Guardmembers help change the lives of Oregon’s youth
Camp Rosenbaum gives Oregon youngsters the ability to dream

By Maj. Mike Allegre
Public Affairs Officer, HQ, ORANG

¡Rosenbaum rocks!¡
It was a cheer heard all week long from campers and counselors at the 33rd annual, Guard sponsored, Camp Rosenbaum Youth Citizenship Camp, July 27 to Aug. 1 at Camp Rilea. And it was heard many times in six days from a record 162 campers, ages 10-11, and their 67 counselors – both military and civilian.

Reaching out and making a difference to youth at risk has been the hallmark of the camp since it was founded by the former commander of the Oregon Air National Guard, Brig. Gen. (ret.) Fred M. Rosenbaum. Police officers, firefighters, guard members, and civilians from many backgrounds volunteer their time to reach out and help the kids.

A camper’s activities are many and structured to teach and model good citizenship. Counselors share ways of avoiding substance abuse and gang activity while adding fun field trips, swimming, arts & crafts and other outdoor activities in a camp setting.

I became aware of what was missing in so many of their lives and wanted to change that, Rosenbaum told the visitors group. Many of these youngsters, then and now, don’t know what it means to be without poverty, abuse in their lives, enjoy three meals each day or even to see the ocean.

Col. Bruce (Big Dog) Prunk, the camp’s director and an 18-year volunteer said once again that this was the biggest and best camp to date. He strongly emphasized that the camp enjoys tremendous support from Oregon Guard leaders, businesses and agencies like Nike, plus police and fire agency volunteers in Portland, Gresham, Newberg, Tualatin, Tigard, and Vancouver, Wash.

We can’t do it all without everyone working like musicians in an orchestra. There are so many parts here to benefit these kids and when it all comes together, it’s like a beautiful symphony, Prunk said. By reaching out to the community, we are more than just a trained military force.

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2-162 alerted for Middle East tour while on annual training
Unit could be in Middle East by early ’04

Official notification came to the 2nd Battalion, 162nd Infantry as they were beginning their annual training at Camp Rilea near Seaside, Ore. Battalion commander, Maj. Dan Hendrickson, notified his troops of the impending alert. Since the entire battalion was on-site at Camp Rilea, the State Headquarters and the 41st Personnel Services Branch (PSB) utilized the opportunity to conduct the initial Soldier Readiness Processing (SRP). Since this lengthy and sometimes complicated process was initiated early, the soldiers will have more time to correct any inconsistencies in their records, update new information into the system, and possibly clear up any medical issues that have not been addressed. A second SRP will be conducted Sept. 12-14 at the Anderson Readiness Center in Salem, Ore.

The 2nd Battalion, 162nd Infantry of Oregon’s 41st Separate Brigade will augment the 39th Infantry Brigade from Arkansas. The enhanced brigade will fall under the 1st Cavalry from Ft. Hood, Texas. Though

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Deputy Public Affairs Officer, Oregon National Guard

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From the Editor

Thank you so much for your feedback on the new layout, title and brand for The Oregon Sentinel. Since we published the first edition, I have been very glad to receive the notes, phone calls and emails from veterans, members of the Oregon National Guard, and elected officials from throughout our great state. This has been a busy year for the Oregon National Guard, but we have met and surpassed every challenge with discipline and grace. It is a pleasure to help tell our story.

The Oregon Guard continues to present its professional public and community involvement across the globe and in our hometowns. The 234th Army Band, one of the greatest in the nation, recently completed its Annual Training, playing tributes in a variety of musical styles, during a two-week tour of small town Oregon. At Camp Rosenberg and Sentry Eagle, the Oregon Air National Guard again demonstrated its compassion, involvement and impact to citizens, young and old. The 1042nd Medical Company (Air Ambulance) continues to deploy to remote locations throughout the region to aid in rescue and evacuation efforts. Meanwhile, our troops continue to serve forward deployed as part of the Global War on Terror in Homeland Security missions across Washington and Oregon, in Fort Bragg, NC, in the remote villages of Iraq, where the 524th Engineers are working side by side with Iraqi laborers to build schools, and where the 82nd Operations Center manages the battle rhythm and logistical flow of an entire Corps and in Kuwait, where the 1st Battalion, 162nd Infantry is securing the Port of Kuwait and escorting convoys in and out of Iraq. Finally, with the impending deployment of this 2nd Battalion, 162nd Infantry to reinforce peacekeeping efforts in Iraq, we see the readiness of the Oregon National Guard again demonstrated to the National Command Authority.

As I write this letter, I am currently deployed to a training course at the Pentagon. I have discussed the involvement of the Oregon National Guard with the senior public affairs officers of the five service PA Chiefs, the policy makers, planners and leaders of the Department of Defense, and the information I have given them falls upon wise ears. Many of our accomplishments are being witnessed by the decision makers that influence the way we are trained and in the way we are deployed. When I saw a photo of the departure of the 1042nd Medical Company, before last years deployment to Afghanistan which is displayed in a collage here in the Army wing 1, I knew that the leaders and soldiers at the top are witnessing our work every day.

There is no doubt about it; we are doing great things at home and abroad, and each of us is the best storyteller of these accomplishments. I often remind unit commanders that we have over 8,200 public affairs representatives in the Oregon National Guard. Each of us has several stories to tell. It is the job of my office to publish them to a broader audience.

Believe it or not, each person in the Oregon National Guard is helping to create history. We also determine how that history will be recorded. The Oregon Sentinel provides an avenue for telling your story, and recording your history from the sandy deserts of Iraq, to the verdant hills of Oregon, from the halls of Salem to the halls of the Pentagon. Help us tell your story.

Tell us what you think!

Your feedback is very important to us. It lets us know how we’re doing, what stories would you like to see, and what issues you want us to cover in the future. Address your comments, feedback and ideas to:

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The Real Iraq

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It is easy to become frustrated with our convoluted system, but we need to move beyond that and work on solutions. Many times family members and friends just need help understanding the various rules and regulations. I have received some questions and concerns to which I cannot give adequate response because it was given on an anonymous basis or through a third party. I would like to provide an open forum to discuss issues and clarify any misunderstandings, but I'm not sure how to get all the concerned parties together. If any of our family coordinators have any ideas, please contact me immediately.

When a soldier or airman is placed on active duty, they fall under the jurisdiction of Title-10 of the U.S. Code, and the chain of command responsible for their welfare, support, training, and assignment, resides in the active duty. With that said, the Governor, as the peacetime commander-in-chief, and myself, can have considerable influence. We will not hesitate to intervene when and where we feel it is necessary to get an equitable resolution. When someone does bring an issue to our attention, a concerted effort will be made to address the problem in a positive manner. There will be absolutely no penalty associated with speaking up. Communication is only effective if it goes both ways, and I don't want anyone to keep something to themselves out of doubt or fear. If all else fails, any complaint can be vetted with the Inspector General's Office, whether anonymous or not. Please take advantage of the venues we offer to help you cope with these deployments.

We just returned from a National Family Program Workshop in San Diego. It was a very rewarding experience for our volunteers who attended. As the missions for the National Guard evolve, I believe we will see more support in this critical area. Deployments are hard on families, and our support system needs to be enhanced. To all of you who volunteer, your help is to be commended. The Oregon National Guard is indebted to you.

The end of the fiscal year draws near, and Oregon is still recognized nationally as a leader in readiness and performance indicators. Thank you for your service and support.

Chief Master Sgt. J. Wayne Stuart, Command Chief Master Sergeant

Rumors abound throughout the personnel system of the Guard. In the past month, I have had the privilege of seeing our airmen volunteering at Camp Rosenbaum and demonstrating the superiority of our Air Force at Sentry Eagle. The events, at almost opposite ends of the State, North and South, demonstrated to me the commitment of our airmen, NCOs and officers. The first showed how willing we are to serve our communities and the children within them. The second demonstrated the technical supremacy of our pilots, crews, equipment and training. Each of these was the largest scale event we had in each of their respective histories. Further, they were both attended by our commander in chief, Governor Ted Kulongoski. It is refreshing to see his total interest and support for our airmen and soldiers.

Across the state, from Wing to Wing, people talk. One of the most common issues I hear addressed is the lack of commitment from leaders to review or evaluate the performance of their airmen:

- I'm never told how I'm doing.
- How do I get promoted?
- Technicians and AGs get annual evaluations, traditional airmen do not.

Often for lack of performance guidance, airmen are continuing to serve, but within a frustrated understanding of how they are doing in the eyes of their leadership, or worse, leaving our service discontent. No more.

Working with the senior leadership and the personnel officers and NCOs, I think we have a solution. Traditional DSGs will now have the opportunity to sit down with their supervisors and complete an Airman or NCO performance feedback form. This is a relatively new system that the Air Force has been using in addition to the Enlisted Performance Report (EPR). The intent is to communicate more regularly what is expected of airmen and to tell them how they are doing. Although many of our first line supervisors are routinely reviewing and rating their airmen, the majority of them do not. I know that this will help all of us to do a better job in tracking the performance of our troops, but also to keep each other in the feedback loop. Your commanders, First Sergeants, and UCAs will be leading this initiative. For additional information, reference ANGI 36-2627 and AFP 36-2627.

Operational tempo is the highest it has ever been in our history; airmen from the Oregon Air National Guard are deployed all over the world. But this tempo cannot hinder our basic need to stay in touch with those we supervise. I know that using the EPRs will refine our focus on the people that help us to accomplish our missions day in day out.

Command Sgt. Maj. Donald F. Newman, State Command Sergeant Major

No one is more professional than I! Contemplate that statement for a minute. With these words, the Creed of the Non-Commissioned Officer opens, setting out as our mandate that each of us as a leader of soldiers is part of the example setting backbone of the military service. It is ours to be a beacon, both up and down the chain of command with respect to loyalty, integrity, professionalism, pride, the four core values of the Oregon National Guard.

Each of these values is touched upon in the NCO Creed. In the final paragraph there are terms that address pride professionalism and loyalty:

- I am the Corps'
- We are professional
- I am loyal to those with whom I serve.

But when it comes to Integrity it is a core value implied in the very first paragraph of the Creed.

It will not use my grade or position to attain pleasure, profit or personal safety. I know when it comes to integrity we are all faced with challenges each and every day, but when you witness the work of your peers, your soldiers, and your leaders within the Oregon National Guard, it is impossible to cut any corners without seeing the detriment that will come to the organization. Lose your integrity and your foundation will crumble. Challenges to your integrity are like a spring rain that leaks into the foundation of a home. If left uncared for, it will soak the concrete. Once the winter comes, that moisture will freeze and in freezing, start to decay the foundation of the entire structure. We cannot allow ourselves to let our foundations crack. Seek out the right thing for the right reasons and the results will always be for the good of all.

We do our work from the front. In each PAC supervisor, each infantry squad leader, each supply sergeant, in each and every sergeant of every branch of the service, you see loyalty, integrity, pride and professionalism. Going about our duties within a disciplined mindset of mission first, and people always, will keep us all focused on the common goal of excellence that we see portrayed across our state and across the world every day. Keep up the great work.
Oregon Air National Guard gets new patch, new ‘brand’ identity

Designed by Tech. Sgt. Erik Simmons (formerly assigned to the 142nd Communications Flight), the logo ëwhich adheres to the heraldry standards set forth by the Air Force ëgraphically represents and balances the past, present, and future as it relates to the Air National Guard and the ORANG.

The sword in the center of the design is a traditional motif representing the militaryís historic roots, and is symbolic of the ORANGís current mission to protect the skies of the Pacific Northwest and beyond. The sword is superimposed among one of Oregonís evergreen trees, with mountains and regional scenery in the background. In the sky above the mountains are two F-15s illustrating the air defense operations and training missions of the 142nd and 173rd Fighter Wings. The radar scope in the background represents the ground-based air traffic control and air control missions of the ORANG. The orbiting arrow is representative of the units involved in combat and tactical communications missions throughout the Pacific Northwest and around the globe.

According to Simmons, he spent approximately 30 hours conceptualizing, designing, and illustrating the patch/logo that was ultimately approved by the ORANGís senior leadership only a few months ago. ëI didnít want it to be reflective of only the flying facets of the ORANG,î explained Simmons. ëI tried to capture a broader scope than just F-15s by including both air- and ground-based operations.î

Before embarking on creative projects like this one (Simmons has designed over 30 logos during his graphic design career), Simmons says he follows a specific process. He starts first by mentally brainstorming ideas during the conceptual phase, and writing down words depicting specific images. He then formulates a theme and pencil sketches a graphic. Once heís satisfied with the drawing, he sets out to produce a replica of the pencil sketch on the computer.

Most admit, few people have the creative genes or talent to design patches, logos, or other artwork for that matter. It takes a unique person with special gifts to translate conceptual ideas from brain to computer to print. For Simmons, the creative process seems to come pretty easy especially when heís in the right working environment and beginning with a prayerful heart.

The environment I work in is extremely critical when I start on conceptual designs,î said Simmons. ëIt needs to be clean, quiet, and serene.î

He also freely admits his faith plays an important role in his success as a graphic artist.

The projects I pray about beforehand, whether for my own work or for the military, are the ones that turn out to be most successful,î explained Simmons. Success is something Simmons has indeed been blessed with, especially lately. In June 2003, he and his wife Kim traveled to the Pentagon to receive the 2002 Military Graphic Artist of the Year Award, the nationís highest award in the visual information career field. At the same time, he also received first place awards for his accomplishments in publication, illustration, animation, and web design. Artists from all branches of the service, including active duty, Guard, and Reserves, competed at the national level for each of these awards.

Iíll be a huge honor for me to be there,î Simmons said humbly.

The award ceremony at the Pentagon meant more for Simmons than just receiving plaques and certificates for his outstanding achievements. Apple Computer gave him a new dual processor G4 computer (valued at $2000) and $3000 worth of designer software. !(They) (Apple) basically gave me a brand new (home) studio for free,î grinned Simmons. ëI was tickled beyond measure.î

In March 2003, Simmons accepted a job offer in Tucson, Ariz., to become the Vice President of Creative Services for the Envoy Corporation, an advertising agency specializing in meeting the marketing, media, and e-commerce needs of Christian ministries. He transferred to the Arizona Air National Guard and is now part of the 162nd Fighter Wing.

White makes NGB marathon team again; 16 years in the ‘running’

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For 16 years, Senior Master Sgt. Max White, 142nd Fighter Wing, has competed for a spot on the National Guard Bureaus (NGB) Marathon Team. Fifteen times he has been selected.

No other Oregon Air Guard runner has ever been so honored. White qualified for the team at the NGB Marathon in Lincoln, Neb. in June with a time of 3 hours, 16 minutes; one of the best times among men over age 40. He was the oldest runner to make the all-Guard Team. Fit, trim and with less than seven percent body fat, White, 52, has continued to train to run in the top marathon races open to military runners.

íTís no gimme to make this team. You have to qualify each and every year,î White said. ëI feel very fit this year and have been training harder since Lincoln and running about 80 miles a week.î

The NGB team is part of an elite runners recruiting team that works at the expos associated with major running events around the country. If I can play a role in bringing more disciplined, focused individuals into the Guard, that would be awesome,î White exclaimed.

On September 6, White will run in a half-marathon in Chicago. Two weeks later he will be part of a four-man relay in the US Air Force Marathon, September 21, in Dayton, Ohio. He will then wait one month to compete in the US Marine Corps Marathon on Oct. 27.

An educator from Albany, Ore., White is the units Human Resource Advisor and serves as a physical trainer and health consultant. He has been a member of the ORANG for 16 years and has 19 years of military service.
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**Guard Budget signed by Governor; one of first bills approved by legislature**

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Salem, Ore. 6 Governor Ted Kulongoski recently signed into law the two year operating budget of the Oregon Military Department.† The OMD was one of the first agency budgets to receive legislative approval for this record-setting legislative session.† As with all state budgets, the Military Department budget reflects the anemic state revenues caused by the continuing recession and Oregon’s high unemployment, but according to Maj. Gen. Burgin, the Adjutant General, “We feel lucky to have maintained our major programs and this budget rebuilds the Youth Challenge to a full program while taking care of the men and women who are eligible for tuition assistance.”

“The $13.5 million dollar general fund state budget is primarily responsible for funding army operations, a portion of capital construction and a portion of Air Base operations.† Also, the state finances a portion of the overall administration of the Oregon Guard.† In recent years, the U.S. Congress has leveraged states to fund 40 percent of the Youth Challenge programs.† The Oregon Guard, high school and college students, were able to start a Challenge program outside of Bend in a former DoD facility.† The Oregon Youth Challenge Program was recently selected as the best overall program nation-wide, but was forced to reduce the program by 35% due to state revenue cuts over the past two years.”

Col. Mike Caldwell, Deputy Director for State Affairs and Legislative coordinator for the Military Department said, “This was a particularly difficult budget session due to the severe lack of revenue in the state coffers.† Overall, we did extremely well considering the situation and I was particularly pleased that the Legislature and the Governor saw fit to fund Youth Challenge and give us enough funding to continue those soldiers and airmen who have been going to college under the State Tuition Assistance Program.† Frankly, it was a pleasant surprise that reflects the value Oregonians see in the National Guard.”† The Legislature funded over $50,000 to match with federal funds for higher education for the soldiers and airmen who have previously enrolled in the State Tuition Assistance Program and meeting the requirements.

“The Oregon Legislature has set a new record this session for length as they deal with the budget shortfall created by the current recession.† The single largest issue is the funding of education.† At this writing, state legislators were still not in agreement with the Governors request to fund schools at $5.3 Billion dollars which cannot occur without either cuts in previously approved budgets or an increase in tax revenue.† Caldwell elaborated, ‘We feel lucky to have maintained our major programs and this budget rebuilds the Youth Challenge to a full program while taking care of the men and women who are eligible for tuition assistance.’

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More with me. This last week has been very hard on me.

On our way back from Iraq and about 20 miles before we crossed the border, we came upon a British Land Rover that rolled and came to rest on its top. The highway between Iraq and Kuwait is Hwy 80, but the military uses it as a main supply route or MSR. All the MSRs are named after US cities. This one is MSR Tampa. Anyway, it looks like the rollover happened a few seconds before we drove up because the driver and passenger were still climbing out of the vehicle. That guy was in the back and was thrown about twenty feet from the accident site. I was with two officers from our battalion C2 cell. We stopped and the two officers had a deep laceration of the left elbow. I gave them gauze to hold on it until I could get back to them. I went over to the third guy and he was lying on his back and rolling around in pain. I got him calmed down and the first thing he said was “It burns!” He was lying on the concrete that was 100 plus degrees. I poured a couple of bottles of water on the ground thing he said was “It burns!” He was lying on the concrete that was 100 plus degrees. I poured a couple of bottles of water on the ground around him and on him to cool him off.

17 panel which is a large piece of nylon that is bright pink on one side and bright orange on the other. I would land them on the southbound lanes of MSR Tampa.

It took about an hour and a half for them to get there. I started to vector the helo into position and gave the pilot position corrections so they could avoid the light poles in the median. Just as I am about to give the helo the “touchdown” signal, the pilot started to turn the aircraft away from me. This is a no-no because the pilot cannot see my position corrections. As the helo is turning, it starts to back pedal into the median. I quickly gave the pilot position corrections. I told the crew chief around and I could see him turn to the pilot and start yelling.

They finally got settled, with the remaining patient towards the front, so turned to head back to the ambulance to prepare the patient for movement. I get in the back and start making preparations, when the Brit crew chief starts directing the ambulance to back up the helo. I am watching the blades whopping over us, only clearing the top of the ambulance by a few feet. This is also very bad since the turbine exhaust converges directly behind the helicopter. The pilot couldn’t hear me yelling from the back to stop and kept backing up to within a few feet of the ramp of the bird. 500 degree exhaust was now shooting into the back of the ambulance as I am kicking the compartment door yeh while the driver starts drive away from the helicopter. Miraculously, one of the other Brits saw me screaming and directed the driver to pull away. The heat and noise put my patient into immediate shock and hysteria. Not to mention ticking me off. He started to crash pretty hard. He was breathing pretty shallow as it was; now he has to suck on jet exhaust!?”

I finally got him stabilized and ready to move. The crew chief followed me out and was asking what the hell I was doing. When I told him that he damn-near roasted my patient and me alive, he walked away briskly without saying a word. The pilot came around and started screaming at me, “What the &*%$ are you doing?!” I calmly (at first) told him that, “I am in charge as long as this patient was in my care and until relieved by higher medical authority which is a PA (Physician’s Assistant), Physician, or God!” I immediately turned to the three other Brits that were to be my litter bearers and instructed them on my intentions. I told the crew chief to clear a spot in the back of the helo and give me a signal when he was ready to receive the patient. We lifted the patient out of the ambulance and walked him onto the helicopter and away they went, happily I am sure.

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I started doing my initial assessment and found he had a laceration over his left ear, broken and protruding jaw, broken right clavicle, broken or dislocated right shoulder; two broken wrists and a left femur (thigh) fracture. I got one of the bystanders to hold manual traction on his head and neck while I finished my assessment. About that time, a British convoy came along while I started two large bore I.V.’s. I finished my assessment. About that time, a British convoy came along while I started two large bore I.V.’s. I finished my assessment. About that time, a British convoy came along while I started two large bore I.V.’s. I finished my assessment. About that time, a British convoy came along while I started two large bore I.V.’s. I finished my assessment. About that time, a British convoy came along while I started two large bore I.V’s. I finished my assessment. About that time, a British convoy came along while I started two large bore I.V.’s. I finished my assessment. About that time, a British convoy came along while I started two large bore I.V.’s. I finished my assessment. About that time, a British convoy came along while I started two large bore I.V.’s. I finished my assessment. About that time, a British convoy came along while I started two large bore I.V’s. I finished my assessment. About that time, a British convoy came along while I started two large bore I.V.’s. I finished my assessment. About that time, a British convoy came along while I started two large bore I.V’s. I finished my assessment. About that time, a British convoy came along while I started two large bore I.V.’s.
**State Executive Order mobilizes National Guard for fire-fighting duty**

Prepared by Sentinel Staff

On August 21, 2003, Governor Ted Kulongoski signed Executive Order EO 03-10 calling for a state of emergency because of wildfire threats facing Oregon. Shortly thereafter, the Oregon Department of Forestry and State Emergency Management Office called for Aviation support from the Oregon Army National Guard.

A UH-60 (Firehawk) modified Blackhawk used to fight forest fires, and one CH-47 Chinook helicopter with a 2,000 gallon water bucket were dispatched to the B & B Complex near Highway 20 in central Oregon. Capt. Tom Lingle is the Officer In Charge at the B & B fire complex for aviation support.

The support package for the Aviation Task Force includes two HEMMIT cargo trucks, four fuel trucks, three HMMWVs with trailers, and a 5-ton truck.

As firefighters struggle to control the B & B complex fire, the operating tempo for the helicopters has doubled.

In addition, the Aviation Support Facility in Salem has dispatched one UH-60 Medevac helicopter to the Lightning complex. The terrain is so rough in the Hells Canyon area, a medevac unit was deemed reasonable for extraction of injured or stranded firefighters. The first extraction of a firefighter with a strained knee was accomplished on August 27.

The Oregon National Guard currently has 45 soldiers on state active duty in support of fire fighting operations. Seven at the Lightning Complex, 32 at the B & B fire and six working at the Emergency Operations Center.

**TAG visits Oregon Army National Guard troops on active duty training in Redmond**

Story and photo by Sgt. Nick Choy, State Public Affairs Office

Redmond, Ore.--Oregon Army National Guard troops of the 1-82nd got an unexpected visit during their July annual training in Redmond, Ore. by Maj. Gen. Alexander Burgin.

Burgin spoke with troops about their mission, the increased operations tempo, and the important role they play in their country's history.

Gen. Burgin arrived at Bend Regional Airport in the afternoon, after visiting with troops from the 2-162 in Yakima, Wash.

Lt. Col. Scott Haynes, Commander of the 1st Squadron of the 82nd Cavalry met Gen. Burgin at the airport and served as his host and official escort for the visit.

Troops gathered in a clearing near their operational area to hear the General speak.

"I just wanted to come out here and tell you what a great job you're all doing for the State of Oregon and the country," Gen. Burgin said. "We're all very proud of the work you do, and so is the rest of the country."

Gen. Burgin shook hands and met with several in the group. He also passed out iTAGI coins to several of the troops, then headed back to the operations building for a status briefing and a tour. He was shown some of the progress made on construction projects, as well as a presentation regarding the training areas boundaries, and upcoming plans for training.
Oregon Guardmembers wait all year for Camp Rosenbaum

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Portland, Salem, Clackamas, Yamhill and Washington Counties, and Vancouver, Wash. all select needy children to attend the camp.

The annual visit from state, community and business leaders included three Oregon governors who have supported the camp. Walking from an Army Guard Chinook helicopter, Gov. Ted Kulongoski was flanked by former governors Vic Atiyeh and Barbara Roberts. He told a crowd and media that he came from a foster home, but his service in the U.S. Marines and in State government shows that a person can do anything they strive to do.

1Stay in school, learn and do all you can and work hard,he said. 1 Hill be there even a future governor in this group. The outstanding efforts and involvement by the National Guard should show these children there is a great future ahead of them.

As former camp counselors, Roberts, like Atiyeh, know the camp benefits children and their future. 1 All the must do is rise up, work hard and achieve. 1 Around the camp, visitors observed children sliding down grass hills on cardboard sleds, or making leather or beaded bracelets, wooden raccears, or having lunch. As the music from iBoogie Manî traveling music machine played outside one of the buildings, kids hugged counselors, smiles and laughter were in abundance and childrenís lives were being changed.

Fourteen-year old Devon Hinman of Portland was a camper whose life was deeply affected by his experience at camp.

1It made me change my attitude and improved my skills in school,he said. 1 I thank these police officers and volunteers for helping me turn it around.

1 After visiting last year, Oregon Air Guard Commander, Brig. Gen. James 1Sly Pigg Cunningham was hooked. He explained that Guard leaders in other states look up to Oregon for hosting the camp. Calling it the best kept secret in the Guard, he said, 1This camp changes lives, ours and theirs. We can show these kids there is a better world out there.î 1 No doubt oíRosenbaum rocksî o every year.

Camp’s reputation draws guardmembers from around the city

One weekend every month, Staff Sgt. Britanna Van Rossem serves as an Aviation Resource Manager for the 148th Fighter Wing in Duluth, Minnesota. On weekdays she works as a commercial banking assistant for US Bank in Wisconsin.

But, for one week the past three summers, Van Rossem becomes 1Tinkerbell at Oregonís youth citizenship camp, Camp Rosenbaum.

During a TDY in 1999 to Tyndall AFB, Florida, Senior Master Sgt. Vern Loftis told Van Rossem of his involvement at Camp Rosenbaum back in Oregon. She was interested because her unit hosts a summer camp for young dependents (ages 10-12 years-old), which teaches children about their parents experience while they are deployed.

Loftis sold her on Camp Rosenbaum, and in 2000, she flew to Oregon (at her own expense), and served as a camp counselor.

Itís fun because we get to let the kids try something theyíve never tried before,1 Van Rossem said. 1This camp lets a kid be a kid. I came here (Camp Rosenbaum) and they embraced me. I love it and want to keep coming back.î

By Maj. Mike Allegre
Public Affairs Officer, HQ, ORANG

Van Rossem, a member of the Minnesota Air National Guard for six years, would like to someday become an officer. She enjoys being with a group of people that care about kids enough that they want to reach out annually.

Tinkerbellís first Oregon summer was memorable and challenging. One of the girls in her group was a bit overweight and withdrawn. When it came time for the kids to ride on the iZip Line, a cable line that stretches over 30 feet in the air, the girl adamantly refused. A determined counselor, Van Rossem was able to convince her to ride on the cable anyway.

1The girl successfully completed the task and told me that she was having more fun than sheís ever had in her life. She then asked if she could do it again.î

1Itís nothing a determined noncommissioned officer with a positive attitude and some ëpixie dustí couldnít fix.

By Staff Sgt. Nick Choy, State Public Affairs Office

All enlisted members of the Oregon Air National Guard are invited to attend a Dining Out ceremony in honor of Brig. Gen. Rosenbaum on Friday, September 19, following the award ceremony at the Multonomah Athletic Club in Portland. Tickets for this event are available through the First Sergeants and Chief Master Sergeants. Deadline for ticket purchase is September 15. Cost is $27 per person. Sponsorship and award ceremony invitations are invited and encouraged to attend. No host cocktails will be held from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., and dinner will be served at 7:15 p.m. All enlisted personnel who attend are considered members of the mess and are required to wear mess dress or semi-formal dress uniform. Appropriate attire is required for civilian guests.

For more information, please contact Chief Master Sgt. Dan Haider (142FW) at 503-335-5200 or Chief Master Sgt. Mike Bauer (173FW) at 541-885-6622.

Brig. Gen. Rosenbaum nominated for award

By Spec. Barbara Kiernan
Public Affairs, 115th MD"
Oregon Army National Guard prepares for deployment to Iraq

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the mobilization date has yet to be determined by the supported command, the period of mobilization typically takes about a year. The battalion will likely report to their mobilization station in Oct. 2003 for pre-deployment training and validation, before moving on to the Middle East sometime in the spring of 2004.

In anticipation of the mobilization order expected sometime in October, the battalion is conducting individual readiness preparations, I said Brig. Gen. Ray Byrne, Commander of the 41st Separate Infantry Brigade. This should enable their mobilization and deployment to Iraq to progress smoothly. Added to their annual training exercises due to the upcoming deployment to Iraq was Military Operations on Urbanized Terrain (MOUT), he added.

It is anticipated they will replace the 4th Infantry Division currently serving in Iraq. The deployment will be the single largest mobilization of National Guard soldiers from the State of Oregon since World War II.

Oregon Air National Guard leans forward, looks to future

By Maj. Donna Prigmore
Public Affairs Officer, HQ, ORANG

The Oregon Air National Guard recently completed an organizational change involving the formation of a new major unit, the 101st Combat Operations Group (101 COG). This newly formed entity will position the Oregon Air Guard well into the future and serve as the nucleus and reporting headquarters for five of ORANG’s seven existing units operating throughout the state.

The decision to make the organizational change resulted from an in-depth analysis conducted over the past six-months by senior leaders of the ORANG. The group researched and evaluated missions expected to play a significant role in future military operations. Among the top trends identified were information warfare, high-tech communications, special tactics and special operations.

According to Brig. Gen. James Cunningham, commander of the ORANG, some of the expertise and (to a large extent) the equipment necessary to adapt to these future trends already exists throughout the Oregon Air Guard, especially in the following five ORANG units: the 234th Combat Communications Squadron, the 272nd Combat Communications Squadron, the 123rd Weather Flight, the 116th Air Control Squadron in Warrenton, and the 270th Air Traffic Control Squadron in Klamath Falls.

These units all of which have similarities related to command, control, communications, and computers (C3) have been reorganized under the 101 COG’s domain, according to Cunningham. By grouping them together synergistically, the ORANG can now better use its resources and position itself for the future, better serving military and state needs. At the same time, the change allows for many administrative processes to be centralized and a strong advocacy network to be developed for the 101 COG members.

With their organizational changes complete, senior military leaders in the ORANG have already begun investigating how their in-house unit capabilities can be transformed into a special (ground) tactics squadron under the 101 COG’s umbrella. Special tactics squadrons typically use combat (air) controllers and combat weather teams to provide special forces personnel and pararescue personnel with safe landing zones by setting up tactical air traffic control (ATC) radar packages and radio communications systems at designated locations worldwide. It is feasible that a special tactics squadron could be formed within our organization in the near future, said Cunningham. This added mission would enhance the Oregon Air Guard more toward the cutting edge of combat operations and less toward support roles, which has historically been the case.

Cunningham also added the ORANG is aggressively pursuing Air Force missions related to special operations and the combat air vehicle program. The changes being made within the ORANG will not only benefit Oregon’s military, but the overall state as well. The new 101 COG, for example, is expected to create approximately 80 part-time and 20 full-time jobs in Oregon, as well as give the ORANG unprecedented access to cutting edge communications systems.

According to Col. David Ferre, commander of the 101 COG, the changes will add value to Oregon’s sluggish economy by creating jobs and, at the same time, benefit the state’s emergency management and disaster response programs.

Given the many dangerous and unpredictable threats we face in the world today, the lean-forward changes being made within the Oregon Air Guard (on the national level) translate into good things for the state, Ferre concluded.

Congressman Wu visits 2-162 at Rilea

Congressman David Wu visited with Oregon Army National Guard troops training on active duty at Camp Rilea August 8. He told troops from the 2-162 that a grateful nation stood behind them as they prepare for deployment to the Middle East. Following the visit, Congressman Wu continued on to Astoria for the dedication of the Astoria Column.
Retiree Corner

TRICARE website wealth of knowledge for reservists

When on military duty, Reserve Component (RC) members are covered for any injury, illness or disease incurred or aggravated in the line of duty. This includes traveling directly to or from the place where they perform military duty. When ordered to active duty for more than 30 consecutive days, RC members have comprehensive health care coverage under TRICARE.

When the RC sponsor is on active duty for more than 30 consecutive days, their family’s health and dental care needs are covered under several TRICARE options.

For more information, visit the TRICARE website at http://tricare.osd.mil/reserve/.

Military Health System enhances website

The Health Affairs (HA) and TRICARE Management Activity (TMA) Websites are now consolidated into one resource for the Military Health System. The new Websites upgrades include a more robust search engine, text-only A-to-Z browsing, additional quick links and resources, and consolidated news and news sources. Users will find it easier to navigate the Website for regional information, TRICARE Fact Sheets, the TRICARE Handbook and pertinent HA Policy Information. The new site can be accessed through three portals:
- The Military Health System portal (http://www.mhs.osd.mil) contains HA and TMA organization information; MHS strategic plans and policies; and messages from Dr. William Winkenwerder Jr., assistant secretary of defense for health affairs.
- The TRICARE Beneficiary portal (http://www.tricare.osd.mil) contains TRICARE beneficiary information.
- The TRICARE Provider portal (http://www.tricare.osd.mil/provider.htm) contains links for provider certification as well as other provider information.

Oregon YAMS program mentors children of military members

Prepared by Sentinel Staff

The Oregon National Guard Family Program is looking for Oregon youths, age 12 through 18 years old, and youth advisors for its Young American Military Supporters (YAMS) program. The program is involved in community service activities, camp-outs, day-trips and other recreational outings.

Ann Cain, Family Program Youth Coordinator for the State of Oregon, started the program at Camp Withycombe after attending the NGB Family Program Youth Symposium in 2002. It was so impressed with the depth of thought and commitment of these young people, I knew Oregon had to be a part of it, I said Cain.

According to Cain, the purpose of the program is to find out what is important to the National Guard youth, and address issues and questions they may have. Volunteers facilitate dialog between youngsters so they can better understand and cope with the problems and anxieties associated with being a child of a military member, especially regarding their parents’ deployments and active duty. Moreover, the youngsters are taught to become counselors themselves, giving them skills to help other youths facing similar challenges. This program is youth-driven, not adult-driven, I says Cain. It’s their (the youths) concerns, their fears that we need to address.

Mentors and advisors have ample opportunities to positively influence area youths, and can provide much-needed mentoring, and role models. However, Cain hopes that everyone can get involved. We are hopeful parents will be enthusiastic about also volunteering their time. It truly is a family oriented program.

The program is open to all members of the Oregon National Guard, family members, their children, and those interested in the military. If you would like to volunteer as a advisor/mentor, or know of a youth who could benefit from the program, please contact Ann Cain at the Family Center at Camp Withycombe in Clackamas at 503-557-5339, or at ann.cain@orngb.army.mil.

Oregon Guard is off to the races

The 234th Army Band (Oregon’s Own) performed the opening march before the start of the G.I. Joe’s 200 racing event on Sunday, June 22 at Portland International Raceway. The military had a strong presence at the annual Rose Festival racing event, including an F-15 flyover by the 123rd Fighter Squadron, formal recognition of troops from the First Battalion, 162nd Infantry, Rear Detachment, and music performed the 234th Army Band. The flyover was timed perfectly and came at the end of the Star Spangled Banner.

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RTI courses provide valuable, life-saving training for guardmembers

By Staff Sgt. Brian Mortensen
Squadron Public Affairs Office, 244th Combat Communications

The 249th Regional Training Institute (RTI) completed its second annual training of the year on June 28, at Camp Rilea. The RTI conducted 11B Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) Qualification Course, 11B Basic Non Commissioned Officer Course (BNCCOC) phase II, and 11B Advanced Non Commissioned Officer Course (ANCOCO) phase II. The Infantry courses were attended by 70 students from California, Alaska, Colorado, Rhode Island, Michigan, Washington, Illinois, Georgia, Nebraska, Texas, Idaho, Wisconsin, Utah, and a Reserve from Germany.

As part of their training, students traveled to the Yakima Firing Center to qualify on the M240B and M249 machine guns, M203 and AT4. Classroom instruction included map-reading, communications, first aid, leadership and other. Field training included land navigation, range firing of many weapon types, Field Training Exercise (FTX) with diverse scenarios including Military Operations Urban Terrain (MOUT) operations with civilians on the battlefield.

The title XI from Fort Benning was very impressed with the training and was pleased with the diversity of students. The Regional Training Institute conducts training in 11B Infantry Career Management Field for Region-G, which includes 14 western states and Guam.

The courses are open to personnel outside this region as well, and many students from all over the world chose to attend.

Students attending Phase I for BNCCOC and ANCOCO are in drill status, and must complete the first phase six months prior to Phase II, which is conducted over a two-week period at Camp Rilea.

The RTI also conducts a 91W transition course and Combat Lifesaver Course. The RTI, in conjunction with the 104th USAR Drill Sergeant School, conducts training for newly-recruited military members on their way to basic training. An 18-month Officer Candidate School (OCS) is also held by RTI for commission officers in the Army National Guard. OCS students attend a two-week course in South Dakota during Phase I, then spend 13 months at the Military Academy in Monmouth, Ore for their Phase II training. The Military Academy is hailed by many as having the best OCS training in the country. Cadets then go to Ft. Lewis, Wash. for Phase III for a period of two weeks, after which they receive their commission.

The RTI is also responsible for two Guard Officer Leadership Detachments (GOLD) at Eastern Oregon University and Western Oregon University. The RTI hosts many other courses as well, with over 2,000 graduates annually.

The RTI is located on the campus of Western Oregon University in Monmouth Ore. For more information call 503-836-8585.

Oregon guardmember will compete on prestigious Army Team in nation’s capital

By Staff Sgt. John C. Driscoll
Unit Public Affairs Representative, 1249th Engineer Battalion

Placing second with a time of 56:24, Sgt. 1st Class Timothy Vandervlugt has qualified to represent Fort Lewis as a competitor in the 2003 Army 10 Miler on October 5, 2003. Vandervlugt is assigned to Company A, 1249th Engineer Battalion, as its Operations NCO. This year's Army Ten Miler will be the sixth consecutive time he has participated in the competition, which is the country’s largest ten mile race.

This year, Ft. Lewis will field a men’s, a women’s and a mixed team. All three teams will be comprised of six members each. Vandervlugt will compete on the men’s team. In the previous five races Vandervlugt represented the Oregon Army National Guard, but he is now able to represent the Ft. Lewis active Army Team since his mobilization in March.

The Army Ten Miler starts and ends at the Pentagon. After crossing the Potomac River the competitors run up the Capitol Mall, past Capitol Hill, then along the Potomac until crossing back across the river to the finish line. The race brings together thousands of runners who compete as individuals and as team members. Teams are fielded by units from throughout the US military, as well as nonmilitary individuals and organizations. The race is limited to 18,000 competitors.

Vandervlugt is a resident of Bend, but has been at Ft. Lewis with the rest of his company since March 26, 2003 when they were called to active service.

Summer fun discounts offered to military

In honor of the service and sacrifice of military members and their families, various theme parks and hotels are offering Summer discounts. Most promotions run through the middle of December 2003, and are intended to recognize members of the military and their families during the Summer’s increased travel and vacation season.

Below is a listing of the various destinations, hotel vendors, and airlines offering these discounts.

Anheuser Busch, SeaWorld/Busch Garden Theme Parks is offering a free 1-day admission to all branches of the military, guard and reserve, both members and their dependents, for all Busch theme parks including Sea World from May 23 through November 11, 2003. You must obtain form from ITT at www.seaworld.com in order to receive the passes.

Disney is offering large discounts and free passes as part of their Disney Armed Forces Salute for Disney/California Adventure, Disney World in Florida, Disney Cruises, and many of their resort hotels from May 12 through December 19, 2003. For more information, visit www.disneyland.com/military. For information on Disney Cruises discounts and promotions, call 1-888-325-2500.

Universal Hotels in Orlando is also offering military discounts through December 19, 2003. For specifics on location and discounted rates, call 1-800-292-7827.

Both Ramada Inn and Holiday Inn are also offering military rate discounts at their Orlando locations. For information on Ramadaís discounted rate, visit www.ramadaorlando.com, or call 1-800-327-1363. For information on Holiday Innís promotion, visit www.ramadaorlando.com, or call 1-800-366-3437.

US Airwaysís Salute Savingsí promotion offers special fares for all military personnel. Fares as low as $79 are available to those purchasing round-trip tickets originating in the US to destinations across the US Airwaysí system including Europe, Canada, Mexico and the Caribbean. For more information, call US Airways or your nearest travel agent.

Pacific University offers optometry discounts

Pacific University’s College of Optometry is offering discounts on vision care for all Oregon National Guard and reserve members and their immediate families.

The program, which runs until December 31, 2003, is the school’s way of honoring the service and sacrifice of military members. Discounts include 25% off primary vision care exams and 25% off eyewear at the schools five Vision Center Optical shops. All guard and reserve members and their families are asked to present proper military identification in order to receive the discounts.

The vision centers are open weekdays, evenings, and weekend hours, with locations throughout the greater Portland area, including downtown, Southeast, Northeast, Forest Grove, and Cornelius. To make an appointment, or for more information, call (503) 352-2020.
Shrimp help stop bleeding

HEMCON Technologies has developed a revolutionary breakthrough for the medical field and the military. The new product, made from a chemical found in shrimp shells, stops bleeding on contact with the wound.* The Oregon start-up recently received $13 Million in Department of Army acquisition funding from the new DoD budget. It is likely that the 1042nd (Air Ambulance) will be among the first to use the new equipment in the near future.

Lewis & Clark ‘Discovery Box’ now available to area schools, organizations

The Army Corps of Engineers Lewis and Clark Discovery Box is being made available to schools and other organizations through a coordinated project involving the Oregon National Guard. The Discovery Boxes include period-correct reproductions of items that Lewis and Clark would have taken or would have encountered along the way 6 on their expedition from 1803–1805. Included in the Discovery Box are a dress uniform with hat; a beaver skin, a grizzly bear footprint; a journal with quills and powdered ink; a prickly pear and many other items.

The Lewis and Clark presentation team will bring these boxes out to any school or adult organization for a free presentation. The team shows a video presentation, speaks about the history of the Lewis and Clark expedition, and Army values. The team also sets aside time for audience members to experience what Lewis and Clark might have seen and done on their expedition in the early 19th century by allowing individuals to interact with and examine period-correct items contained in the box. The presentation lasts about an hour and a half, but can be shortened to fit any time frame.

The Lewis and Clark expedition, also known as the Corps of Discovery, left Virginia on July 4, 1803, navigated and explored the Missouri, Snake and Columbia River estuaries, and finally reached the Pacific Ocean, where the expedition members built a fort near Astoria, Oregon, wintering there in 1805. The expedition returned to the East Coast, via two different routes, the following year. The Lewis and Clark expedition’s bicentennial commemoration is being held from 2003–2006, with Oregon’s signature event taking place November 2005 at Ft. Clatsop in Astoria, Ore.

If you are interested in having the presentation come to your child’s school or an adult organization, please contact Maj. Alisha Hamel at Alisha.Hamel@or.ngb.army.mil, or by phone at 503-584-3996.