



5TH ANNUAL PATRIOTIC TRIBUTE AT VOLCANOES STADIUM



Major General Rees

JULY 4, 5, 6, 2012

"Fallen Soldier" Specialist Taylor Marks



Major General Loop



Sergeant Major Hernandez

Major Allegre



Major Joelle Goodwin



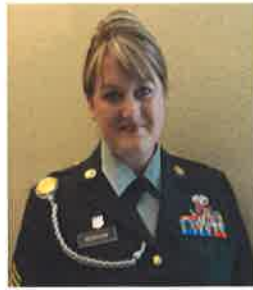
Sergeant Norwest

Senior Airman Blodgett



Sergeant Major Beauchamp

Sergeant Morrow



A REVIEW OF THE 2012 VOLCANOES PATRIOTIC TRIBUTE AT VOLCANOES STADIUM

The Volcanoes 5th Annual Patriotic Tribute at Volcanoes Stadium on July 4, 5, 6, 2012, was by far the best Tribute to our brave men and women of the Armed Forces – both past and present – of any of the previous four, as we Thanked, Honored and Saluted 93 outstanding men and women from World War II, Korea, Vietnam and the Middle-East on the field to thunderous, standing ovations.

An impressive cross-section was truly admired by 11,364 fans during the three days.

The Old/The Young The Men/The Women The Officers/The Enlisted The High-Level Commanders/The E-2 Electrician The Deployed/The Non-Deployed The Battle Tested/The Non-Battle Tested Warriors of Color/Warriors of Many Nationalities Wounded Warriors/Families of “Fallen Warriors” Fathers/Daughters Husbands/Wives

After nine months of preparation, the final touches finally began on July 3rd as the 911 Patriot Field of Flags personnel rimmed Volcanoes Stadium with 176 American Flags, and another 50 flags representing all of our military branches were displayed inside the stadium including flags representing Iwo Jima, the Navy Seals, Pearl Harbor, Vietnam, Korea and World War II.



Specialist Dawson Officer



Finally, July 4th arrived, and the Volcanoes were very prepared to Thank, Honor and Salute our Honored Guests. As the gates opened at 5:15, The Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution, Uncle Sam and President Lincoln were present to greet the fans. Forty-five Organizations who interact with Military personnel and their families were setup on the concourse, and ready to let all know what services they provide to our Armed Forces. The tables were brightly decorated with their colors and logos. As fans arrived, and mingled with the many Military Heroes present, many videos ran on the Giant video board in right field including the current recruiting video of each branch, videos of action from the different wars and conflicts, and even our favorite Marine – Gomer Pyle – appeared on the board to entertain fans.

President Lincoln



Gomer Pyle



Sons of the American Revolution



THE OFFICIAL PRE-GAME PATRIOTIC TRIBUTE MILITARY CEREMONIES

Our Patriotic Tribute pre-game Military Ceremony began with "The Toast to the Fallen Warriors". On the field, at home plate, we have the "Fallen Warrior Memorial", and presenting Soldiers. We also have a small, round table and on the table, we have a vase of roses tied with a red ribbon, a plate with lemon and salt, an inverted glass, and an empty chair.

We ask all fans to rise, and raise their hand in the air as if they had a glass so we may toast all Fallen Warriors with the following toast:



We are here to Thank, Honor and Salute, not only the many military heroes who are with us tonight, but all of our brave "Fallen Warriors" who have given their life for our country.

If you would face the table, near home plate, we would like to toast all our brave "Fallen Warriors". Please raise your hand in the air as if you had a glass.

The TABLE is small - symbolizing the loneliness we feel without them.

The TABLECLOTH is white - symbolizing the purity of their intentions, and willingness to respond to their country's call-to-arms.

The FLOWERS in the vase reminds us of the families and loved ones, of our comrades-in-arms, who kept the faith awaiting their return.

The RED RIBBON, tied so prominently on the vase, is reminiscent of the red ribbon worn by many, who bear witness to their unyielding determination to account for every one of our missing.

A SLICE OF LEMON is on the plate to remind us of their bitter fate.

There is SALT upon the plate also; symbolic of the river of tears, shed by their families and loved ones.

The GLASS is Inverted -- they cannot toast with us tonight.

The CHAIR is empty as they cannot be here.

Would you repeat after me, please -- "To Our Missing and Fallen Warriors".



"Fallen Soldier" Corporal Adam Buyes



THE OFFICIAL PRE-GAME PATRIOTIC TRIBUTE MILITARY CEREMONIES

After the “Toast to the Fallen Warriors”, we ask everyone to remain standing, and join our guest singer in “America the Beautiful”. This year, during the July 5th Patriotic Tribute to our Native American Veterans, The Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde’s Tribal member, Jolanda Catabay, sang for us, and like the song title, a true American sung it beautifully.



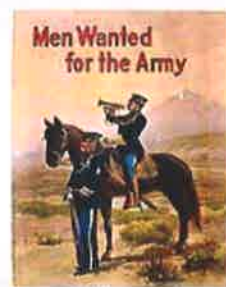
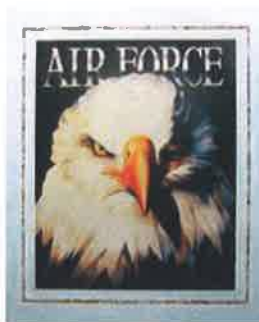
HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA



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Each year, the Army, Air Force, Navy and Marines induct new Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors and Marines into their respective branches at home plate during the Patriotic Tribute at Volcanoes Stadium.

A “raw” group, they get a quick lesson in formation and marching in the parking lot, and then marched to home plate to receive the “Oath of Enlistment” from the Commanding Officer. Afterwards, our fans give them a tremendous ovation for volunteering to help defend our nation.



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Many Honored Guests were thrilled at being selected to throw a "Ceremonial First Pitch" prior to the National Anthem. There was a lot of fun "bantering" back and forth as to who threw the best pitch. After their bio's were read, the fans gave them a Heroes ovation, and then the ball sailed to the Volcanoes catcher. A great time was had by all, including Specialist Kevin Pannell, (directly below) United States Army Wounded Warrior, Iraq, who had both legs amputated because of enemy grenade explosion in combat in central Baghdad.



THE OFFICIAL PRE-GAME PATRIOTIC TRIBUTE MILITARY CEREMONIES

In keeping with the tradition of Honoring Children at every Volcanoes baseball game, we have the running of the Child Ceremonial Base Run prior to the National Anthem. This event at all games is extremely well-received by the fans, we play the song "Wipeout" over the public address system, fans and players alike from both teams cheer the child on. The umpire even gives them a "safe" sign when they step on home plate.

On July 4th, 2012, Honorary Major General Marcus Hurst ran the Child Ceremonial Base Run in Honor of his friend "Fallen Oregon Army National Guard Soldier, Specialist Taylor Marks. General Hurst even wore a special shirt dedicated to Specialist Marks. It was a very touching moment.



THE OFFICIAL PRE-GAME PATRIOTIC TRIBUTE MILITARY CEREMONIES

On all three days of the Patriotic Tribute, for the last few years, we have Thanked, Honored and Saluted the Ultimate Sacrifice of a local Warrior with his family present at home plate. After the family is escorted to home plate by a ranking officer in attendance, and the video “Angel Flight” is played, the “Fallen Warriors” bio is read, and an example is:

Fans, we direct your attention to the area in front of the Volcanoes dugout. Please welcome Major Jason Fayler as he escorts the family of “Fallen Soldier” Specialist Taylor Marks to the home plate area. Please welcome the parents of Specialist Marks, Don and Michelle Mack and Morey Marks and Karla Spence, and family members Courtney Marks and Alex Mack.

Also accompanying the Marks family is members of the Patriot Guard Riders, and we thank them. What a tremendous organization they are in a Military families’ time of need.

In September, 2009, that Angel Flight landed in Salem, because on August 28, 2009, we unfortunately lost a brave and courageous soldier in battle, and the Angel Flight brought him home.

Specialist Taylor Marks, just 19 years old, and a member of the 41st Infantry Brigade Combat Team of the Oregon Army National Guard, was killed in action at Rashid, Iraq, when insurgents attacked his vehicle with an explosively formed penetrator.

Taylor was a 2008 graduate of Central High School in Monmouth where he received a Dean’s Scholarship to the University of Oregon.

He is remembered as a young man whose intelligence and sensitivity were offset by a sense of adventure. He was always ready to laugh, and always reached out for something bigger, more fun and more entertaining, says his mother. He loved high-tech things; fascinated by science, fiction, Star Wars, things complicated and confusing, his father recalls.

All Gave Some; Some Gave All. We therefore take this very special moment to Thank, Honor and Salute Oregon Army National Guard Specialist, Taylor Marks, for his service, and ultimate sacrifice, for the United States of America.

May GOD bless and keep Specialist Taylor Marks for eternity.

And now, fans, Jerry Howard, of the Volcanoes, and a United States Air Force Veteran, will present a “Fallen Soldier” memorial to Taylor’s family from the Volcanoes.

Also, the Reverend Matthew Price, of the Oregon Gospel Ministries, an Army Veteran who was a Peace Keeper in Korea, will present Taylor’s family with a “Fallen Soldier” plaque.

Fans, may we observe a Moment of Silence in Honor of Specialist Taylor Marks, and all “Fallen and Missing Warriors”, followed by a 21-volley salute, and TAPS by Captain Dave Parker, United States Marines Retired.



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Colors, National Anthem, Flyover

The Oregon State University Air Force ROTC Silver Talons

“Presented the Colors”.



**Honoring “Fallen Soldier” Brennan Gibson
During National Anthem**



Flyover Courtesy of the Oregon Air National Guard 142nd Fighter Wing.



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Between each inning of all three games, we Thanked, Honored and Saluted many outstanding men and women from World War II, Korea, Vietnam and the Middle-East. The Public Address announcer read their bio's, and the fans erupted with applause.



PATRIOTIC TRIBUTE AT VOLCANOES STADIUM

Each year, we add something new to our Patriotic Tribute at Volcanoes Stadium. In 2012, we developed a Patriotic "Stars and Stripes" baseball trading card which featured our 36 Volcanoes and a chosen 36 Military Heroes, of the 93, who were Thanked, Honored and Saluted on the field. On the front of the card is the Volcanoe and the Military Hero, and on the back is their bio. We printed 1,000 cards of each Player/Hero, and gave them out to our fans. They were a huge hit, and each Military Hero felt like they were Willie Mays with their own baseball card.



Stars and Stripes Patriotic Tribute 2012

Daniel Kern
Colonel



Washington Army National Guard



JEREMY SY #17 SS
Ht: 5'8" Wt: 180
Bats: Right Throws: Right
Born: 10/14/1989
Hometown: Mt. Zion, IL
Obtained: 2012 Draft - 12th Round

Senior from Louisiana Monroe...Led ULM in 2012 in batting average, runs, and doubles... Ranked first among all players in batting average in Sun Belt Conference play (.388), and was the league leader with 47 hits, 73 total bases, a .493 on-base percentage, a .603 slugging percentage and 34 runs scored.

1971 to present. 7 years enlisted; rose to Colonel. J3 Director of Operations, Joint Staff, Washington National Guard. Former Chief of Staff, Washington Army National Guard. Graduate of the United States Army War College. Holds the Meritorious Service Medal w/3 Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal w/1 Oak Leaf Cluster, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and Army Achievement Medal.

YEAR	AVG	O	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SB
2012 (JUL)	.330	80	233	53	77	16	7	4	37	41	49

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Stars and Stripes Patriotic Tribute 2012

Virgil Taylor
Machinist Mate
United States Navy

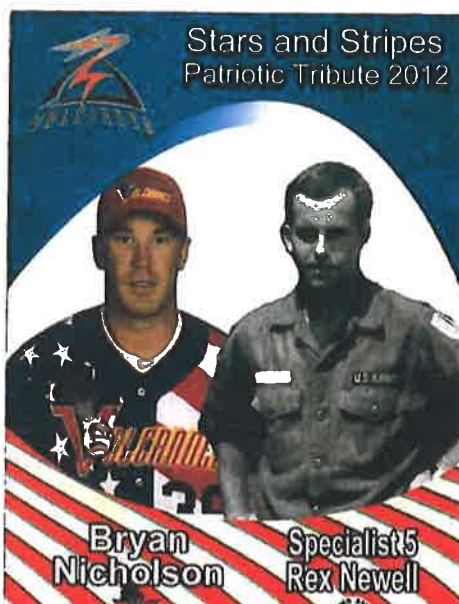
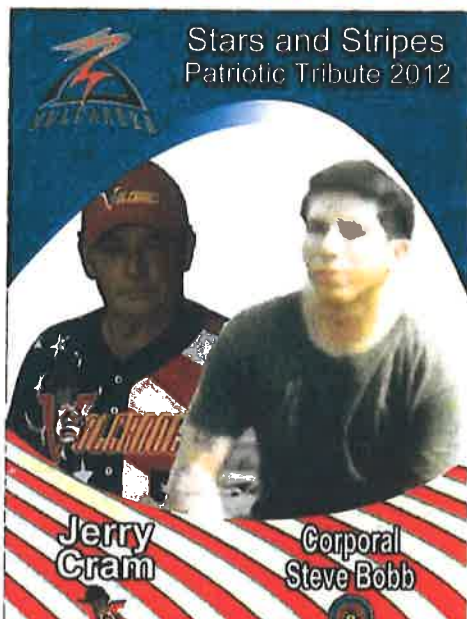
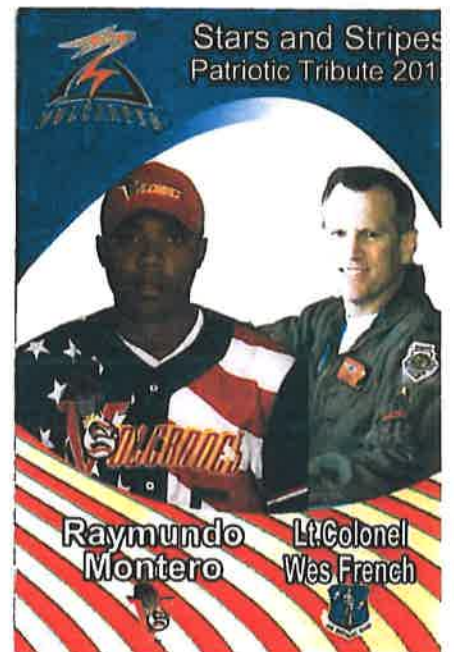
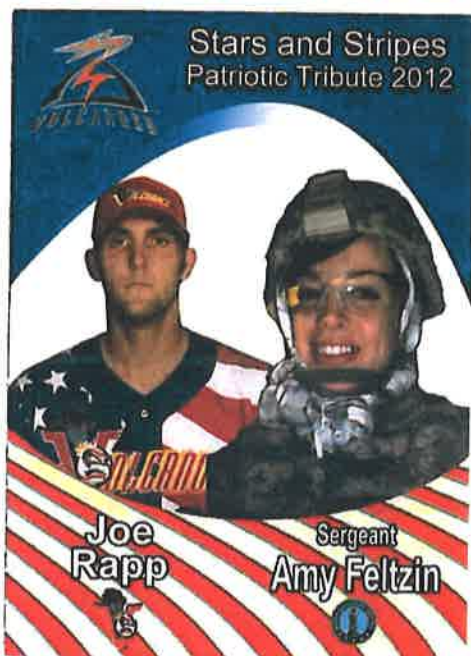
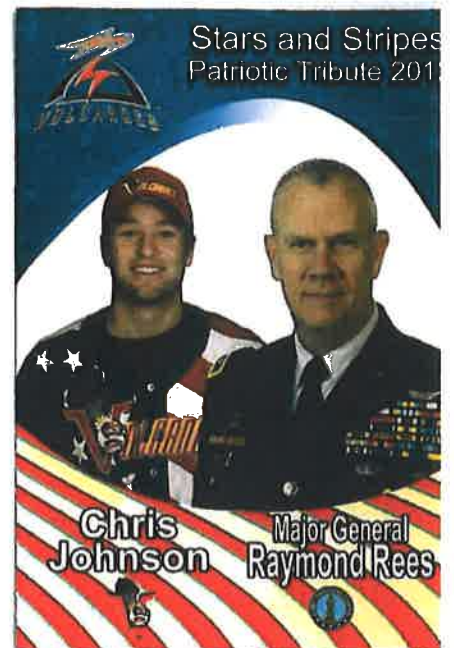


Ricky Ward
Hitting Coach

In his 7th season coaching for the Giant system...Spending his 8th year as hitting coach with Salem-Keizer...Returned to the organization after playing in the San Francisco farm system from 1990-93...Was most recently on the Western Oregon University coaching staff from 2003-05, after beginning his coaching career as a volunteer assistant at the University of Portland in 2002...Drafted by the Giants in 1989 Amateur draft...Resides in Salem, OR.

United States Navy (Ret), 1938-1959 - 6th Fleet. Pearl Harbor Survivor, aboard the USS California when it was sunk by a 500# bomb. Thrown from ship and swam to shore. Japanese planes were shooting at them as they swam. Navy reported to his mother that he died in combat, and his family was preparing for the funeral when he contacted them. Also served on the USS Pensacola. Saw additional action at Leyte Gulf, Saipan and Okinawa. Was a refrigeration and air conditioning specialist and instructor. Holds the WWII Victory Medal, American Defense Medal w/Fleet Cleap, and Good Conduct Medal.

Presented By: SALEM-KEIZER



2012 PATRIOTIC TRIBUTE AT VOLCANOES STADIUM

A Tribute to Thank, Honor and Salute Our Native American Veterans

This year, we Thanked, Honored and Saluted our Native American Veterans who have helped defend the United States of America since the George Washington days. We are very thankful to The Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde for their contributions. The evening began with a Native American Procession, the Drum Group playing and chanting for those brave Native Americans who have "Crossed into the arms of GOD", removing the Flag-draped casket from the Caisson representing all Native American Veterans who have crossed, playing "Amazing Grace" and placing the casket in a Teepee on the concourse.



Procession to Stadium



Grand Ronde Drum Group



Playing of "Amazing Grace"



Chafin Farms Caisson



Removal of Casket from Caisson



Grand Ronde Honor Guard



Placing the Flag-Draped Casket in the Teepee



Jolanda Catabay singing "America the Beautiful"



Honoring the Family of Native American Marce Norwest

"Photos by Ron Karten/courtesy of Smoke Signals"

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Each year, the Volcanoes invite up to 40 organizations who serve our men and women of the Armed Forces, and their families, to setup a table on the concourse with their banner, brochures, other handouts, etc, and interact with the military families as to their role and service available. Some examples are:

Air Force Sergeants Association 1451 & A1451, American Legion – Oregon, AmVets # 1776, Independence, Oregon, Association of the United States Army, Blue Star Mothers of Oregon, Disabled American Veterans – Oregon Chapter 6, Gold Star Mothers of Oregon, Gold Star Wives of Oregon, Korean War Veterans Association, Military Officers Association of America, Military Order of the Purple Heart, National Association for the Black Veterans, National Spinal Cord Injury Association, Operation Home Front, Oregon Department of Justice, Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs, Oregon Ex-Prisoners of War, Oregon National Guard, Oregon Paralyzed Veterans of America, Oregon State Defense Force, Oregon War Veterans Association, Portland VA Research & Development Corporation, Reserve Officers Association, Salem Vets Center, Team River Runners-Portland – Group of Wounded Warriors who kayak together, US Army Survivor Outreach Services, US Navy League of Oregon – Portland and Blueback Council, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Vietnam Veterans of America – Oregon Chapter 271. Willamette Valley Hospice, Women Marines Association, Lady Marine Rose Chapter.



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A Few of Our "Honored Warriors" at Volcanoes 2012 Patriotic Tribute



MG Rosenfeld



MG Enyeart



BG Hardin



Colonel Silver



Colonel Bond



Colonel Windus



Colonel Bernhardt



Colonel Lanning



Colonel Huffman



Captain LeBlanc



Captain Tiernan



Colonel Kern



Lt. Colonel French



Lt. Colonel Dial



Major Walstrom



Major Sampson



Captain Parker



Captain Hutchison



2nd Lt. Bashor



SRA Blodgett



CWO4 Roulier



SRA Griffith



CSM Busto



Sgt Powell



CMS Green



HM3 White



CMS Berndt



SSgt Beaver



MS Holley



Lance Corporal Leno



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POTPURRI



1st Lt. Jones



"Fallen Marine" Lance Corporal Troyer



Specialist 5 Hinrichsen



Chafin Farm Caisson



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POTPUORRI 2



Patriotic Music on the Concourse



Oregon Paralyzed Veterans of America



Military Order of the Purple Heart



Field of Flags



Statute of Liberty



US Army Survivor Outreach Services



Major Joelle Goodwin & Father 1st Sgt. George Rankins



Volcanoes Fans Enjoying the 2012 Patriotic Tribute at Volcanoes Stadium



Linn-Benton Young Marines Honor Guard