many of the Soldiers’ families were provided with free tickets to the event held at PIR. A small Oregon Guardsmen pause for a group photo after giving the command, “Gentle- men, start your engines!”

Left: Col. Cameron Crawford, 41st BCT Commander, rides with race car legend Ma- rio Andretti in a Ford Mustang pace car.
Dark clouds and intermittent rain didn’t dampen the spirits of golfers who took part in the 41st Infantry Brigade’s annual April 2 golf tournament at the OGA Golf Course in Woodburn, Oregon on May 26, 2006.

The rumble of a Blackhawk helicopter from the 1042nd Medical Company broke through the grey skies for a flyover to kick off the event. After the 1042nd’s Staff Sgt. Travis Powell sang the National Anthem, golfers took to the course.

“The rain hasn’t stopped but it’s been great,” exclaimed Lt. Col. Col. Alaine Encabo.

The tournament — a joint venture of the Oregon National Guard and KXL Radio — benefits the Oregon National Guard’s Charitable Education Fund which provides scholarships for fellow members and families of the Oregon National Guard. Golfers were split into teams of five members, and were comprised of four civilian business representatives and one Guard member.

“I think the most enjoyable thing is talking about the Guard, it’s really interesting for them to learn about what we do,” Encabo said.

For one particular group, the reality of the sacrifices Oregon’s Soldiers and Airmen sometimes must face was made quite clear. Four civilians were teamed up with Cpl. (Ret.) William Congleton, from Oregon’s 2-162 Inf. Bn. Congleton lost part of his leg while deployed to Iraq in 2004 when an Improvised Explosive Device went off near his Humvee. The team quickly learned his handicap would not keep him from playing a great game of golf.

“Absolutely inspiring — it’s amazing,” said Congleton’s golfing partner, David McPherson, an employee at Inpax. “He’s got a great attitude, a sweet swing, and is an awesome guy.”

Congleton consistently received the best scores on his team and even hit the longest drive on the eleventh hole. He played with a custom prosthetic fitted with a golf shoe.

“After losing my leg I had to relearn everything,” said Congleton. “Luckily, I just took my time and everything came together, it feels great to be hitting my drives,” added Congleton.

Still, playing golf is not as easy as it once was.

“The pain, it gets annoying because it’s always there,” said Congleton.

“How could you have a crappy day of golf after where he’s been?” McPherson added. “I’ll never whine again,” he said.

For Oregon National Guard Sgt. Corwin Brown, the day meant teaming up with a group who golfs together weekly.

“They play together every Sunday so it’s nice to be included,” said Brown.

“I’ve enjoyed my group — it’s been fun!”

Team members Phyllis and Jim Churchill of Tektronix, Mike Halvorson also of Tektronix, and Dan Callantine of Home 123 Mortgage welcomed Brown into their group.

“We give each other a lot of bull but no one takes it seriously,” said Churchill. “It’s a great cause and everyone has contributed.”

Lars Larson of KXL radio broadcast live from the Golf Course during his 4 hour daily show.

“The Oregon National Guard has been a favorite cause of KXL since more specifically to Lars Larson,” said KXL Promotions Director Suzanne Glenn.

“I think I speak for everyone at KXL when I say that the Soldiers of the Oregon National Guard are some of the hardest working men and women and some of the least compensated,” added Glenn. “Helping out the Guard is a natural fit for us and the least we can do,” said Glenn.

41st BDE honors Australian, New Zealand forces

PORTLAND, Ore. - The 41st Infantry Brigade held their 14th Annual Hall of Honor Ceremony and the Australia and New Zealand Army Corps Day Commemoration April 1 at the H.G. Maison Armory in Portland.

It was a day of celebration and commemoration as the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps Day Commemoration honored the bonds forged between the American 41st Infantry Division and the Australian Imperial Forces during World War II. The Australian and New Zealand National Holiday, also known as ANZAC day, is a day of tribute to the service men and women who fought in the many campaigns from World War I through operation Iraqi Freedom. Australian and New Zealand people gather to honor and salute those fallen and surviving service members who gave of their lives to defend their countries.

“This is a great day to think long and hard about the sacrifices made by the Australian and New Zealand folks,” The Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. Raymond F. Rees said during his remarks. “It’s a great continuation of relationships and one that we should be thankful for: God bless Australia and God bless the USA.”

ANZAC day’s roots go all the way back to the April 25, 1915 when the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps landed on the Gallipoli Peninsula at the Dardanelles in Turkey. It would be in April 1942 when the 41st Infantry Division landed on the shores of Australia that the bond between these two Nations would take root and carry into the future as the 41st Infantry Brigade helps to commemorate an intense friendship and rich history.

Recently Australian Air Force Wing Commander David A. Blaclock talked of the history of ANZAC day. He explained, “Instead of diminishing as the numbers of veterans of World War II diminish, it only increases in numbers and participants.” He talked of the commitment, courage, and camaraderie of “a historic group, a heroic group, and the individuals we remember them as.”

To further honor ANZAC day, the laying of three wreaths before the colors took place and Mr. Earl Barton played Taps, Last Post, and America the Beautiful on his bugle.

The Australian Honorary Consul Ambassador Soren Reid explained, “The way of life we are opposing, is a way of life that would not win any acceptance in our countries.” Reid said this was true just, then as it is today, “as we still fight side by side today in Iraq and Afghanistan.”

The commemoration ended with the Oregon State Defense Force Bagpipers and the 254th Army Band playing Amazing Grace as onlookers cried silently.

After a break for lunch, the celebration continued with family and friends looking on as the 41st Infantry Brigade held its 14th annual Hall of Honor Ceremony honoring its 2006 recipients. Brigadier General (Ret.) James V. Torgerson, Chief Warrant Officer 4 (Ret.) Theodore A. West, Master Sergeant (Ret.) William Congleton, from Oregon’s 2-162 Inf. Bn. Congleton lost part of his leg while deployed to Iraq in 2004 when an Improvised Explosive Device went off near his Humvee. The team quickly learned his handicap would not keep him from playing a great game of golf. (Ret.) William Congleton finishes out the 11th hole after winning the longest drive, during the Golfing for the Guard tournament on May 26, 2006.

After the golfers completed their rounds it was time for a catered lunch by Northwest Natural Gas and an auction, which benefited the Oregon National Guard Scholarship Fund. Although final numbers on how much money was raised at the event were not available at press time, organizers say the event was a great success.

“The scholarship fund that we raised money for this year is something close to my heart,” said Glenn. “I can’t think of anything more rewarding than to invest into someone’s education, who might not otherwise have that chance.”

Plans are underway for another Golfing with the Guard tournament next year.