Air National Guard Security Forces return from deployment

Story and photos by
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PORTLAND, Ore. -- Members of the Oregon Air National Guard returned home Aug. 7, following a six-month deployment to Iraq.

Twenty-nine airmen from the 142nd Security Forces Squadron arrived on four separate commercial flights at Portland International Airport, to throngs of well-wishers, family members and friends.

The airmen were tasked with base and checkpoint security, as well as checking credentials for all personnel entering Kirkuk Air Base in Iraq. They conducted almost 20,000 miles of mounted patrols in and around the base, and endured 15 rocket attacks and more than 100 incidents of small-arms fire.

During their deployment 26 individual pieces of unexploded ordnance were located and disposed of safely.


Photo by Staff Sgt. John Hughel, 142nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

Friends and family welcome home Oregon Air National Guard Staff Sgt. Devin Boise, of the 142nd Security Forces Squadron Aug. 7, at Portland International Airport. Twenty-nine members from the unit served just over six months at Kirkuk Air Base, Iraq. The 142nd Security Forces Squadron is located at the Portland Air National Guard Base.

Left: Oregon Air National Guard Tech. Sgt. Mick Gremaud holds his daughter Lucy after returning from a six-month deployment to Kirkuk Air Base, Iraq, Aug. 7, 2009. The unit returned to the Portland International Airport to a throng of supporters, family members and friends.

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Oregon Army Guard reaches new heights in warrant officer strength

Based on National Guard Bureau’s statistics the Oregon Army National Guard is ranked number two in the nation for technical warrant officer strength, which includes an overall strength of over 100 percent for both Aviation and Technical.

Credit for accomplishing this task goes to more soldiers than can be identified in this article.

You may notice in this edition of the Sentinel that there are many articles concerning legisla- tive victories and benefits. They include the Post W/1 11 Ge Bill, Sen. Ron Wyden’s “Soft Land- ing” legislation introduced in the U.S. Senate and legislation to re-imbure soldiers for Post W/1 educational expenses, and the Mobilization Respite Absence (PDMA) revenue bill which was properly paid, Oregon Senate Bill 700 which was designed to help soldiers with reintegration, and many other bills at both the National and state level too numerous to mention here designed to help Oregon Guard members.

Our state representatives, congressmen, and senators are all working hard to support various programs, bills, and laws that benefit our sol- diers and airmen of the Oregon National Guard. They truly un- derstand all of the sacrifices, the dedication, and the improvements, and in short that all you do to answer your Country’s call, we owe all of you our thanks. With that said, they listen to you and your concerns. The best way for us to tell our elected officials is through our professional organizations.

They are our representatives to government and have been instrumental in getting you the benefits and programs that you have earned and need.

Many times in my travels, when these organizations come up in conversation, the question I field is, “What’s in it for me?” My answer to you is to read this issue from cover to cover and get to understand the programs call in your request or come down.
Sgt. 1st Class Jeremiah Washburn, a member of the Oregon National Guard, believes “we’ll be able to decompress, reintegrate, and hopefully get our lives in order almost exactly the time they need it,” said Wilson. Former Oregon Army National Guardsman, Luke Wilson, said he wished the Wounded Warrior Retention Act was in place when he returned from Iraq in 2004. Wilson, who was hit by a rocket-propelled grenade while deployed to Iraq with the Oregon Army National Guard’s 141st Infantry, 162nd Brigade, spent a year of grueling physical therapy at Walter Reed Army Medical Hospital after he lost a leg. What then followed added insult to injury, he said, when the Army refused to allow him to stay in the military he was reprocessing from his wounds. “When I was at Walter Reed, one guy was telling me one thing and another guy was telling me something else,” Wilson said. “It was so confusing.”

Story by Kim L. Lippert, Oregon Military Department Public Affairs Officer

The 2009 Oregon State Legislative session will guarantee family members two weeks of mid-deployment leave to allow family members to spend time together, such as during a soldier’s two weeks of mid-deployment leave. This leave would be without any penalties to the employee, and applies to part-time as well as full-time employees.

The Servicemembers’ Mental Health Commission Act – This law would authorize informal commission to study and help implement effective methods of treating the mental and emotional wounds of deployed servicemembers. It also strives to remove the stigma and barriers that servicemembers face while trying to seek assistance.

The Hospital Quality Report Card Act – This law would require semi-annual VA hospital quality and equity reports to better inform patients and to provide information to agencies such as the Department of Veterans Affairs.

House Bill 955 - Extends military discharge records from public records access.

House Bill 978 - Creates the Wounded Warrior Veterans’ Service Officer Program in the Department of Veterans Affairs, and assigns federally accredited VSO's to the Oregon State University and community college campuses to provide benefits outreach to student veterans and is effective on passage.

House Bill 700 - Creates a nine-member Task Force on Veterans’ Reintegration to develop and design continuing regional programs to help returning soldiers adjust to civilian life.

House Bill 2165 - Allows certain members of the Oregon National Guard to administer health care services in an emergency.

House Bill 2510 - Deletes 15 year limit on veteran’s use of preference in public employment.

House Bill 2363 - Allows awards of damages and attorney fees to service member bringing action to enforce right or remedy under Service members Civil Relief Act.

House Bill 2718 - Creates Task Force on Women Veterans’ Health Care. Directs task force to study health care needs of women veterans.

House Bill 2744 - Requires employer to provide leave to certain employers who are spouses of members of military forces that are on active duty during periods of military conflict. Makes failure to grant leave or discrimination in exercising right to military leave unlawful practice.

House Bill 2762 - Designates May 8 of each year as Oregon’s Military Appreciation Day.

House Bill 3020 - Makes knowingly taking advantage of disabled veteran, service member or spouse unconscionable and unlawful trade practice.

House Bill 3256 – Makes it against the law to discriminate against a person because of a person’s military service.

House Bill 3396 – Creates a new nine-member Task Force on Oregon’s Military Dept budget

State Legislative Session Closes, cuts Oregon Military Dept budget

The Guard and Reserve “soft-lining” bill – The bill would allow returning veterans to stay on active duty for up to nine days after returning from a deployment, meaning they could continue to live in base housing and other allowances as they transition back into “normal” life. This idea is built around a cushion of support for soldiers and families who take some time to readjust to civilian life, whether because of unemployment, emotional issues or financial hardship. Conversely, active-duty soldiers can re-enter life on a military base, surrounded by support systems. Guard soldiers and reservists on the other hand, find themselves in their hometowns within days of being ‘in country’.

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Oregon Senator introduces key legislation

The Senator said he plans to introduce the bills to Congress following the July 4 recess.

The five separate bills include provisions which will help servicemembers wounded in action return to their communities within their particular service; expand key components of the Military Family Leave Act; increase mental health counseling and treatment for returning servicemembers; and help veterans make informed healthcare decisions about their local VA hospital by providing patients with a semi-annual ‘report card’ of the facility.

The key legislation of the group is the Soft Lending Reintegration Act of 2009, which allows servicemembers deployed in a homeland defense mission for more than 180 days to remain on active duty for up to 90 days following deployment. This legislation allows for the continuation of entitlements and pay, as well as to access to reintegration services.

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"I think people have learned to love the war even though they hate the war," he said.

With nearly 3,000 Oregon citizen-soldiers serving in Iraq for a year, Willis said the introduction of this legislation on a federal level is important.

"We’ll be able to decompress, reinte-grate, and help our soldiers as they are returning from war," he said.

"This legislation certainly will help."

Story by Kim L. Lippert, Oregon Military Department Public Affairs Officer

The 2009 Oregon State Legislative session drew to a close in June after passing back many state agencies including the Oregon Military Department.

The final budget for the 2009-11 biennium reflects a 16.7 percent reduction in state general fund dollars, which means a variety of programs were cut out within the Oregon Military Department.

Those cutsback resulted in the elimination of capital improvements totaling over $1.4 million, and a reduction of six positions in the installations division totaling over $600,000.

Following the reduction the Oregon State Legislature added $200,000 to ensure continued funding for the Oregon National Guard Reintegration team and $500,000 in emergency funds for guard members.

In another significant development, Oregon Governor Theodore K. Kulongoski signed a series of bills that will, in part, increase outreach to veterans on college campuses and help with veteran reintegration.

A summary of those bills is as follows:

House Bill 424 - Provides that U.S. Highway 97 in Oregon shall be known as World War II veterans Historic Highway. For a more detailed description of each bill and how it may impact service members go to the Oregon State Legislative website: www.leg.state.or.us

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Pilot details Mount Hood rescue

Story by Tech. Sgt. Nick Choy,
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MOUNT HOOD, Ore. — On June 28 a Seattle, Wash. hiker was rescued after an climbing accident on Mount Hood. From his hospital bed, Christopher Haskins praised his rescuers, including the Oregon Army National Guard aviation crew who airlifted him off the mountain.

Oregon Army National Guard copilot, Maj. Jerry Brennan shared with us his perspective of the recent mission, in addition to several spectacular photos taken by Portland Mountain Rescue members on the mountain that day.

One lone climber with a broken femur stranded at 8,000’ after taking a direct hit with a boulder. Unlike the last mission we flew on Hood, this one was quite a bit higher on the challenge meter.

This mission consisted of offloading four Portland Mountain Rescue guys above the patient at 9,000’– nice slope off-loading landing with one main [landing gear]. We tandem hoisted an AMR RAT Team member off a ridge line at 5,000’ to follow on with the PMR guys. Sgt. Edwards and Merrick found out what a fifty degree slope hoist operation (with tag line) is all about.

Total 4.2 hours of flying time, six hoist iterations and one of the tightest LZ’s [Landing Zone] at SAR Base 1 have ever landed in. We were on the more remote (and technical) west side of the mountain above the Sandy Glacier at the bottom of Cathedral Rock. I particularly enjoyed the photos from PMR through the binoculars and how it gives a sense of the sheer magnitude of Mount Hood.

When we arrived on scene, the climber was on a small ledge tucked behind a rock so as not to get taken out by another avalanche. He had been up there since 3 a.m. His buddy left him to climb down the mountain in order to get help. Other bit of luck (okay, a lot) for this climber was the 50th Anniversary National Search and Rescue Conference going on at Timberline Lodge that weekend, so we had plenty of folks there to help.

– Maj. Jerry Brennan,
Copilot, Charlie Co. 7-158 Aviation

Wyden praises back-pay initiative for soldiers

Story courtesy,
Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs

PORTLAND, Ore. — Affirming support for the brave men and women of the U.S. military, Oregon. Sen. Ron Wyden expressed gratitude and appreciation in July to the members of the Senate Armed Services Committee for including a Wyden-authored provision to retroactively pay soldiers for leave earned under the Post 9/11 GI Bill, in the 2010 Defense Authorization bill.

More than 20,000 service members— at least 864 from Oregon— have not received their earned leave due to a delay between the announcement of the leave program by the Department of Defense and the establishment of the program by the individual military services.

Wyden’s legislation reimburses soldiers who were left without pay during that period. It’s unknown when it will be voted on by the full Senate.

“This is welcome news for the men and women who served this country bravely but were denied their paid leave because of a bureaucratic delay,” Wyden said. “This legislation honors their service and makes sure they receive the compensation they deserve. I thank the committee for recognizing this important legislation and including it in the Department of Defense Authorization bill.

PDMRA leave was designed to provide service members who were deployed beyond established rotation cycles to Iraq and Afghanistan (and in specific instances to Kuwait, Qatar, United Arab Emirates and Kyrgyzstan) additional time to re-integrate back into civilian life, as well as to help with retention of service members who had experienced long tours.

The delay in implementation varied from service to service. The Department of the Army didn’t issue its corresponding policy for implementing PDMRA until more than six months after DoD’s Jan. 19, 2007 issuance date. During this gap, thousands of soldiers from the National Guard and Army Reserve alone separated from the service, and not receiving proper compensation for their PDMRA leave.

Under the bill, DoD’s Personnel Office would have the legal authority to pay retroactively each service member a $200 per day benefit.
Fallen soldiers make the final trip home

Story by Kim L. Lippert, Oregon Military Department Public Affairs Office

MONMOUTH, Ore.-- It was a sea of red, white, and blue as more than sixty motorcycle riders took part in a procession through Salem for the return of Spc. Taylor Marks to his hometown of Monmouth, Ore., Sept. 3. Riding in front, Marks step-father Don Mack ...

“It’s overwhelming... most of these people have jobs and they are giving that up today just to honor my son,” said Mack. “How can you beat that?”

Marks was killed in Iraq on Aug. 28, while deployed with the 41st Infantry Brigade Combat Team. He was 19 years old.

The Patriot Guard, a group of motorcycle riders who take part in funeral processions for fallen servicemen, is made up of regular people with a personal cause to make sure all soldiers are honored for their sacrifice.

“Everyone of our soldiers are heroes and they need to be treated as such and when they give their life for us we need as many people as possible to be there for them,” said Bryan Loun, Captain of Patriot Guard Riders.

Loun said the Patriot Guard was formed four years ago. He said he was drawn to join after seeing all of the war protesters on television.

“Terrorists believe they can give us stomach so when I signed up for the Patriot Guard riders and it became a part of me,” he added.

“Some things are more important than my job,” said Bryan Loun, Captain of Patriot Guard Riders.

“With the protesters being out it made me sick to my stomach so when I signed up for the Patriot Guard riders and it become a part of me,” he added.

The riders attend funerals for fallen heroes as invited guests of the family. For Lori VanDusseldorp this particular mission is intensely personal.

“This hits home because I work with Taylor’s mother,” said VanDusseldorp. “It means a lot for me to be here to let her know how much his service to our country means,” she added.

Most members of the Patriot Guard riding in the procession for Marks didn’t know him, yet still felt ties to the fallen soldier.

“A lot of guys may have served in Vietnam and weren’t treated fairly-- they underwent a whole lot of issues and now is there chance to do it the right way, it’s a passion,” said Loun.

Marks step-father said the impact of the Patriot Guard on the family of a fallen soldier is difficult to put into words, but said he’s certain his step-son would be proud.

“He’d be jazzed,” said Mack.

Oregon Community pays last respects to two ORNG soldiers

Sgt. Earl D. Werner

The Oregon National Guard is saddened by the death of Sgt. Earl Werner and Spc. Taylor Marks.

Werner was killed when his convoy was attacked Aug. 28, 2009 in Rashid, Iraq. Werner was assigned to 41st Special Troops Battalion, 41st Infantry Brigade Combat Team. He was serving on his third deployment as a member of 1-82 Calvary, Task Force Stetson in Iraq.

Werner joined the Oregon Army National Guard on September 12th 2001. His goal after joining was to serve his country. He was promoted to the rank of Sergeant on September 27th 2005 and was on his third deployment with the National Guard. He previously served with the 2nd Battalion, 162nd Infantry in 2004 and with the 234th Engineer Company in 2007 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

He is survived by his wife, Casey, and son, Justin, 19, of Amboy, Wash.

Spc. Taylor D. Marks

Spc. Taylor D. Marks was killed when his convoy was attacked Aug. 28, 2009 in Rashid, Iraq.

Marks was assigned to Bravo Company, 4th Special Troops Battalion, 41st Infantry Brigade Combat Team. Marks joined the Oregon Army National Guard after attending a weekend training session with a friend. His goal after joining the Oregon Guard was to continue his education.

Marks was a recent graduate of the 35M Human Intelligence Collector school. He was selected and contracted to attend the prestigious Defense Language Institute at the Presidio of Monterey, Calif., but elected to defer his schooling in order to deploy with his unit.

Marks was born Nov. 9, 1989 in Salem, Ore. He was raised in the Monmouth, Ore. area and graduated from Central High School in 2008. He is survived by his father, Morey Marks of Salem, Ore.; mother Michelle Mack and stepfather Don Mack, of Monmouth, Ore.; step-sister Alexandra, age 19; and sister Courtney, age 15.

Deployed ORG members take on new role

Story and photo by Spc. Anita VanderKoelen, 41st Infantry Brigade Combat Team

SCANIA, Iraq -- Alpha Company 2nd Battalion, 162nd Infantry, Oregon National Guard, set out on their first, and last, convoy mission to Scania, July 31.

The company, driving 29 vehicles, brought personnel and their gear to Scania, last, convoy mission to Scania, July 31.

The IRF is prepared to deal with road from Kuwait to Mosul. The IRF has its 80 Patriot Guard Riders escorting Sgt. Earl Werner from Portland Air National Guard Base to his final resting place at Willamette National Cemetery. (photo by Spc. Taylor Marks)

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Camp Rosenbaum welcomes NORTHCOM Commander, Gen. Ren uart

Story by Tech. Sgt. Nick Choy, Oregon National Guard Western Division Public Affairs Office

WARRENTON, Ore. -- During a visit to the State of Oregon, Gen. Victor E. Renuart, Commander of the North American Aerospace Defense Command and United States Northern Command, and retired Adjutant General, Oregon, Brig. Gen. Fred Rosenbaum share a lighthearted moment when they were introduced during Camp Rosenbaum, July 22.

The introduction was made possible while Renuart visited the state as part of his duties to oversee homeland security operations, July 21-22. The trip marked his second official visit to Oregon in the last two years—the first being for TOPOFF-4, an anti-terrorism exercise held in October 2007. Renuart toured Oregon Air National Guard units in Portland as well as the 116th Air Control Squadron at Camp Rilea in Warren, Ore., and discussed with Oregon’s leadership the 142nd Fighter Wing’s role in the overall Air Sovereignty mission.

His visit happened to coincide with a dedication of The Garden of Gratitude at Camp Rilea in honor of Rosenbaum, 83, who started the camp 39 years ago.

Rosenbaum served as Chairman of the Housing Authority of Portland, and during the conversation with Renuart he recounted how he brought his own children to the Army post in the late 60s, and how the visits were the genesis to hold an annual camp there, which would provide a positive, formative experience for disadvantaged Portland-area youth.

Volunteers from the Portland Police, Oregon National Guard and nine housing authorities throughout Oregon and Washington participate in the annual event. Roughly 6,500 children have attended the camp to date.

Columbia River hosts Nationally recognized bass tourney

Story and photos by Tech. Sgt. Jefferson Thompson, Oregon National Guard Public Affairs

UMATILLA, Ore. -- 170 Professional anglers came from around the country to participate in the National Guard Western Divisional Bass Fishing Tournament held in Umatilla, June 24-27.

In addition to sponsoring the tournament the National Guard sponsors a team of professional anglers to help recruiters reach fishing enthusiasts.

“The National Guard is a perfect fit for fishermen and outdoorsmen, they are good people for the Guard because they are able to take care of themselves and when something needs to be done they make it happen,” said Clifford Pinc, a National Guard pro angler.

Lt. Gen. Clyde Vaughn, director of the Army National Guard, has previously agreed with that sentiment saying, “We’re all about service, what we like about fishing is the outdoorsmen, they are good people for the Guard.”

Each tournament day began with the posting of the colors by an Oregon Army National Guard honor guard and ended with a weigh-in ceremony held in a “Fun Zone,” a large Wal-Mart parking lot resembling a carnival.

The Oregon Guard provided entertainment including live music from Almost Friday, an obstacle course, a booth featuring live fishing, and a temporary amphitheater where the televised weigh-in occurred each day.

The entire tournament was set to air Sunday, Sept. 13 at 9:30 a.m. on Verses Country channel.

“It provides great exposure for our fighting force and puts members of our target market in front of our recruiters,” said Oregon National Guard Marketing Manager, Guy Brittell.

It also gave the professional anglers a chance to interact with Oregon National Guard soldiers. Eight soldiers hopped into four different National Guard pro bass boats and enjoyed a morning of very productive fishing.

“That was the fish of a lifetime,” exclaimed medically retired Staff Sgt. Luke Wilson who now works for the Oregon National Guard Reintegration Team after catching a sizeable small-mouth bass while fishing off Pirk’s professional bass boat Saturday morning.

“They are serving our country putting their lives in the line of fire, the least I can do is take them out for some fishing to say thanks,” said Pirk.

Pfc. Beau Jones from Hermiston with 3rd Battalion, 116th Cavalry also fished from the boat and caught several nice small-mouth bass.

“Usually I don’t have this much luck fishing,” he said with a grin.

The National Guard Team consists of 15 anglers who will compete in upcoming events in Appling, Ga. Sept. 16-19 at Clarks Hill Lake and following that in Oakley, Calif. at California Delta Sept. 23-26.

“For being able to just be associated with the honor and integrity is a personal honor for me,” said Pirk. “To represent the men and women who serve our country and preserve the freedoms we enjoy—how could you have a better sponsor than that?”

The tournament champion, one Neil Russell of Nampa, Idaho, hoisted an oversized check for $105,000 after the final weigh-in of the tournament where he racked up a total of nearly 45 pounds of small mouth bass over the four day tournament.

For more information on the National Guard pro fishing schedule, tournament results and more, visit: www.nationalguard.com/profishing.php

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Below: National Guard Fishing Team professional angler Clifford Pinch takes two Oregon National Guard soldiers onto the Columbia River in Oregon at speeds up to 70 miles per-hour. The soldiers were selected for an opportunity to “fish with a pro” during the final day of the final day of the National Guard Western Division event on the Columbia River in Oregon, June 27.

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National Guard Fishing Team professional angler Justin Lucas of Folsom, Calif., casts for small mouth bass on the Columbia River in Oregon after launching from the Umatilla, Ore. marina at 6:30 a.m., June 26, 2009. The team traveled from the State of Kentucky to the Pacific Northwest to compete against other professional anglers in the National Guard Western Division event which began June 24 and ended June 28.

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Story by Tracy Thoennes, Oregon Military Museum Curator

CLACKAMAS, Ore. -- Objects and artifacts held by the Oregon Military Museum will be preserved for future generations with help from a set of conservation books and resources.

The series, "Connecting to Collections Bookshelf," is a core set of conservation books and resources, donated by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). Over the past year and a half, IMLS has awarded nearly $800,000 in grants for the Conservation Bookshelf, in cooperation with the American Association for State and Local History (AASLH).

The Oregon Military Museum is set to receive their set, following a competitive application in which they described the needs and plans for the care of its collections. The set comprises resources for collections typically found in art or history museums and in libraries’ special collections. The IMLS Bookshelf is a crucial component of Connecting to Collections: A Call to Action, a conservation initiative that the Institute launched in 2006. IMLS began the initiative in response to a 2005 study released in partnership with Heritage Preservation, A Public Trust at Risk: The Heritage Health Index Report on the State of America’s Collections. The Oregon Military Museum had previously launched this initiative to improve the care of its collections, we understand that the materials gathered for the Bookshelf would serve as important tools for museums, libraries, and archives nationwide," said Anne-Imelda Radice, the Director of IMLS.

In the last and final round of awards, 907 museums, libraries, and archives were selected to receive the Bookshelf. The Bookshelf program distributes a total of 2,751 sets of books, online resources, and a user’s guide to institutions in every part of the country. To learn more about the IMLS, please visit: www.imls.gov.

A photo taken through a microscope of the newly identified H1N1 influenza virus in the CDC Influenza Laboratory.
Oregon Army National Guard soldier and her companion help service members overseas and at home

Story by Kim L. Lippert, Oregon Military Department Public Affairs Office

SALEM, Ore. — During her deployment to Afghanistan, Oregon Army National Guard Warrant Officer 1 Alicia Fuller said she worked with soldiers who were experiencing the stresses of battlefield stress.

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Fuller said Khaos has an amazing ability to pick out people who need her the most. "She’s basically a stress dog," Fuller said. "If you are under stress, she can pick people up. She’ll go up to you and give you hugs or kisses or whatever you need," Fuller added.

Small for her breed, Khaos exudes all the attributes of a pup-pyhood. But once Fuller fastens on the special vest she was given, embossed with the words ‘Certified Therapy Dog’ in bright white letters, Khaos is all business. She even has her own official identification badge.

Fuller began intensive training with Khaos, achieving full certification in only 14 months. As part of the 41st Brigade Combat Team, she also taught Khaos the finer points of being around Army weapons and the sounds of the battle. "I’ve had her around field artillery weapons and every kind of pistol rifle you can imagine," said Fuller.

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STARBASE Program develops future OR scientists, engineers

Editorial by Lt. Col. Steven Depulta, Counterdump Support Program Commander

SALEM, Ore. — The Department of Defense STARBASE program is filling a vital need by encouraging Oregon youngsters to consider careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

"Why is this so important? Consider this: the primary contributions of students and engineers to our nation’s economic growth. These individuals will be key to driving innovation, strength and progress.

Unfortunately, despite an increasing demand for STEM professionals in both private and public industry, the number of American students preparing for these careers remains stagnant. As a vivid example of the looming crisis, DoD Laboratories expect to lose 13,000 scientists and engineers by 2015. This shortage will have significant implications for the U.S. economy. These are the people who create, manage, and generate new methods and ideas. They provide the spark that ignites innovation, strength and progress.

Counterdrug Support Program commander Lt. Col. Steven Depulta and OSC Commander Maj. Gen. Paul R. Shaffer have worked closely to ensure the needs of students and engineers are met. Their ongoing relationship with the local Guard and the City of Salem is a testament to the dedication and commitment to both community and country that has been a hallmark of the local Guard for many years.

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STARBASE Program originally created to provide wounded military veterans with specialized service dogs to help them maintain their independence and mobility. Now these trained dogs are going over to Iraq and Afghanistan to help soldiers deal with combat stress.

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The DoD STARBASE program was developed to capture the interest of students and empower them to consider STEM careers. It encourages them to reach beyond their current circumstances and envision themselves in careers they otherwise might not have considered. Over the years, it has become known as one of the nation’s leading STEM education programs with 3,800+ academies located in 34 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

The Oregon National Guard STARBASE academies. One is located at Kingsley Field in Klamath Falls the other at Portland Air National Guard Base. During the school year, each site hosts students from local schools for the five-day program. During this time, students participate in exciting “hands-on, mind-on” experiments and activities designed to stimulate their interest in STEM.

They explore aerodynamics and learn about aircraft flight principles, design, build and launch model rockets using propellants made from soda and other common household substances; use computers to design a space station; and in Portland they design and manufacture a working flashlight using computers and 3-dimensional manufacturing equipment.

During the 2008 school year, the Oregon STARBASE program hosted a total of 1,855 students from four school districts, as well as several private schools. In addition, 70 teachers from these schools also participated in the week-long curriculum with their students.

"If you would like know more about DoD STARBASE program, or are interested in volunteering, please contact Lt. Col. Steve Depulta, Counterdump Support Program commander, at (503) 584-3281.

Left: Oregon Army National Guard Warrant Officer Alicia Fuller gets a “high five” from her dog Khaos, who is a certified therapy dog, in front of Joint-Force Headquarters in Salem. Lt. Fuller, who works with the Recruiting and Sustainment Program, will soon deploy with Khaos to National Guard Bureau where the dog will be able to help wounded soldiers at the Combined Joint Task Force Phoenix Kabul, Afghanistan.

Begins. Please pass on the City’s sincere thanks for a job well done to the members of your unit that worked so hard on the building demolition and site preparation at two sites for the City of Lebanon. Your unit’s outstanding efforts have facilitated the completion of a long planned project that was in jeopardy of even starting because of economic conditions.

One of the sites will become an expanded storage yard for Lebanon’s Public Works Operations crews and will also serve as temporary parking for the Alpha Co., 1st Battalion, 82 Cavalry Leba- non Army National Guard unit during their normal duty weekends. The second site will serve as an overflow parking for the Guard. These should help resolve on-going neighborhood issues and parking conflicts for the local Guard unit and provide much needed operational space during the drill weekends.

The projects provided valuable equipment and the numerous management training for your unit members, the City appreciates the collaborative effort and willingness to work with City Public Works staff that your members demonstrated throughout their time on site. In spite of a few logistical and coordination Issues with the waste hauling contractor, a majority of project tasks were completed within the allotted time. The City appreciates the on-going relationship with the 224th Engineer Company and the numerous community projects that you have been involved with over the years. Your commitment to both community and country has definitely enhanced the livability of the local area, our state and the USA.

Again, thank you for your service. Respectfully: Daniel J. Grassick, PE City Engineer, City of Lebanon Public Works
Metals firm provides scholarships to soldiers, families

SALEM, Ore. -- Calbag Metals of Portland made the largest single donation to an Oregon National Guard endowment fund that provides soldiers and their families education scholarships. The metals firm headed by Warren Rosenfield recently made a $70,000 to the fund.

The purpose of Calbag Metals Company Endowment Scholarship fund is to raise money for college scholarships for active Oregon National Guard members, their families, and life members of the Oregon National Guard Association.

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### Commentary by
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This became a separate fund in 2006 with the establishment of a tax deductible 501(c)3.

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Oregon soldiers fight for Army-wide berth

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“Oregon’s Own” 234th Band tours Eastern Oregon

Story by Lt. Col. Alisha Hamel, ORNG Heritage Outreach Program

SALEM, Ore. -- “Oregon’s Own” 234th Army Band is touring Eastern and Central Oregon this week and next to celebrate Oregon’s 150th Birthday. The Oregon National Guard is also strengthening its ties to Eastern and Central Oregon through the armories and the soldiers that live there.

Band leader, Warrant Officer 2 Ashley Alexander, said the mission of the band is to be the liaison between the community and the National Guard.

“We are Governor Kulongoski’s and Maj. Gen. Rees’ gift back to the citizens and communities of the state,” Alexander said.

Alexander said the band’s tours of Eastern Oregon are two-fold; to get in touch with communities that they normally don’t perform in front of, and as a tribute for Oregon’s sesquicentennial celebration.

Last Monday was the band’s first stop in Hermiston. Irving Bochtel, a WWII veteran and past superintendent of the Umatilla Indian Reservation schools, said it was a great idea to have the band come to Hermiston.

“The people in Portland think Eastern Oregon is only Pendleton,” he said. “This is a good chance to hear the Oregon National Guard band. It is also a great chance to showcase the Guard in another kind of way besides just hearing about them being sent off to war.”

Dean Brickley, a reporter for the East Oregonian and past bugler, knows the Guard well and enjoys their music. “I’ve heard ‘Oregon’s Own’ before so we are excited that they are here tonight,” Brickley said. “We are both music lovers, and our kids all participate in a school and bugle corps so this kind of music is what I am.”

When the 234th Army Band played at the Hermiston High School auditorium, high school band teacher, Kim Walker, was able to conduct one of the songs. Following her set, the audience exploded with applause and calls of “We love you Ms. Walker.”

Hermiston High School sophomore and clarinet player Brittany Woods, said Walker was very excited to be able to conduct a band of this caliber.

“I thought it was really cool that she got to conduct,” Woods said. “We play some of this type of music for graduation.”

“I came tonight because I really wanted to see this concert,” Woods added. “I didn’t know the Oregon National Guard had a band.”

The band continued to play celebratory music of Oregon’s 150th birthday, including a multimedia show featuring imagery and music with the theme of, “Land of Empire Builders,” and recorded comments and music with the theme of, “Land of Oregon’s 150th birthday, including a multimedia show featuring imagery and music with the theme of, “Land of Oregon's 150th birthday, including a multimedia show featuring imagery and music with the theme of, “Land of Oregon’s 150th birthday, including a multimedia show featuring imagery and music with the theme of, “Land of Oregon’s 150th birthday, including a multimedia show featuring imagery and music with the theme of, “Land of Oregon’s 150th birthday, including a multimedia show featuring imagery and music with the theme of, “Land of Oregon’s 150th birthday, including a multimedia show featuring imagery and music with the theme of, “Land of Oregon’s 150th birthday, including a multimedia show featuring imagery and music with the theme of, “Land of Oregon’s 150th birthday, including a multimedia show featuring imagery and music with the theme of, “Land of Oregon’s 150th birthday, including a multimedia show featuring imagery and music with the theme of, “Land of Syria, by recording outstanding support, increasing awareness of federal law, and resolving conflicts through mediation. Educating both employers and employees about the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA) of 1994 helps to guarantee that returning military members are not dis- criminated against, disadvantaged and are provided reemployment in their civilian jobs upon their return from duty.

Doctor has led the volunteer organization with executive director Col. (ret.) Bob Elliott since Oct. 2004. He stressed that ESGR’s mission has dramatically changed since its beginning in 1972.

“The involvement of the Guard and Reserve has increased more than 60 times since before 9-11, so we serve in more than any time in history, employers are feeling this overwhelming impact of their employees being away at work to serve in the military,” Doctor said.

“ESGR’s outreach has also increased dramatically; from focusing primarily on Guard and Reserve members to addition- ally increasing our focus on their employ- ers,” he said. “After 20 years, I foresee that the new operational Guard and Reserve will be called in increasing numbers.”

Doctor said the ideal candidate to become Oregon’s ESGR chair could be a former CEO with experience in the private sector and have some knowledge of the military. Military veterans with private sector backgrounds are also a bonus to serve in this volunteer leadership position.

This chair will continue developing a volunteer team and will supervise three paid professional contracted employees who assist in obtaining goals set by na- tional ESGR office. They will report to the ESGR’s national chair and the Deputy As- sistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs. Nominations or questions can be directed to Doctor by calling 503-584-2841.

Tribes announce Paralympic Games veteran donation

GRAND RONDE, Ore. -- The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde have announced a donation of $20,000 in support of an effort to bring a delegation of Oregon disabled veterans to the 2010 Paralympic Games in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

The effort was initiated by Gov. Ted Kulongoski, himself a former U.S. Marine, who was seeking a way to connect Oregon veterans to the Paralympic Games, which will kick-off two weeks after the closing ceremonies of the Winter Olympics in March 2010.

“This is an op- portunity for our wounded service men and women to experience firsthand that through sports you can help yourself physi- cally, mentally, and emotionally, and to continue to show pride for your country,” Kulongoski said.

The Grand Ronde’s financial contribution to this Paralympics effort is just another example of their ongoing support of veterans.

“Hopefully people connect and find it joyful.”

Retiree luncheon scheduled for Sept.

SALEM, Ore -- Twice each year, in April and September, the Oregon National Guard Retiree Council sponsors a retiree luncheon at the Salem Eagles lodge.

The next Retiree luncheon is scheduled for Sept. 25, 2009.

All retired members of the Oregon Na- tional Guard, both Army and Air Guard, and former civilian employees of the Oregon Military Department are invited to attend.

The luncheon will begin with a “get acquainted” time starting at 11:30 a.m. and the meal is scheduled to be served at noon.

The Salem Eagles Lodge is located at 2771 Fence Loop in Salem, Ore.

A small fee is charged for the meal which includes both lunch and dessert.

If you would like to be added to the invitation list please contact retired Chief Warrant Officer 3 Sue Ashwill at (503) 323-9225 or leeharshaw11@ comcast.net.
173rd Carries the Load

Story by
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KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. -- The Air Force has decided to merge its active-duty F-15c training with the Oregon Air National Guard. The merger comes as an Air Education and Training Command moves to the drawdown of F-15 fighter aircraft following Defense Secretary Robert Gates recommended phasing out 112 of the service’s 405 in current use, said Col. Jeff Kendall, deputy director for flying training at AETC Headquarters, in a recent interview with Air Force Times.

The 173rd Fighter Wing currently shares the training mission with the 325th Fighter Wing at Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla. however the planned merger would leave the Klamath Falls base as the sole provider.

“As a wing, we are prepared to accept all of the F-15c training for the Air Force and Air National Guard if or when the Air Force makes that decision,” said Col. James Miller, the 173rd Fighter Wing commander.

Currently AETC has not said what they plan to do with the crew chief apprentice course, which provides the final step for student crew chiefs as they move join the operational Air Force, but Kendall says Kingsley Field is one option.

“Recently, we received correspondence that AETC had done two site visits to determine which locale would assume the crew chief apprentice course and apparently, AETC has opted to continue that training mission at Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.,” said Miller. “It has gone forward for formal coordination although a final decision has not been made yet.”

Until now Tyndall AFB has trained 60-80 pilots in a given year and the 173rd currently fly between 4,800 and 5,200 hours and are postured to fly more.

Perhaps the most obvious sign of the merger for Klamath Falls residents will be four additional F-15 D-models which will increase the wing’s aircraft count to about 25, said Kendall.

Another piece of the shared training mission is air battle manager training.

“In the last two years, the 173rd Fighter Wing has hosted approximately 80 air battle manager students and instructors in support of the air battle manager syllabus and we continue to work with AETC to maintain this support,” said Miller.

Tyndall AFB currently runs the new F-22 Raptor student pilot training course.

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Oregon crew chief deployed with WA Guard

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Spc. Adam Ricker, a medic from Yakima, Wash, with the Washington Army National Guard’s Charlie Co. 7-158 Aviation observes during MEDEVAC training at Joint Base Balad, Iraq.

Photo by Master Sgt. Jerry Bynum, 173rd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

A 173rd Fighter Wing F-15 Eagle takes off from the Kingsley Field runway in Klamath Falls. Four miles south east of Klamath Falls, Oregon. Kingsley Field has a long history in the Klamath Basin. Once a Naval Air Station and active duty Air Force Base, Kingsley Field is now the home of the 173rd Fighter Wing of the Oregon Air National Guard. Kingsley Field is named for an Oregon World War II hero who was killed in action.

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