



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

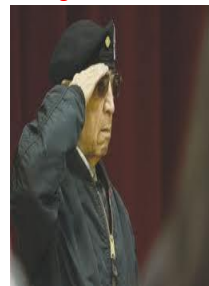


Major Joelle Goodwin



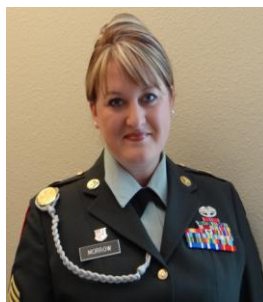
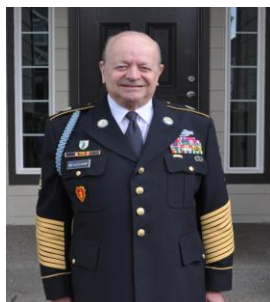
Sergeant Norwest

Senior Airman Blodgett



Sergeant Major Beauchamp

Sergeant Morrow



2012 PATRIOTIC TRIBUTE AT VOLCANOES STADIUM

I-5 & Exit 260, Keizer, OR

JULY 4, 5, 6, 2012



The Salem-Keizer Volcanoes, Affiliate of the San Francisco Giants
VS.
The Vancouver Canadians, Affiliate of the Toronto Blue Jays



5TH ANNUAL THREE-DAY CELEBRATION TO

THANK, HONOR AND SALUTE

**OUR BRAVE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE ARMED FORCES
BOTH PAST AND PRESENT**

Extensive Post-Game Fireworks Spectacular All Three Nights

**93 MEN AND WOMEN FROM WORLD WAR II, KOREA,
VIETNAM & THE MIDDLE-EAST WERE
HONORED ON THE FIELD**

45 MILITARY ORGANIZATIONS PRESENT WITH A TABLE ON THE CONCOURSE

**FUN, MUSIC, HEROES, FELLOWSHIP, FOOD, PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL, FIREWORKS ALL THREE
NIGHTS**



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.



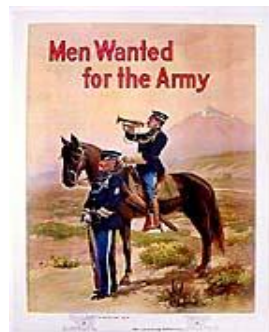
HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA



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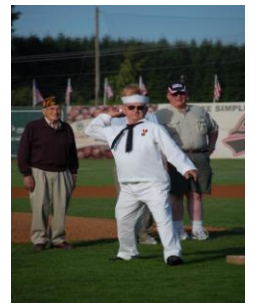
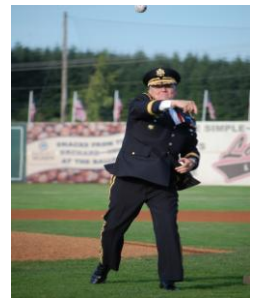
Each year, the Army, Air Force, Navy and Marines induct new Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors and Marines into their respective branches at home plate during the Patriotic Tribute at Volcanoes Stadium.

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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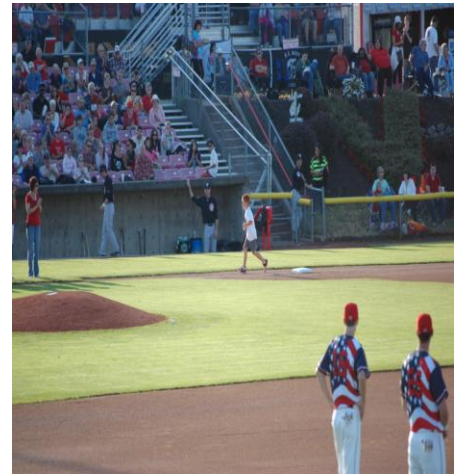
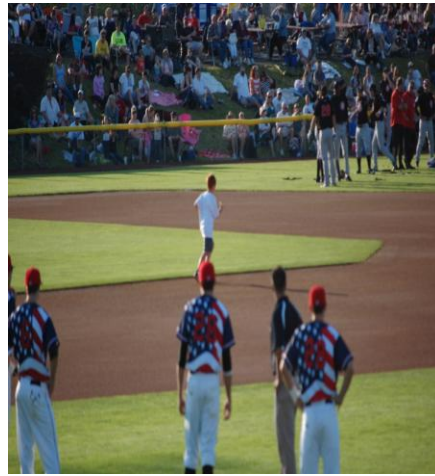
Many Honored Guests were thrilled at being selected to throw a “Ceremonial First Pitch” prior to the National Anthem. There was a lot of fun “bantering” back and forth as to who threw the best pitch. After their bio’s were read, the fans gave them a Heroes ovation, and then the ball sailed to the Volcanoes 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.



THE OFFICIAL PRE-GAME PATRIOTIC TRIBUTE MILITARY CEREMONIES

Colors, National Anthem, Flyover

The Oregon State University Air Force ROTC Silver Talons

“Presented the Colors”.



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

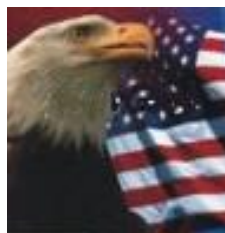


Flyover Courtesy of the Oregon Air National Guard 142nd Fighter Wing.



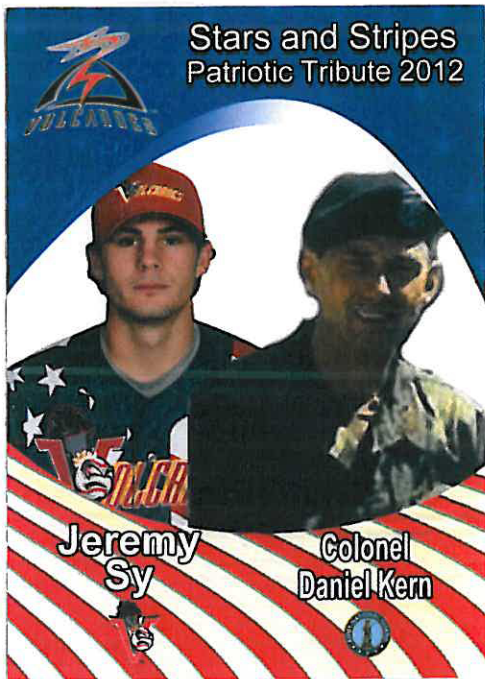
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Between each inning of all three games, we Thanked, Honored and Saluted many outstanding men and women from World War II, Korea, Vietnam and the Middle-East. The Public Address announcer read their bio's, and the fans erupted with applause.



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**



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.

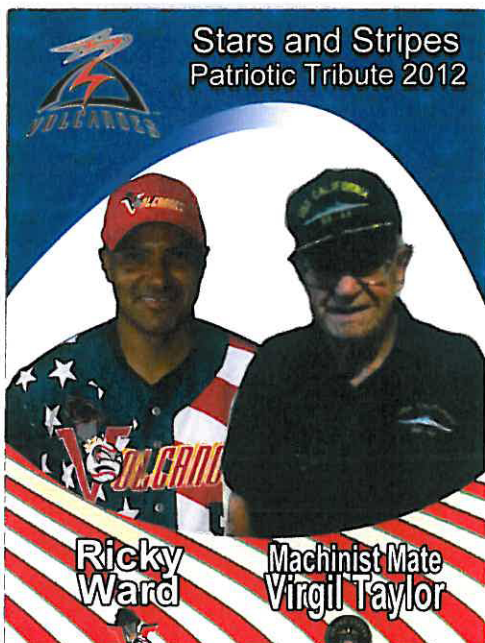
YEAR	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SB
2012 (ULM)	.330	60	233	53	77	15	7	4	37	41	49



**Daniel Kern
Colonel**
Washington Army National Guard

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.

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**Stars and Stripes
Patriotic Tribute 2012**



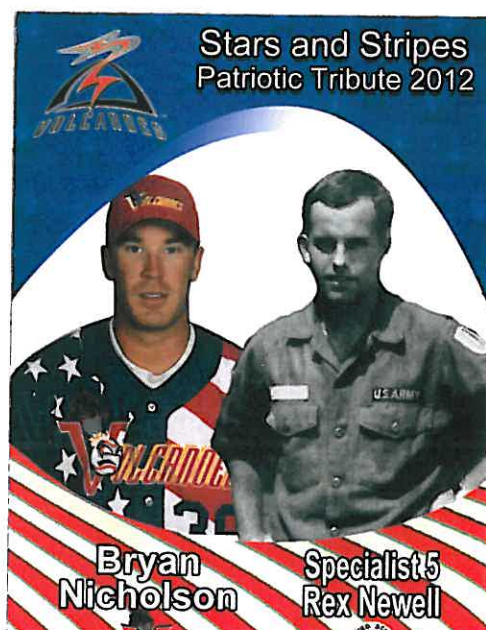
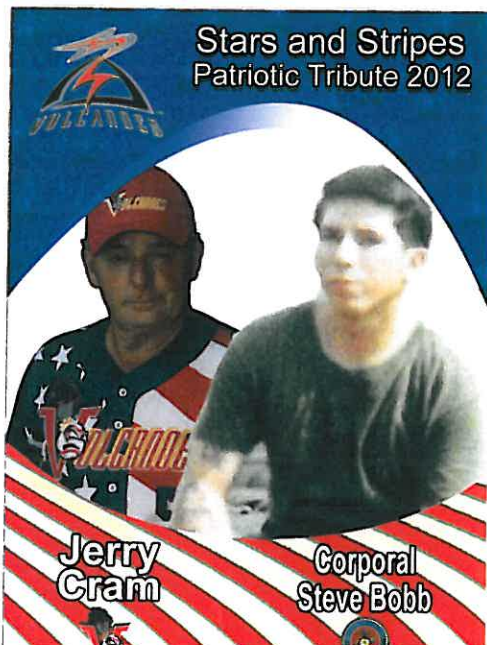
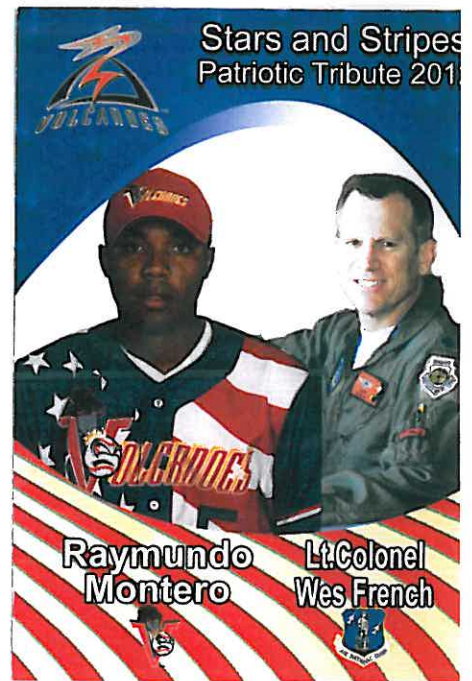
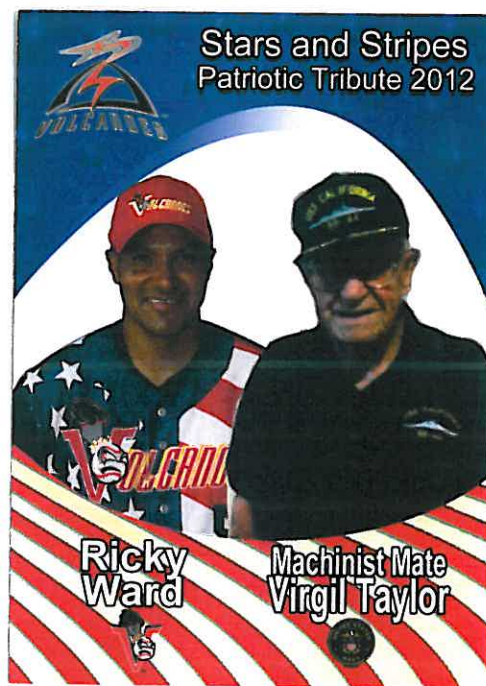
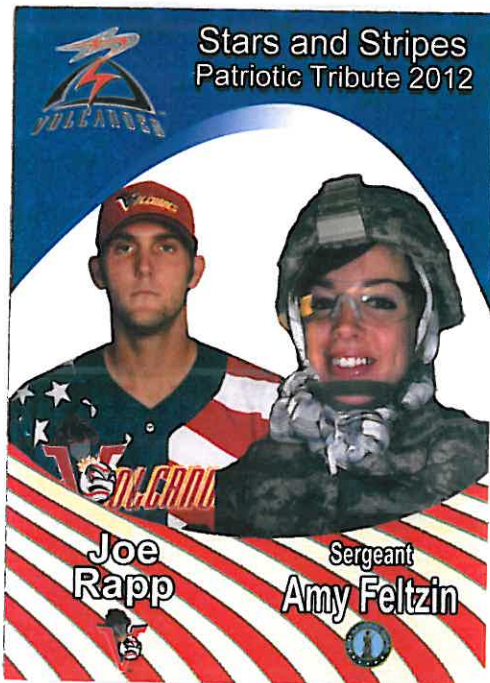
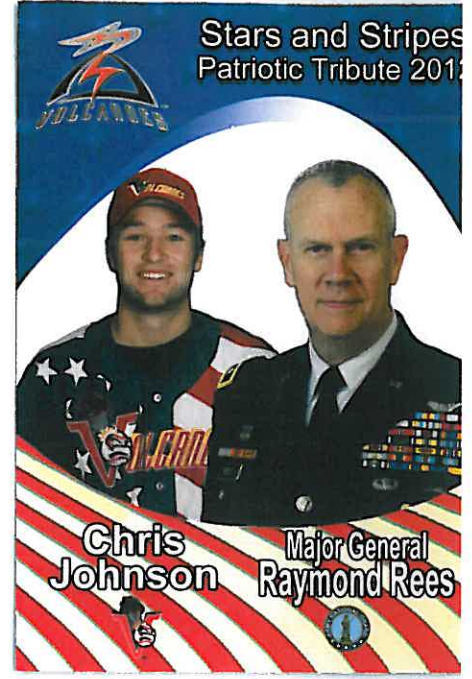
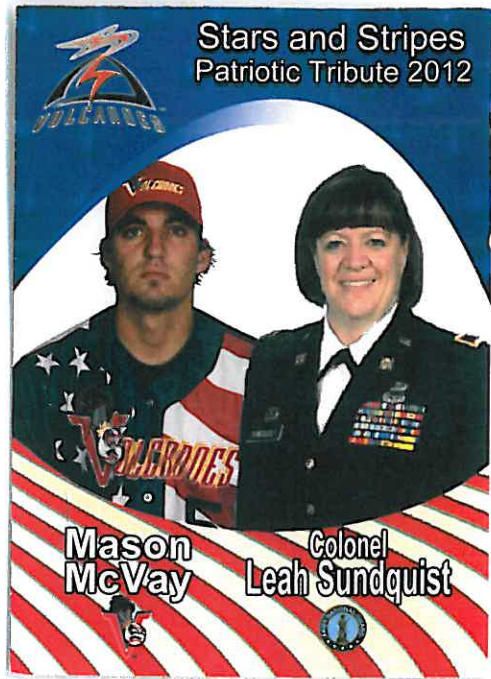
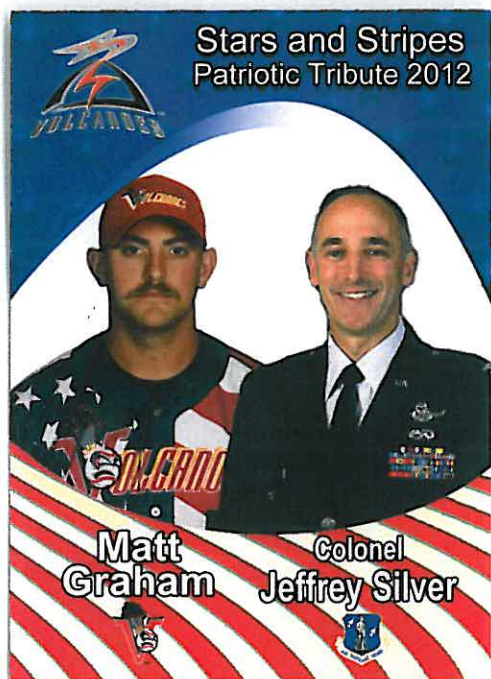
Ricky Ward
 Hitting Coach



**Virgil Taylor
Machinist Mate
United States Navy**

United States Navy (Ret), 1938-1959 - 5th 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 Clasp, and Good Conduct Medal.

Presented By:  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

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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



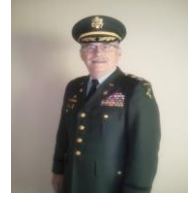
BG Hardin



Colonel Silver



Colonel Bond



Colonel Windus



Colonel Bernhardt



Colonel Lanning



Colonel Huffman



Captain LeBlanc



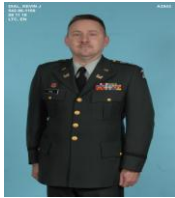
Captain Tiernan



Colonel Kern



Lt. Colonel French



Lt. Colonel Dial



Major Walstrom



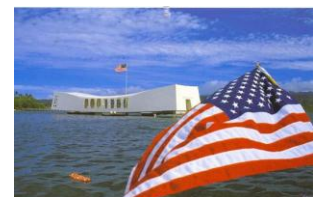
Major Sampson



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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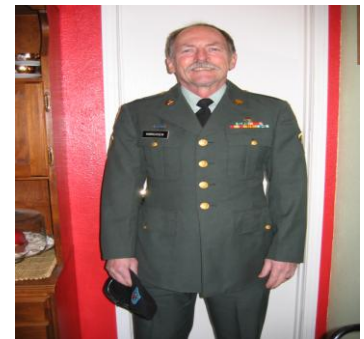
1st Lt. Jones



"Fallen Marine" Lance Corporal Troyer



Specialist 5 Hinrichsen



Chafin Farm Caisson



2012 PATRIOTIC TRIBUTE AT VOLCANOES STADIUM

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Patriotic Music on the Concourse



Oregon Paralyzed Veterans of America



Military Order of the Purple Heart



Field of Flags



Statue 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

PATRIOTIC TRIBUTE AT VOLCANOES STADIUM

2008 – 2012 Honored Guests

Major General Raymond F. Rees, Adjutant General of the Oregon National Guard - July 1, 2005 to present. He is responsible for providing the State of Oregon and the United States with a ready force of citizen soldiers and airmen, equipped and trained to respond to any contingency, natural or manmade. He directs, manages, and supervises the administration, discipline, organization, training and mobilization of the Oregon National Guard, the Oregon State Defense Force, and the Joint Force Headquarters. Served in the Republic of Vietnam as a Cavalry Troop Commander; Commander of the 116th Armored Cavalry Regiment; Director of the Army National Guard, National Guard Bureau; Vice Chief, National Guard Bureau; Acting Chief, National Guard Bureau; Chief of Staff, Headquarters North American Aerospace Defense Command & United States Northern Command. Graduated from West Point in 1962, Command and General Staff College (Honor Graduate), Pre-Command Course Harvard University, and United States Army War College. Has served in Panama, Washington, Alabama, Kentucky, North Carolina, Washington, DC, and Colorado. **Holds the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Army Distinguished Service Medal, Air Force Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit w/Oak Leaf Cluster, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal w/2 Oak Leaf Clusters, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal w/2 Oak Leaf Clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal w/2 Oak Leaf Clusters, National Defense Service Medal w/2 Bronze Service Stars, Vietnam Service Medal w/4 Bronze Service Stars, Armed Forces Reserve Medal w/Gold Hour Glass Device, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Coast Guard Special Operations Service Ribbon, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Medal, Parachute Badge, Army Aviator Badge, Ranger Tab, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Army Superior Unit Award, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross w/Palm, Oregon Distinguished Service Medal, Oregon Exceptional Medal w/Oak Leaf Cluster, Oregon 30-year Faithful Service Medal, Oregon Faithful Service Ribbon w/Silver Hour Glass Device, and Oregon National Guard Superior Unit Award.**

Major General Curtis Loop, United States Army (Ret). 1966-2003. Graduate of Oregon State University, Southern California University and US Army War College. 1967-1968 Viet Nam as a Platoon Leader and Executive Officer in an Infantry Company. 1969-1970 Vietnam as Platoon Leader, Operations Officer and Executive Officer in an Aviation Company. Commanded at every level up to and including the 104th Training Division. Last assignment was Deputy Commanding General for the US Army Pacific. Completed the Infantry Advanced Course (Honor Graduate), Airborne, Ranger, and Aviation Schools. Last civilian position was as Project Manager for the US Army Corps of Engineers. Oregon State President of the Association of the United States Army. Appointed as the Army Reserve Ambassador for the State of Oregon by the Chief, Army Reserve. **Holds two Distinguished Service Medals, the Distinguished Flying Cross, three Bronze Stars, Forty One Air Medals, and the Combat Infantryman's Badge, Ranger Tab, Parachute Badge, and Army Aviator Badge.**

Major General Chuck Rosenfeld, United States Army (Ret). 1968-2005. Former Wartime Chief of Staff, US Forces, Korea. Assistant Adjutant General, Oregon Army National Guard. Visiting Professor US Military Academy, West Point and Oregon State University. Served in Europe, Latin America and the Asia-Pacific Region. **Holds the Defense Meritorious Service-Republic of Korea, Commendations of Minister of Defense & Joint Chiefs, Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal w/3 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Achievement Medal w/1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal w/4 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, Humanitarian Service Medal.**

Major General David Enyeart, United States Army-Oregon Army National Guard. 1978-Present. Wartime Chief of Staff, US Forces Korea. Mortar Platoon Leader, Executive Officer. Company Commander, Battalion Commander, 2nd Battalion, 162nd Infantry Regiment. Commander of 41st Infantry Brigade Combat Team-Afghanistan. Assistant Adjutant General-Army Oregon National Guard. Deputy Commanding General, Army National Guard, Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri. Commander, Senior Military Representative, NATO Headquarters, Sarajevo, Bosnia & Herzegovina. Presently Police Chief of Toledo, Oregon. **Holds the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal w/1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, Meritorious Service Medal w/2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal w/1 Silver Oak Leaf Cluster, Afghanistan Campaign Medal w/2 Bronze Service Stars, North Atlantic Treaty Organization Medal w/2 Bronze Stars, Humanitarian Service Medal w/2 Bronze Stars.**

Brigadier General Bruce Prunk, Oregon Air National Guard. Assistant Adjutant General-Air. Former Deputy Commander of the 732nd Air Expeditionary Group in Iraq. 142nd Fighter Wing Inspector General. Retired as Assistant Chief of Police – Portland. **Holds the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal.**

Brigadier General Norm Hoffman Oregon Army National Guard (Ret). President, Oregon Council of Chapters, MOAA. Former State President, AUSA. Former Chairman, OR National Guard Retiree Assn. Former Asst. Adjutant General, Army. Special Assistant to the Director Army National Guard for Equal Opportunity, plus several other commands. **Legion of Merit, Coast Guard Meritorious Team Commendation, Oregon Distinguished Service Medal, Infantry Order of St. Maurice, 41st Infantry Brigade Hall of Honor, Oregon Military Academy Hall of Fame.**

Brigadier General Charles Yriarte, Oregon Army National Guard. Assistant Adjutant General. Deployed to Balad, Iraq as Commander, Logistic Support. **Holds the Bronze Star Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal.**

Brigadier General Dan York, United States Army. West Point graduate. Served in the Sinai. Former Division Commander – 104th Training Division, Vancouver, Washington. **Holds the Meritorious Service Medal w/Four Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal w/Two Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Achievement Medal w/One Oak Leaf Cluster, Ranger Tab, Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, Jungle Expert Badge.**

Brigadier General Arthur Cornelius, United States Air Force (Ret). 500+ Combat Missions Europe, Japan, Korea, Vietnam. 22,000 hours in over 70 different aircraft. Twice won the 48th Tactical Fighter Wing Top Gun. After TET Offensive, he served with the CIA in Laos with Hmong Guerilla Forces as Commander flying Raven FAC. **Holds the Silver Star, Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Bronze Star with V and one Oak Leaf Cluster.**

Brigadier General Steven Gregg, Oregon Air National Guard – Chief of Staff, and Commander, Oregon Air National Guard, Oregon Joint Force Headquarters. F-4 Upgrade Training Distinguished Graduate. Completed F-15 training. He has been a Flight Instructor, Flight Examiner, Functional Check Pilot, Chief of Weapons and Tactics, Flight Commander and Operations Officer. A Command Pilot with more than 3,000 hours, he was Senior Airspace Planner, US Forces – Iraq. **Holds the Bronze Star, Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal w/1 Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award 2/Valor Device and 4 Oak Leaf Clusters, Iraq Campaign Medal w/Gold Border, Combat Readiness Medal w/1 Silver Oak Leaf Cluster and 4 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters.**

Brigadier General Kurt Hardin, United States Army. Commander, 104th Training Division, Washington. Previously, Chief of Staff, 104th Training Division and Battalion Commander of the 3-314, and extensive leadership roles as Master Tactical Control Officer, Battery Control Evaluator, Battalion Operations Officer, Assistant Inspector General, Brigade Executive Officer and Brigade Commander. Graduated from the U. S. Army War College, U. S. Army Command and General Staff College, and Air Defense Artillery Officer's Basic and Advanced Course. **Holds the Meritorious Service Medal w/3 Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal w/3 Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Achievement Medal w/3 Oak Leaf Clusters, Ranger Tab, Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge and Ancient Order of Saint Barbara.**

Colonel George Lanning, Oregon Army National Guard (Ret). Desert Shield, Commander, 206th Transportation Detachment in Saudi Arabia. Commander, Area Support Group Falcon in the Balkans in 2002. Retired as Deputy Adjutant General for the Oregon National Guard after 35 years of service. **Holds Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, Bronze Star Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal w/3 Bronze Stars, Kosovo Campaign Medal, and the Kuwait Liberation Medal.**

Colonel Michael Valdez, United States Marine Corps. Joined in 1956 as enlisted, and rose to rank of Colonel. Three tours in Vietnam as an Infantry Officer. Joined Oregon National Guard in 1971. Deputy Brigade Commander for both of Oregon's Army Guard Brigades. Named by Governor Kulongoski as Oregon's Director of Selective Service in 2008. Has served his country for 54 years.

Colonel Larry Wood, United States Marine Corps (Ret). 1969-1970 Vietnam, 295 Combat Missions A-4 Skyhawk, Chu Lai & TA-4F Fast FAC, Da Nang. Flew in Japan, Korea, Taiwan & Philippines. Now Executive Director of the Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum. Instructor at Naval War College. **2011 Inductee into Oregon Aviation Hall of Honor. Holds Legion of Merit w/Gold Star, Meritorious Service Medal w/Gold Star, 24 Strike/Flight Air Medals, Navy Commendation Medal w/Combat V, Meritorious Unit Citation w/4 Bronze Stars, Vietnam Service Medal w/3 Bronze Stars.**

Colonel Roberta Janssen, Oregon Army National Guard (Ret). 28 Years Service. Commander, 741st Corps Support Battalion, Deputy Chief of Staff-Personnel. Present Commander, Oregon State Defense Force. **Holds Legion of Merit, Army Meritorious Service Medal 2/2 Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal 2/2 Oak Leaf Clusters. Oregon Distinguished Service Award, Exceptional Service Medal 2/ Oak Leaf Clusters, Oregon Meritorious Service Medal.**

Colonel Larry Brown, United States Army/Oregon Army National Guard (Ret). Helicopter Pilot, Scout Team Leader, 1st Cavalry Division, Vietnam. Flight Platoon Commander, Germany. Instructor Pilot. **Holds Silver Star w/2nd Oak Leaf Cluster, Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross w/3rd Oak Leaf Cluster, Bronze Star, Purple Heart w/3rd Oak Leaf Cluster.**

Colonel Carol Brown, United States Army, Oregon Army National Guard (Ret). 1968-2007. Served in Evacuation Hospital, South Vietnam; then Frankfurt, West Germany. Former Commander Health Services Liaison, State Nurse, State Surgeon, & Deputy Chief of Staff, Joint Force Headquarters. Graduate of US Army War College. **Holds Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters, Vietnam Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal w/60 Device.**

Colonel Kevin Trepka, United States Marine Corps (Ret). 25 years active/reserve. Two tours in Iraq – 2003 Invasion and 2007 Surge. Desert Shield/Desert Storm as Aerial Observer in an OV-10. **Holds 2 Bronze Stars and 4 Air Medals.**

Colonel Leonard Law, United States Army, Commander, 6th Recruiting Battalion, Portland, Oregon. Served as Division Plans Officer for Task Force Baghdad. He has served in Korea, Hawaii, Idaho, Kansas, Missouri, Wisconsin, Texas and California. **Holds the Bronze Star Medal, Four Awards of the Army Meritorious Service Medal, and Three Awards of the Army Commendation Medal.**

Colonel Scott Powell, United States Air Force & Oregon Air National Guard (Ret). Aircraft Commander – F4 Phantom II, Vietnam, 1971 and Thailand, 1972. 301 Air Combat Missions. Also service in Okinawa. Commander, 123rd Fighter Squadron, Portland ANG, Advisor to Commander, 1st Air Force, Advisor to Commander in Chief, NORAD & US Space Command, Commander, 179th Fighter Wing, and Western Air Defense Sector. **Holds the Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross, 21 Air Medals, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with 2 Palms.**

Colonel Fred Broadwater, Oregon Army National Guard (Ret) - 27 years. 1972 US Army Infantry School & Airborne School. Graduate of Command & General Staff Officers College. 9th Infantry – Japan. Currently Deputy Chief of Staff Operations, Plans & Training, Headquarters, Oregon State Defense Force.

Colonel Daniel Kern, Washington Army National Guard. 1971-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 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.**

Colonel Terry Bernhardt, United States Air Force-Oregon Air National Guard (Ret). 27 Years. Vietnam Veteran. Former Commander of the 142nd Fighter Interceptor Group. Pilot OV-10 Bronco and F4C Phantom. Graduate of the National War College, Washington, DC. **Holds Two Distinguished Flying Cross w/Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Medal w/12 Oak Leaf Clusters, Gallantry Cross w/Silver Star from Republic of Vietnam.**

Colonel Douglas Kuhl, Oregon Army National Guard (Ret). Platoon Leader, Company Executive Officer, Battalion Engineer Officer, Company Commander. Professor of Military Science, University of Portland Army ROTC. Deployed to Afghanistan as Mentor to Deputy Commander of the 2nd Zone Afghan Border Police. Returned as 82nd Brigade Deputy Commander. Director of Veterans Outreach Center for Cascade Centers. **Holds the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal w/5 Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal w/3 Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Achievement Medal w/4 Oak Leaf Clusters and Army Parachutist Badge.**

Colonel Paul Huffman, United States Air Force. Professor of Aerospace Studies at the University of Portland, and Commander of the Air Force ROTC. 1986 Graduate of the United States Air Force Academy, 2007 Air War College. Master Pilot with over 3,800 hours in F-15, F-16 and OV-10. F-16 Instructor Pilot and Flight Commander, Nellis AFB. Served in Arizona, South Carolina, Nevada, Korea, Alaska, Pentagon and Oregon. **Holds the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal w/2 Oak Leaf Clusters, Air Medal w/1 Oak Leaf Cluster, Aerial Achievement Medal w/2 Oak Leaf Cluster and Air Force Commendation Medal w/1 Oak Leaf Cluster.**

Colonel Jeffrey Silver, Oregon Air National Guard. Wing Commander, 173rd Fighter Wing, Kingsley Field. Distinguished Graduate of the Air National Guard Academy of Military Science. Prior duty in the 142nd Fighter Wing, Portland, Weapons Systems Officer, Operations Support Flight Commander, Maintenance Squadron Commander, Maintenance Group Commander, Operations Group Commander and Vice Commander. Distinguished Graduate of F-15 Replacement Training Unit. Flew combat in Operation Southern Watch and Operation Northern Watch. Command Pilot F-4C and F-15A/B/C/D. **Holds the Meritorious Service Medal w/1 Device, Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal w/1 Device, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award w/Valor & 4 Devices, Combat Readiness Medal w/10 Devices, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Oregon National Guard Superior Unit Citation.**

Colonel Bob Windus, United States Army (Ret). 31 total years. Commander at many levels. Veteran of Vietnam 1969-1970. Also served in Korea, New Guinea, Samoa, Panama-Operation Just Cause, Tahiti, Fiji, Micronesia, Marshall Islands, Mongolia and Bosnia as a member of the United States Army Special Operations Command, and Desert Storm. Outstanding Graduate – National Defense University, and graduate of United States Air Force Air War College, and United States Army Command and General Staff College. **Holds the Bronze Star Medal from Vietnam, Meritorious Service Medal (2), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal (5), Army Achievement Medal (6), Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Service Medal and Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, plus the Bonneville Power Administration Exceptional Service Award, and the BPA/Department of Energy Distinguished Career Service Award.**

Colonel Thomas Patton, Oregon Air National Guard. Presently the Air National Guard Assistant to Command Staff Judge Advocate, Pacific Air Forces, Hickam AFB, Hawaii. Former C-130 Navigator, Instructor and Evaluator serving at Pope AFB, NC and Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona, and 304th Rescue Squadron, Portland. 1990-1991 flew Combat Missions and Combat Support Missions in Desert Storm. Former Deputy Staff Judge Advocate, 142nd Fighter Wing, and Staff Judge Advocate, Joint Force Headquarters – Oregon National Guard. Former Assistant Attorney General, Oregon Department of Justice. **Holds the Meritorious Service Medal w/1 Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Force Air Medal, Air Force Aerial Achievement Medal w/ 1 Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Force Commendation Medal w/3 Oak Leaf Clusters and Air Force Outstanding Unit Award w/"V" Device & 4 Oak Leaf Clusters.**

Colonel Donald Bond, Oregon Army National Guard (Ret). 42 Years of Honorable Service. Enlisted 1967; rose to Sergeant. 1974-Grauated from Oregon Military Academy and Commissioned. Has been Infantry Platoon Leader, Detachment Commander, Finance Officer, Budget Analyst, Commander 141st Support Battalion, Deputy Chief of Staff-Operations, Chief, Joint Staff/Chief of Staff, Army. Graduate of numerous Military Education Courses. **Holds the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal (5), Army Commendation Medal (2), Air Force Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal (2), Oregon Superior Unit Award, Oregon Distinguished Service Medal, Oregon Faithful Service Medal (40 Years).**

Colonel Leah Sundquist, Oregon National Guard, J3 Director of Operations. Former Deputy Director of Operations, Executive Officer, Battalion Operations Officer, Headquarters Company Commander, and many other leadership roles. Graduate of US Army War College, 2008; National Security Issues Seminar, 2001; Defense Strategy Course, 2000; US Army Command & General Staff College, 1999. Deployed during Desert Storm & Operation Enduring Freedom. **Holds the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Oregon Service Ribbon, Air Assault Badge and Parachutist Badge.**

Captain Eugene Ebersole, United States Navy (Ret). Judge Advocate General Corps. 1969-1970 554th Construction Combat Engineers Cu Chi & Lai Khe, Vietnam. US Pacific Command, Office of the Staff Judge Advocate; Commander, US Pacific Fleet, Office of the Fleet Judge Advocate. Served as Rule of Law Coordinator & Liaison to US Embassy & Iraq Ministries of Justice, Detainee Operations, Baghdad, 2009. Retired after 21 years as Senior Assistant Attorney General, Oregon Department of Justice. **Holds Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal 2 Awards, Navy Commendation Medal 2 Awards, Iraq Campaign Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Service Medal.**

Captain Tim Myers, United States Navy (Ret). Naval Academy Graduate, Played football and baseball for Navy, Pilot, 3 tours to Vietnam, Philippines, Navy Test Pilot, Squadron Commander and Commander of the USS Ogden and USS Peleliu. Set three aircraft World Records for altitude, distance and speed in a PC-3. **Holds Legion of Merit, Air Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal.**

Captain Scott Kitchen, United States Coast Guard (Ret). Commander of the North Bend Coast Guard Station, and 1986 graduate of the Naval Academy. Twenty years in aviation with over 5,000 flight hours. Stationed in Puerto Rico, Miami, New Orleans and North Bend. **Awarded the Captain Witherspoon Inspirational Leadership Award** for his role in the historic rescue of 33,000 victims of hurricane Katrina.

Captain Harold Tiernan, United States Navy (Ret). 1965 - 1995. Supply Officer aboard the USS Kretchmer in Guam. Served in Vietnam, Georgia, New York, Washington, DC, and California. Command Historian, Military Sealift Command at the Washington Naval Yard. **Holds the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Unit Commendation, Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation, Vietnam Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation, and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal.**

Captain Daniel LeBlanc, United States Coast Guard. Commander, Portland Marine Safety Unit. Commanded in New Orleans, Hawaii, San Francisco, San Diego. Earned "Wings of Gold" as a Naval Flight Officer for the E-2C Hawkeye. **Holds Coast Guard Meritorious Service Medal, 9-11 Medal, Coast Guard Commendation Medal.**

Captain Ed Campbell, United States Navy. Commanding Officer, Oregon State NROTC. Naval Flight Officer, 1985. Served many commands – Moffett Field, CA, Diego Garcia, BIOT, Japan, Jacksonville, USS Abraham Lincoln, 2 Deployments off coast of Somalia, Whidbey Island, Japan, Bahrain, NORAD in Colorado Springs. **Holds Defense Superior Service Medal, 4 Meritorious Service Medals, 2 Air Medals, 4 Navy Commendation Medals and Bronze V, 2 Navy Achievement Medals.**

Captain Greg Wooldridge, United States Navy (Ret). 27 years service including Subic Bay, Philippines & Japan. Commander NAS Lemoore, CA, & received Presidential Installation of Excellence Award as Best Navy Base Worldwide. Multiple deployments in aircraft carriers – USS Ranger, USS Enterprise & USS Midway. **3-time Commander of the Blue Angels – '91-'92-'93.**

Lt. Colonel Bill O'Neill, United States Navy. Enlisted in 1953 and rose thru the ranks to Lt. Colonel. Joined the Oregon Army National Guard in 1959. Served as the Provost Martial until his retirement in 1989. Also retired from the Oregon State Police. Served 36 years as a soldier; 28 years as an Oregon State Police Officer.

Lt. Colonel Thomas Crowson, United States Army, Commander, Army Recruiting Battalion, Portland. Former Commander, 1st Iraqi National Police Mechanized Brigade and Director of Operations, Rapid Equipping Force, Afghanistan, and Platoon Leader, Germany. **Holds Army Meritorious Service Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters.** Will administer "Oath of Enlistment" to several new soldiers at home plate.

Lt. Colonel Leneld Brown, United States Army (Ret). Vietnam 1969-1970, Engineer Officer; Korea 1977-1978, Europe 1981-1987, Pentagon 1987-1991. President and founder of Oregon Chapter National Association for Black Veterans. **Holds Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal w/2 Oak Leaf Clusters, Vietnam Service Medal (3), Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation, Republic of Vietnam Honor Medal (1st Class), National Defense Service Medal w/Bronze Service Star.**

Lt. Colonel Nanci Visser, United States Marine Corps Reserve (Ret). 1979-2000. Served Aide de Camp, Protocol Officer, Personnel Officer, Administrative Officer to the Chief of Staff, Headquarters Marine Corps, Assistant Secretary of the General Staff, and Social Officer to the 31st Commandant of the Marine Corps. Served in Virginia, Okinawa, Thailand and Pentagon. **Holds Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal with Gold Star.**

Lt. Colonel Paul Fitzgerald, Oregon Air National Guard. Air Operations Directorate (A3) Joint Forces Headquarter. 1990 Graduate Air Force Academy. F15 assignment in Japan. Command pilot – 2,000+ hours. **Holds Air Medal with One Device, Aerial Achievement Medal, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor and four devices.**

Lt. Colonel Alisha Hamel, Oregon Army National Guard. Command Historian, Joint Force Headquarters. One of the first Guardsman to mobilize to Desert Storm. **Holds Army Commendation Medal, 3 Desert Storm Awards, Kuwait Service Medal.**

Lt. Colonel Terry Schrick, Oregon Army National Guard (Ret). 1966 United States Army Infantry, Germany. 1983 Commissioned as Army 1st Lieutenant as Chaplain. Served 23 years in Army Reserves, and Oregon Army National Guard. Served Hurricane Katrina and Rita. 2006-2007 Afghanistan. **Holds Army Commendation Medal, Over Seas Medal & National Defense Medal w/Bronze Attachment.**

Lt. Colonel Richard Lightfoot, US Air Force (Ret). 1964-1992. Tours in Philippines, Vietnam, Germany and Turkey. Over 200 combat sorties in Vietnam in 3 different aircraft. Served as Vice Commander, Incirlik AB, Turkey, during Desert Storm and Operation Provide Comfort. While in Military Airlift Command, provided support to American Embassies and Americans in 112 countries. **Holds the Bronze Star, Air Medal w/2 Oak Leaf Clusters, and a Master Navigator Rating with over 5,000 hours flying time.**

Lt. Colonel Judy Fromherz, United States Army Reserves. 104th Training Division Joint Base Lewis-McChord. Commissioned thru OSU ROTC program. Commanded at Company and Battalion levels. Served in Germany, Korea and the Pentagon. **Holds Meritorious Service Medal w/2 Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal w/5 Oak Leaf Clusters, Korean Defense Service Medal and Army Superior Unit Award.**

Lt. Colonel Dick Tobiason, United States Army (Ret). Over 400 combat flight hours as Commanding Officer of a Platoon of 8 Army O-1A Bird Dogs supporting 3rd Marine Division with aerial reconnaissance, bombing, artillery, and naval gun fire - Vietnam. Second tour was Project Manager for US Government program to transfer all US war equipment to South Vietnam government during peace talks. Helped Repatriate 27 American POWs in South Vietnam during "Operation Homecoming". Graduate of US Navy Test Pilot School. Created Oregon's WWII Veterans Historic Highway, Bend Heroes Memorial, and Honor Flight of Eastern Oregon and Portland Oregon. Biographer of past honoree Bob Maxwell, WWII Medal of Honor recipient. **Holds the Legion of Merit w/Oak Leaf Cluster, 15 Air Medals with V device, Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Joint Service Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Meritorious Service Medal, Numerous Decorations from South Vietnam Government.**

Lt. Colonel Royce Pollard, United States Army (Ret). 1961-1988. Infantry Officer. Two year Vietnam Veteran. Also, served in Germany and South Korea. Former Commander of the Vancouver Barracks. Graduate of the Command and General Staff College. Seven years on Vancouver City Council, Six-term Mayor of Vancouver. 2010 First Citizen of Clark County. **Holds the Bronze Star Medal w/2 Oak Leaf Clusters & 1 V Device, Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal w/1 Oak Leaf Cluster, 6 Air Medals, Joint Services Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry w/Bronze Star, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation w/Palm, Expert & Combat Infantry Badge, and Parachute Badge.**

Lt. Colonel Robert Knight, United States Army (Ret). Graduate of United States Military Academy-West Point. 21 years as an Infantry Officer. Former Commander, Vancouver Barracks. Presently is President of Clark College, Vancouver, Washington. (Complete bio coming)

Lt. Colonel Kevin Dial, Oregon Army National Guard. 1982 to present. Previously enlisted in United States Marines 1982-1985. Graduated from Oregon Military Academy and Commissioned 1986, and served as an Armored Cavalry Officer. Also graduated from the United States Army Command & General Staff College, and Western Baptist College. Currently assigned as the Recruiting Retention Battalion Commander. Previously Commander of the 1249 Engineer Battalion, he deployed during 2011 to Afghanistan. Has been Deputy for the Director of Personnel, Oregon Army National Guard; 1249 Engineer Battalion Executive Officer, Executive Officer to the Adjutant General, and many other commands. **Holds the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal (3rd Award), Air Force Achievement Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (6th Award), Armed Forces Reserve Medal (3rd Award), Army Service Ribbon, NATO Medal, and Oregon 30-Year Faithful Service Award.**

Lt. Colonel Paul Ashcraft, United States Army. Professor of Military Science, Oregon State University ROTC. Graduated from and taught at West Point. Platoon Leader, Staff Officer, Company Commander Combat Engineer Battalions in 1st Armored Division, 10th Mountain Division. 2005 deployed to Iraq, 3rd Infantry Division. **Holds the Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal w/3 Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal, and Iraq Campaign Medal.**

Lt. Colonel Martin Balakas, Oregon Air National Guard, Kingsley Field. 173 Fighter Wing Executive Support Officer and Public Affairs Officer. Former Lt. JG in the United States Navy. Served as the Supply Officer aboard the USS Arkansas, and as Exercise Planner for the Military Traffic Management Command. Transferred to the Air National Guard in 2002, and became Installation Deployment Officer. Commanded the 406th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron, Kirkuk, Iraq, and the Combined Airpower Transition Force, Kabul, Afghanistan. **Holds the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal w/Gold Star, Iraq Campaign Ribbon, Afghanistan Campaign Ribbon, Navy "E" Ribbon w/2 Silver "E" Devices, Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation, Oregon Outstanding Unit Award.**

Lt. Colonel Daniel Hendrickson, United States Army and Oregon Army National Guard (Ret). 24 years service. Served as an Infantry Officer in the United States, Germany and Iraq in positions from Platoon Leader to Regimental Commander. Served as Commander of 2nd Battalion, 162 Infantry in Operation Iraqi Freedom, Baghdad, Iraq, and led the Battalion's 2005 deployment to Hurricane Katrina. Finished career as Commander of the 249th Regional Training Center. Now a Captain with the Corvallis Police Department. **Holds the Bronze Star Medal, Legion of Merit, Iraq Campaign Medal, Army Meritorious Service Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge, Expert Infantry Badge, Ranger Tab and Parachutist Badge.**

Lt. Colonel Larry Peterson, United States Army (Ret). 1979-2007. Shore Platoon Leader, Military Police Officer, International Law Officer, Legal Officer Republic of Panama, Justice Mentor US Embassy, Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Commander 320th Psychological Operations, Director of Media Operations Joint Psychological Operations Task Force, NATO SFOR, Headquarters Sarajevo, Bosnia. Command Judge Advocate 364th Civil Affairs Brigade, Portland, and Asst. Staff Judge Advocate, SOCOM MacDill AFB, Florida. Also served in the Philippines, Thailand and Vanuatu. **Holds the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal w/1 Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Achievement Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal-4, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal w/2 Bronze Stars, Armed Forces Reserve Medal w/M Device & Numeral 2, NATO Medal, Army Overseas Service Training Ribbon w/Numeral 8, and German Army Psychological Defense Badge.**

Lt. Colonel Wes "Pappy" French, United States Air Force and Oregon Air National Guard. Joint Force Headquarters Director of Operations. Responsible for two separate wings—142nd & 173rd—training F-15 pilots for the Air Force, and Oregon Air National Guard, providing Air Sovereignty/Operational Capability in the Pacific Northwest. Responsible for Special Tactics throughout the world, the 116th & 270th Air Control Squadrons, and 2,400 Airmen in Oregon. Stationed in Arizona, Alaska, Idaho, Nevada and Oregon. Command Pilot logging over 3,100 hours in an F-15. **Holds the Meritorious Service Medal w/1 Device, Air Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal w/2 Devices, Combat Ready Medal w/4 Devices, Global War on Terrorism Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Air Force Longevity Award w/3 Devices, Oregon National Guard Superior Unit Citation w/1 Device.**

Lt. Colonel Larry Kaufman, United States Marine Corps (Ret). Infantry Platoon Leader, Rifle Company Commander, Battalion Operations Officer. Vietnam 1966-1967. Director, Marine Corps Recruiters' School 1967-1970 & 1971-1973. Director, 3rd Marine Division Leadership School 1973-1974. Assistant Director, Marine Corps Staff & Command College, Leadership Division 1974-1975. Commander, Salem Chapter, Military Order of the World Wars – 6 years. **Holds the Meritorious Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal w/Device, Vietnam Service Medal w/2 Stars, Combat Action Ribbon, Presidential Unit Citation, and Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation Cross of Gallantry w/Palm.**

Lt. Colonel David Nelson, Oregon State Defense Force. Commander of the 1249th ROT. Formerly Airman First Class, United States Air Force, 1951-1956. Served at K13 Korea in the 319th FIS, 5th Air Force, as a F94B Radio & IFF Technician. Also served at Travis AFB, Anderson AFB Guam in the 5th A&E as a RB36 ECM Technician, and USAFR 4th Air Force, Portland Air Base. **Holds the Presidential Unit Citation, Good Conduct Medal, United Nations Service Medal, Korean Service Medal w/3 Bronze Stars, Korean Presidential Unit Citation, National Defense Service Medal w/1 Bronze Star, Oregon National Guard Commendation Medal w/Oak Leaf Cluster, and Oregon 10-Year Faithful Service Award.**

Lt. Colonel Dwight Morse, 1974 Graduate of West Point. Also graduate of the Army Command & General Staff College. Field Artillery. Served in the United States, Germany and Korea. Commander of two Batteries, and served as a Battalion and Brigade Operation Officer. Taught 3 ½ years at the U. S. Military Academy, and three years in the Center for Army Tactics, U. S. Army Command & General Staff College. Final assignment was Professor of Military Science at The University of Mississippi. Retired in 1995 and started the Junior ROTC program at North Salem High School. Recipient of the prestigious Crystal Apple Award as one of Salem-Keizer School District's most outstanding educator. **He holds the Meritorious Service Medal w/3 Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal w/3 Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal w/Bronze Star, Korea Defense Service Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon w/Numeral 2, Army Service Ribbon, Ranger Tab, Army Parachutist Badge.**

Commander Andrew Williamson, United States Coast Guard. Graduate of the United States Merchant Marine Academy, and commissioned. Received his T-Boat, Barge, Foreign Freight, Tank Vessel & Hull qualifications at USCG MSU Galveston. Transferred MSO Mobile in charge of Bender Shipyard. Delivered first two US built Chemical Tankers in over 40 years, and was in charge of converting the Top Secret "Project Jennifer" into the Drillship GLOMAR Explorer. Transferred to MSO Houston in 2001 as Marine Investigator & Port State Control Branch Chief. 2005 transferred to Pacific Area as Port State Control Program Manager of California, Oregon, Washington, Alaska, Hawaii, Guam, American Samoa and Saipan. Currently Chief of Inspections Division in Portland. **Holds the Pistol Marksman, Humanitarian Service Medal, Coast Guard Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, 3 Letters of Commendation, 3 Achievement Medals and a Commendation Medal.**

Major Larry Deibert, United States Army. **Oregon's Most Decorated Soldier**, 578 Combat Missions in Vietnam, Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army. Protocol rank of Lt. General. **Holds the Distinguished Service Cross, and two Distinguished Flying Crosses.**

Major Joelle Goodwin, United States Army (Ret). Professor of Military Science, University of Oregon ROTC, and former **Mrs. Oregon**. Senior Intelligence Officer, Lance Missile Platoon Officer, Executive Officer, and Brigade Adjutant in Germany. Served as Anti-Terrorism/Force Protection Officer. Prepared plans and orders, recommended allocation of resources with national intelligence systems. Managed language training programs, coordinated training with the US Air Force, Army National Guard and Reserve Training units. Served as primary advisor in counterintelligence operations; analyzing, managing and disseminating intelligence. Served as Director of Intelligence in Honduras.

Major Amy Payton, Oregon Army National Guard. Casualty Officer in Iraq.

Lt. Commander Robert Zafran, United States Navy (Ret). 8 years enlisted; rose to Lt. Commander. Navy Flight Officer. Served as Aviation Crewmember in P2 Neptune aircraft. Assigned to Naval Air Test Center, Weapons System Test Division for Project Muddy Hill, a highly classified CIA/Navy Special Operations. 1967 deployed to Thailand. Flew night Combat Reconnaissance in Central Laos. Deployed to South East Asia, and conducted four tours of maritime patrol duty in Vietnam, and two deployments to Indian Ocean. Mission Commander/TACCO in P3C aircraft. **Holds the Navy Commendation, Navy Achievement w/Combat Valor, and Combat Action Ribbon, and Awarded 5 Air Medals.**

Major Brian White, Oregon Air National Guard. Base Civil Engineer, Portland Air National Guard Base. Graduated Oregon State University with a Bachelor's Degree in 1997. Graduated from Air University with a Master of Military Art and Operational Science Degree in 2011. Assigned to civil engineer squadrons in Texas, Kuwait, Oregon, Saudi Arabia, and Iraq. **Holds Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal w/2 Oak Leaf Clusters, Air Force Achievement Medal, AF Outstanding Unit Award with Valor Device and three Oak Leaf Clusters, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal with one device, Global War On Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, and Global War on Terrorism Service Medal.**

Major John Sampson, United States Army (Ret) 1958-1978. 8 years enlisted, then rose to rank of Major. Served three years at the US Army Medical Depot, Vitry Le Francois, France. 1st tour in Vietnam (1965-1966) as a Combat Medic with the First Cavalry Division (Air Mobile). 1967, a Researcher at the US Army Research Institute of Environmental Medicine, Natick, MA. Graduated from OCS (Officers Candidate School), Fort Benning GA. (1968) commissioned in the Chemical Corp, served as Platoon Leader, 6th Army AIT brigade, Ft. Ord, CA. 2nd Vietnam tour as Commander of 290th Quartermaster Det. Cam Ranh Bay (1970-1971). Instructor at the US Armor School, Fort Knox, Ky (1971-1975). Taught Chemical, Biological, and Radiological warfare to Armor Officers. Served as Brigade Chemical Officer, 7th Division Ft Ord, CA, and Commander 52nd Chemical Det. Ft Ord, CA. **Holds the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Commendation Medal w/1 Oak Leaf Cluster, Combat Medical Badge, Presidential Unit Citation, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry w/Palm.**

Major Eric Walstrom, Oregon Army National Guard. Serving still for over 20 years. Currently, Assistant General Foreman at Oregon Sustainment Maintenance Site at Camp Withycombe, Clackamas. Served in Operation Iraqi Freedom III as Light Cavalry Commander, Troop F/82 CAV, responsible for securing Iraq's largest logistical hub LSA Anaconda, Balad, Iraq. Also served as Infantry Company Executive Officer supporting Multi-National Force and Observers, Sinai, Egypt. **Holds the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal w/3 Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Achievement Medal w/4 Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Good Conduct Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal w/3 Oak Leaf Cluster, National Defense Medal-2, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal w/1 Bronze Star, Armed Forces Reserve Medal w/M Device & Numeral 2, Iraqi Campaign Medal, Multi-National Force and Observers Medal, Army Overseas Service Training Ribbon-2.**

Major Mike Allegre, United States Air Force-1976-1980. Joined the Oregon Air National Guard in 1985 as a Public Affairs NCO. Received his commission in 1989, and served 17 years as Public Affairs Officer, 142nd Fighter Wing, Portland. Retired from the Oregon Air National Guard in 2007, with nearly 25 years of Military service. Also served in Texas, England, Germany, and Massachusetts. Currently works in Public Affairs with the Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs. **Holds the Meritorious Service Medal, USAF Commendation Medal w/2 Oak Leaf Clusters, USAF Achievement Medal, USAF Outstanding Unit Award w/2 Oak Leaf Clusters, USAF Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal w/1 Oak Leaf Cluster, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, USAF Overseas Duty Ribbon, USAF Longevity Service Award Ribbon w/5 Oak Leaf Clusters, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, USAF Small Arms Marksman Ribbon, ORNG Commendation Medal, ORNG Achievement Medal.**

Captain David Parker, United States Marine Corps (Ret). 1958-1983. Severely injured three times in Vietnam. Commanding Officer & Executive Officer, Marine Detachment, USS Ranger. **Past National President of the Paralyzed Veterans of America. Past Oregon President of Paralyzed Veterans of America, and presently Secretary of the Paralyzed Veterans of America. Holds three Purple Hearts, Vietnam Medal of Honor, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry.**

Captain Dale Reynolds, United States Army. 1942-1946. Wounded twice in France, Lorient, Nantes and Saint-Nazaire, hand-fighting Germans. Awarded France's highest honor – Legion d'Honneur.

Captain Dreama Hutchison, Oregon Air National Guard, Kingsley Field. Installation Deployment Officer. Enlisted 1991; Commissioned 2006. Has served in South Dakota as B-1b Avionics Technician, Combat Communications Technician in Alabama, B-1 Avionics Technician in Georgia, Ground Communications Technician and Mission Support Group First Sergeant, and Logistics Readiness Officer, Deployment & Distribution Flight Commander in Oregon. Deployed in 2011 to Manas Transit Center, Kyrgyzstan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. **Holds the Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal w/M Device, Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon (Pistol), Oregon Faithful Service Ribbon w/M Device.**

Commander Doug Sheehan, United States Coast Guard (Ret). 1969 graduate of Officer Candidate School. Served on active duty until 1972 on CG Cutters Ivy and Cactus as Operations Officer. Continued in Coast Guard Reserve until 1991 as Commanding Officer of two Coast Guard Reserve Units.

Lt. Jim Lindquist, United States Navy (Ret). 104-years old. Joined Navy in 1925 & retired in 1955. Commanded Navy Escort Ships, and was a Submarine Commander. Served in WWII and Korea.

Lt. Senior Grade Steve Besse, United States Navy 1942. Graduated OSU 1943. Graduate Midshipmen School, Columbia University, 1943. Assigned as Executive Officer of LCI 420. Sailed to Normandy Beach, June 5, 1944. First wave on Omaha Beach, June 6. Made many beach landings with fresh troops, and pulled a barge to Omaha Beach with 1000 tons of open ammunition aboard. **Holds Navy Commendation for rescue of 18 men in downed B29.**

1st Lt. Raymond Jones, Oregon Army National Guard. Commissioned thru Alabama Military Academy, 2010. Presently DSCOPS Project Officer/Platoon Leader, 162nd Engineer Company. Previously, CMO Team Leader, 1249th Engineering Battalion. Completed Basic Combat Training, Combat Lifesaver Course, Combating Trafficking in Persons and Engineer Basic Officer Leadership. **Holds the Army commendation Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal w/2 Campaign Stars, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Armed Forces Reserve Medal w/"M" Device, NATO Medal.**

2nd Lt. Grant Lindsay, United States Army-Air Corps. Flew C46 ferrying missions over the "Burma Hump" Himalayas to Indonesia, Tarawa, New Guinea, England, Ascension Island and Africa. Stationed at Lu Li Lang, China. Grand Marshall of the 2010 Albany Veterans Parade.

2nd Lt. Heather Bashor, Oregon Air National Guard, Kingsley Field. Public Affairs Officer. 1997-2006-Mid-East Cryptologic Linguist & Tactics Analyst. Excelled as an Arabic Linguist. Provided support to Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, sister intelligence agencies, and briefed Fighter Pilots on up-to-date information. 2011-Graduated, with Honors, from the Academy of Military Science. Received the Honor Graduate Award, Citizen Airman Award, Academic Achievement Award & Physical Fitness Award. Possesses the John Levitow Award (the highest award presented at Airman Leadership School; it is the pinnacle of success in ALS and Enlisted PME, and is presented to the student that demonstrated the most outstanding leadership and scholastic qualities), Provost Award for Top Academic Performance at the Arabic Basic Course, and Top Graduate Award at the Mid-East Cryptologic Linguist Technical School. **Holds the Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award w/Valor Device, Air Force Good Conduct Medal w/2 Devices, Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal w/1 Device, Air Force Longevity Service Medal w/2 Devices, Air Force NCO PME Graduate Ribbon, and Oregon National Guard Outstanding Unit w/2 Devices.**

Chief Warrant Officer 4 Mike Roulier, United States Army (Ret). Combat Assault Helicopter Pilot, 2 tours Vietnam. Also Germany, Afghanistan, Iraq, Guantanamo Bay. 3,680 flight hours; 1,866 in combat. First helicopter pilot to land in St. Peter's Square, the Vatican. **Holds Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal w/2 Oak Leaf Clusters, Purple Heart w/Oak Leaf, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal with V device.**

Chief Warrant Officer 3 David Talbot, Alaska Army National Guard, United States Army, Oregon State Defense Force. Attended US Army Helicopter Flight School. Senior Army Rotary Wing Aviator. Flew armed helicopters in South Vietnam 1965-1966. Over 6,000 hours flight time. Presently Executive Officer, 162nd ROT, Oregon State Defense Force. Trained Liaison Officer for Marion County. **Holds the Bronze Star, Army Commendation Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Air Medal w/21 Oak Leaf Clusters, Vietnam Campaign Medal w/1960, Vietnam Service Ribbon w/Bronze Star, National Defense Service Ribbon, Expert Pistol Badge, Sharpshooter Rifle Badge.**

State Command Sergeant Major Brunk Conley, United States Army 1981; Oregon Army National Guard 1986. Infantry, Advanced Infantry, Airborne School. Served in Operation Iraqi Freedom, and deployed to Afghanistan. Responsible for the training, equipping and stationing of the Afghan National Army. **Holds the Bronze Star Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Ranger Tab, Senior Parachutist Badge, Pathfinder Badge, Expert Marksmanship Badge, and Expert Infantryman's Badge. Highest ranking enlisted soldier in the Oregon National Guard.**

Master Chief Petty Officer Jim Caldwell, United States Coast Guard (Ret), 1970-1992, **4 Commendation Medals** for life-saving rescues on the high seas.

Command Sergeant Major Denise Kraxberger, Oregon Army National Guard (Ret). First Female Command Sergeant Major in Oregon. **Highest ranking Native American in Oregon National Guard. Holds Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal w/3 Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal w/3 Oak Leaf Clusters, Oregon Exceptional Service Medal.**

Command Sergeant Major Jose Busto, United States Army (Ret) 30 Years. Vietnam 1966-1967; Desert Shield-Desert Storm 1991-1992; Served as Liaison in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia with 22nd Support Command. Now CSM of the 162nd ROT, Oregon State Defense Force. **Holds Meritorious Service Medal w/1 Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Commendation Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross w/Palm, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Southwest Asia Service Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal.**

Sergeant Major Darrel Mathews, United States Navy (Ret). Chief Radioman. Joined Navy in 1960. Vietnam service with Tactical Air Control Squadron Eleven 1962, 1964, 1966, 1968. Currently assigned to Headquarters/Headquarters Detachment, Oregon State Defense Force at Camp Withycombe.

Sergeant Major Rodolfo Hernandez, Army National Guard: 1981–Present. 30 years total service; 21years Active Federal Service. Graduate of United States Army Sergeant Major Academy. Brigade S1 Sergeant Major 41 IBCT, First Sergeant 1042 Medical Company (Air Ambulance), Battalion Operations Sergeant, 641 Medical Evacuation Battalion assigned to XVIII Air Borne Corp Ft. Bragg, NC, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, Flight Platoon Sergeant, 1042 Medical Company(Air Ambulance) assigned to Task Force MED-EAGLE, Tuzla, Bosnia-Herzegovina, in support of Stabilization Force 7. **Holds the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal with 2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Achievement Medal with 3 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters Good Conduct Medal with 1 Silver loop, Aviation Basic Crewmembers Badge.**

Sergeant Major Charles Beauchamp, United States Army (Ret). Joined the Army from San Sebastian, Puerto Rico in 1960. Assigned to B Company, 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry Division in Hawaii. In Jan 1966, he deployed as a Squad Leader with B Company, 2nd Battalion of the 35th Infantry Regiment to the Central Highlands of Viet Nam. SGM Beauchamp was Wounded in Action July 66, and evacuated to Japan. After recovering from his injuries, he served in Colorado and Germany. In 1969, he was again deployed to Viet Nam where he served as a Platoon Sergeant with C Company, 2nd Battalion, 2nd Infantry (Mechanized). In 1970 he was reassigned to the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), C Company, 2nd Battalion, 8th Cavalry (1st Cavalry Division) where he served as the First Sergeant and Platoon Leader. He was then assigned as the Sergeant Major of the ROTC Program at Oregon State University. During his tenure at OSU, the ROTC Program was selected as the Top ROTC College Program West of the Rockies and commissioned 300 Lieutenants. Graduate of the 25th and 7th Army NCO Academies, Basic and Advanced Infantry Officers Courses, Airborne and Ranger Schools, The United States Army Sergeants Major Academy. **Holds the Combat Infantryman's Badge, Silver Star Medal, Legion of Merit Medal, Bronze Star Medal w/OLC, Purple Heart Medal w/ 2 OLC, Meritorious Service Medal w/OLC, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal w 2 OLC, Army Achievement Medal, Good Conduct Medal w 9th award clasp, National Defense Medal w/Gold Star, Reserve Forces Service Medal, Army Professional Development Medal w/Numeral 4, Army Service Medal, Overseas Service Medal w/Numeral 2, Viet Nam Campaign Medal w/3 stars, Viet Nam Service Medal w/1960 Device, The Distinguished Presidential Unit Citation, The Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry and Civic Action Medal, The Army Ranger Tab, and Parachutist Wings.**

1st Sergeant George Rankins, United States Army (Ret). 1945-1967. Member of the first and only all Black Ranger Company, the 2nd Rangers. **Holds the Silver Star for gallantry in Korea.** Member of Portland's Concentrated Employment Agency, Urban League of Portland, Civil Service Commission for Portland, State Commission on Black Affairs, Oregon Racing Commission, and Board of Directors, Exposition Recreation Commission.

First Sergeant Travis Powell, Oregon Army National Guard. 1987-Present. Currently Flight Medic and First Sergeant of Charlie Company/7th Battalion-158th Aviation (MEDEVAC) at the Salem Airport. Responsible for Search and Rescue mission in the State of Oregon. Deployed to Balad and Al Asad, Iraq, Bagram, Afghanistan, and Tuzla and Brcko, Bosnia-Herzegovina as Flight Medic on Air Ambulance. **Holds the Soldier's Medal, Bronze Star Medal, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal w/4 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Achievement Medal w/3 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, Afghanistan Campaign Medal w/Bronze Service Star, Iraq Campaign Medal w/Bronze Service Star, Armed Forces Reserve Medal w/Silver Hour Glass and M2 Devices, NATO Medal, Oregon Superior Soldier Medal w/ 1 Bronze Cluster, Valley Forge Cross for Heroism, and The Honorable Order of St. Michael.**

Chief Master Sergeant Cynthia Gauntz, Oregon Air National Guard, Command Chief, 173rd Fighter Wing, Kingsley Field, Oregon. Former Weapons Control System Mechanic, Philippines. **Holds USAF Meritorious Service Medal, AF Commendation Medal.**

Chief Master Sergeant Patrick Gauntz, Oregon Air National Guard Squadron Chief 173rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, F-15 Aircraft Crew Chiefs, Flight Line Avionics and Weapons Systems. Served at Lowry AFB Colorado, Clark AFB Philippines and Lambert Field St. Louis, Missouri. **Holds Air Force Meritorious Service Medal – 1 Device.**

Chief Master Sergeant Todd Berndt, Oregon Air National Guard. 1985 to Present. Chief of Plans and Resources, 173rd Fighter Wing. Served at Prince Sultan Air Base, Saudia Arabia. Was a Wideband Radio Specialist with the 116th ACS, and a Ground Radio Specialist with the 142nd Communications Flight, Portland. He received the United Way Community Leadership Award, and was the 142nd Communications Flight Category 2 Airman of the Year in 1998. **Holds the Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award w/Valor Device, Armed Forces Reserve Medal w/1 "M" Device, Oregon Faithful Service Ribbon 2/Bronze Stars and "M" Device and Oregon National Guard Superior Unit Citation.**

Chief Master Sergeant William Green, United States Marine Corps 1976-1982. Oregon Air National Guard 1982 to Present. Maintenance Branch Chief, 142nd Maintenance Squadron, Portland, Oregon. Deployed to Balad, Iraq as the Maintenance Production Chief with the 332nd Redtails in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. **Holds the Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal w/1 Oak Leaf Cluster, Meritorious Unit Award, Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal w/1 Silver Oak Leaf Cluster and 3 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, Iraq Campaign Medal w/1 Bronze Star, National Defense Service Medal w/1 Bronze Star, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Oregon 30-Year Faithful Service Medal.**

Senior Master Sergeant Chris Payne, Oregon Air National Guard. A native of Keizer, and member of the Keizer Little League Baseball Championship Teams from 1978-1981, also State-Runner up in baseball at McNary High School, 1983 and '84. Graduate of Oregon State University and 4-Year Varsity Letterman in Baseball where he was the Pac-10 Player of the week in March 1987. Served 6 years active duty Air Force and is the current Station Chief of the 123rd Weather Flight, Air National Guard in Portland. Recently returned from a 6-month deployment supporting Special Operations Command in the Middle-East. **Holds the Joint Service Commendation Medal, Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal with 3 oak leaf clusters, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Expert Marksmanship ribbon, and was the 2010 Oregon Air Guard, "Wingman of the Year" Award recipient.**

Technician Fifth Grade Robert Maxwell, United States Army, 7th Infantry. WWII, only living **Congressional Medal of Honor** recipient living in Oregon. North Africa. Invaded Sicily in July 1943, then Palermo, then Messina, then Salerno and Montecassino. Assault on the town of Besançon. He smothered a German grenade with his body, to protect his men. He had large shrapnel wounds in his head and arms, and part of his right foot was blown away. Then another German grenade hit behind him knocking him down. **Holds the Purple Heart.**

Master Sergeant Mendell Holley, Oregon Air National Guard. 1996 to present. Explosive Ordnance Disposal Flight Operations NCOIC, 142nd Civil Engineer Squadron. Graduate of Naval School Explosive Ordnance Disposal, and he has completed over 500 EOD operational missions. He has deployed in support of Operation Southern Watch, Shaikh Isa Air Base, Bahrain, Operation Iraqi Freedom as an EOD Team Leader, Kirkuk Air Base, Iraq and Operation Enduring Freedom as an EOD Team Leader, Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan. **Holds the Bronze Star w/2 Oak Leaf Clusters & Valor Device, Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal w/1 Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Force Combat Action Medal, Joint Meritorious Unit Award w/1 Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Meritorious Unit Citation, Afghanistan Campaign Medal w/1 Campaign Star, Iraq Campaign Medal w/1 Campaign Star, Oregon Superior Airman Citation and Oregon Faithful Service Medal w/Mobilization Device, Number 2.**

Tech Sergeant Harry Cool, United States Army. 1943-1946. Served in Patton's Third Army in France & Luxemburg. Transported to England on the Queen Mary 67 years ago. **Holds Silver Star, Bronze Star, Purple Heart w/1 Oak Leaf Cluster, 4 Battle Stars, Combat Infantry Badge, and Presidential Unit Citation.**

Tech Sergeant Don Mularkey, United States Army. WWII, Easy Company, 2nd Battalion, 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division. **Member of Band of Brothers.** Career was basis of the playwright "Saving Private Ryan". England 1943 D-Day Invasion – Parachuted into France, knocked out four German 105 mm artillery batteries at Brecourt Manor Assault. Served more time on the front lines than any other member of Easy Company. **Holds the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Presidential Unit Citation w/1 Oak Leaf Cluster, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal w/3 Service Stars and Arrow Device. WWII Victory Medal, Croix de Guerre w/Palm, French Liberation Medal, Legion d'Honneur w/Chevalier Status, Parachutist Badge w/2 Jump Stars.**

Technical Sergeant Eric Hubbard, Oregon Air National Guard. 1997 to present. Explosive Ordnance Disposal Team Chief, 142nd Civil Engineer Squadron, Portland. Graduate of Naval School Explosive Ordnance Disposal & FBI Hazardous Device School for Civilian Bomb Technicians. Completed hundreds of operational missions. Deployed in support of Operation Southern Watch to Saudi Arabia; Operation Iraqi Freedom to Kirkuk, Iraq; Operation Enduring Freedom to Ghazni, Afghanistan. **Holds 2 Bronze Stars as EOD Team Leader in Iraq & Afghanistan and Air Force Combat Action Medal.**

Sergeant Sally Van Wie, United States Marine Corps – 1974-1980. Communications. NCOIC of Camp Futenma, Okinawa MARS Station; first Women Marine to hold this position. First Woman to join an Air Wing Unit at El Toro, California. First woman to be assigned to Field Combinations School at Quantico, Virginia.

Sergeant Randy Van Wie, United States Marine Corps – 1976-1985. Radio communications and electronic maintenance. NCOIC of Camp Schwab, Okinawa MARS Station.

Staff Sergeant Muriel Ruble, United States Marine Corps – 1943-1945. Boot Camp at Hunter College; Storekeeper School – University of Indiana; Secretary, Post Exchange, USMC Air Station, Cherry Point, NC; US Navy Supply Depot, Philadelphia. 1st woman on Long Island to enlist in the Marine Corps.

Staff Sergeant Stephen Beaver, United States Marine Corps. 10 years. Machine Gunner 1st Force Reconnaissance Company. Participated in Operation Desert Shield & Desert Storm in Saudi Arabia and Kuwait. Served in Japan, Korea, Thailand, Philippines, Central and South America. Completed Amphibious Reconnaissance Course, Army Airborne School, Army Ranger School, Special Forces Military Free Fall School, and Navy Scuba Dive School. Officer - Hillsboro Police Department. In 2010, a disabled War Veteran, suffering from PTSD, in full Camouflage with flak jacket, threatened Officer Beaver with a knife, threw Molotov Cocktails at him, and set the garage they were in on fire. Realizing the Veteran was suffering from the war, and choosing not to justifiably shoot the Veteran, Officer Beaver risked his life, and carried the Veteran to safety as the garage exploded, then took him to the Veterans Hospital rather than immediately to jail. **Holds the Navy-Marine Corps Achievement Medal w/Combat V, Combat Action Ribbon, and the Hillsboro Police Department Medal of Valor.**

Staff Sergeant Rex Newell, United States Army – 1966-1968. Trained at Ft. Lewis, Washington, and Ft. Ord, California. Served in the 519th Military Intelligence Battalion, Republic of Vietnam, and the 525th Military Intelligence Battalion, Advisory Team #1, G-2 Section in DaNang, Vietnam. Participated in aerial surveillance missions, and Vietnamese Army Convoy protection. Also served at Ft Sill, Oklahoma and Ft. Chaffee, Arkansas. 1968-2001 – Oregon State Employment Division for Veterans, then Regional Administrator for VETS Regions 9 and 10 – Seattle and San Francisco. **Holds the Army Commendation Medal, and Vietnamese Honor Medal.**

Staff Sergeant Alton Butler, United States Marine Corps. 1969-1980. Served in the Oregon Army National Guard 1980-1995. Served in Vietnam aboard the Helicopter Carrier, Tripoli, and was aboard the Submarine “Salmon” with the 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion, 3rd Marine Division. Graduated Reconnaissance School, Jungle Survival School, National Guard Chiefs 50 Shooting Award. **Holds the Vietnam Service Medal, and Silver Medal towards Distinguished Rifle Shooter.**

Sergeant First Class Phillip Maas, United States Army & Oregon Army National Guard (Ret). Joined in 1985. Military Policeman serving in Alabama, Texas, Georgia, North Carolina, New Mexico, Virginia and Oregon. Also served in Germany, Korea, Belgium, Egypt and Panama. Lead investigator for the Joint Drug Task Force. Wounded in line of duty three times. **Holds the Order of St. Barbara, Jungle Expert Badge and French Commando Level 4, and the Purple Heart.**

Sergeant Bill Brown, United States Army. Joined in 1940. Served in the 98th Field Artillery & 6th Rangers Division. Involved in seven beach landings in the South Pacific including New Guinea, Leyte Island and Luzon. Spent many days behind enemy lines working with the Filipino Guerrilla Soldiers disabling Japanese Lighthouses and radar.

Sergeant Amy Feltzin, Oregon Army National Guard, 2006 to present. Assigned to the 1249th Engineer Battalion. Graduated in 2007 from Basic Combat Training, & Advanced Individual Training, Ft. Jackson, SC, with Honors. Also, graduated from Adjutant General Human Resource School w/Honors, Warrior Leaders Course w/Honors, MAC 50 Crane Course, Blue Force Tracker Operator Course, & Combat Life Savers Course. Deployed to Eastern Afghanistan with Task Force Gridley, Operation Enduring Freedom, 2010-2011. Named the **2010 1249th Battalion Soldier of the Year**. In 2011, named the **1249th Soldier of the Quarter**. **Holds the Army Commendation Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, Army Reserves Component Overseas Training Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, NATO Medal.**

Sergeant Don Austin, United States Marine Corps. 1961-1964. 3rd Marine Division in Japan, Okinawa, Philippines and Thailand. Served with Force Recon in South Vietnam as Machine Gunner. Now Commanding Officer of the Linn-Benton Young Marines. Albany Commemorative Association’s 2011 Veteran of the Year. **Holds the Combat Action Ribbon, Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Vietnam Service Medal w/1 Campaign Star, Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry-Individual and Unit w/Palm and Frame, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal and Rifle Sharpshooter Badge.**

Sergeant Bob Buys, 90. United States Army. -1945. 33rd Field Artillery Battalion. Fought in Tunisia, North Africa and Normandy. Wounded on two occasions – diagnosed with severe concussion, bomb & missile fragments in right side, complete paralysis of right leg nerves, gunshot wounds in right forearm, right leg, right chest, right flank, and left thigh. **Holds the Silver Star, Bronze Star, Purple Heart w/Oak Leaf Cluster, and Meritorious Service Medal.**

Sergeant Angel Morrow, Oregon Army National Guard. 2003 to present. Combat Medic. After Medic School at Ft. Sam Houston, deployed to Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita. Served in Kabul, Afghanistan in 2006, and Kandahar, Afghanistan in 2009 as a Combat Medic. Received the Combat Medic Badge helping to create "Operation Outreach" a non-profit group in support of Afghan Local Nationals. Currently serving in Salem at the Oregon Medical Command. **Holds the Bronze Star, 2 Army Commendation Medals, 3 Army Achievement Medals, Afghanistan Campaign Medal w/2 Campaign Stars, Global War on Terrorism Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon 2nd Award, NATO Medal, Combat Medical Badge, Gold German Army Marksmanship Badge, Army Good Conduct Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal w/M Device.**

Aviation Technician 2nd Class Tyler Marriott, United States Navy, Vietnam, 1970-1971 Flew 500+ hours in combat zone in C117 Cargo plane as Radio Operator. **Holds the Air Medal.** State Commander, VFW.

T-5 Eugene Hayden, United States Marine Corps, World War II, 1943-1946. 154th General Hospital Company, England. Went to war on the Queen Elizabeth; came home from war on the Queen Mary. **Holds European African Middle Eastern Service Medal, American Service Medal, WWII Victory Medal.**

Chief Petty Officer 1st Class Peter Morin, United States Navy (Ret). 1983-2003. Boot Camp in Orlando, Florida, then Yeoman A school in Meridian, Mississippi. 1983-1985 stationed at NAS Oceana, Virginia Beach, Virginia, with an A-6 Training Squadron. 1985-1988 – stationed on the USS Detroit out of Norfolk, Virginia. 1988-1992 – stationed at NAB Little Creek SIMA. 1992-1995 – stationed with F-14 Squadron, NAS Oceana VF-42. Flew off the USS George Washington. 1995-2000 – stationed at Commander Naval Air Force, US Atlantic Fleet, staff duty. 2000-2003 – Onboard the USS Enterprise out of NAS Norfolk. **Holds the Navy Commendation Medal, 2 Navy Achievement Medals, 2 Meritorious Unit Commendations, 3 Sea Service Deployment Ribbons, Southwest Asia Service Medal, Navy Battle "E" Ribbon, 5 Good Conduct Awards, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, .45 Caliber Pistol Marksmanship, National Defense Service Medal.**

Petty Officer 2nd Class Lowell Gunselman, United States Navy, 1956 USS Curtiss, Bikini Atoll for Highly Classified Operations Redwing. Involved in 17 Nuclear Tests. Exposed to 5 megaton hydrogen bombs. He received 50,000 milliroentgens when 500 was considered deadly. His radio alert to other ships in the area saved hundreds of lives. **Holds Korean Service Award and Good Conduct Medal, and a Letter of Commendation from Rear Admiral Cummings.**

Machinist Mate Virgil Taylor, 95 years old. United States Navy (Ret), 1938-1970- 5th Fleet. **Pearl Harbor Survivor**, aboard the USS California when it was sunk by a 500# bomb. Thrown from ship and swam to shore. Navy reported to his mother that he died in combat, and his family was preparing for the funeral when he called home. Also served on the USS Pensacola. Saw additional action at Leyte Gulf, Saipan and Okinawa. Was a refrigeration and air conditioning specialist and instructor.

Specialist 5 June Sherer, United States Women's Army Corps. 1966-1969. Trained at Ft. McClellan, Alabama, and Ft. Gordon, Georgia. Assigned to the US Army Hospital Specialized Treatment Center at Ft. Gordon. Transferred to the 513th Military Intelligence Group, Camp King, Oberursel, Germany. February, 1969 – WAC of the Month for US Army Europe. Presently Tribal Council Member, The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. **Holds the National Defense Service Medal, and Good Conduct Medal.**

Specialist 5 George Applegate, United States Army. 1966-1968. Trained at Ft. Lewis, WA, and Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo, as a Combat Engineer. Served in the 18th Engineer Brigade in Dong Ba Then, Vietnam. **Holds the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, and Good Conduct Medal**

Specialist 5 Randy Hinrichsen, United States Army. 1968-1971. Completed Advanced Training, with Honors, in HF Receiver Repair, Ft. Monmouth, New Jersey. Served in Stuttgart and Preum, West Germany in Communications Technical Control. Served in Vietnam in 1970 as a Communications System Instructor in Vung Tau, and then Communications Tech Controller in Saigon. **Holds the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, and Army Commendation Medal.**

Specialist Kevin Pannell, United States Army Wounded Warrior, Iraq, Operation Iraqi Freedom. Both legs amputated because of enemy grenade explosion in combat in central Baghdad. Also served in Kuwait for Operation Southern Watch. **Holds the Purple Heart Medal.**

Specialist Jeremy Pierce, United States Army. Lost right leg and left foot from IED in Iraq. **Holds the Purple Heart Medal.**

Specialist Dawson Officer, Oregon Army National Guard, 1998-2005. One of just four in 100 new soldiers to receive an "Excellence in Cavalry" award in Advanced Infantry Training. Assigned to 2-162nd Infantry Brigade. 50-calibre Humvee Gunner Eastern Baghdad, Iraq. Came back to Corvallis to open 4-Spirits Distillery in honor of four of his close friends who were killed in combat. **Holds the Excellence in Cavalry, Army Commendation Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Overseas Service Bar-2nd Award, Combat Infantryman Badge, and Armed Forces Service Medal w/M Device.**

Specialist Ric Olson, United States Army, 1969-1970. Served in 25th Division, 2/14 Infantry in Cu Chi, Dau Tieng, Vietnam. Walked point in the Iron Triangle, Hobo Woods and Bolo Woods. **Holds the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, 3 Army Commendation Medals with V device, 3 Air Medals, Meritorious Unit Citation, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation w/Palm Ribbon, and Combat Infantryman Badge.**

Specialist Ron Cannon, United States Army. 1967-1969. Served as an RTO with Echo Company-Recon, 5th Battalion, 46th Infantry, 198th Light Infantry Brigade, America Division near Chu Lai, Vietnam. Severely wounded in action. 1976-1984 – worked for the State of Oregon as a Veterans' Representative as a Career Developer serving Veterans and disabled persons. 1984-2010 – employed by the US Department of Labor, Veterans' Employment & Training Service as Assistant Director, then Director for Oregon. **Holds the Purple Heart, Combat Infantry Badge, Vietnamese Service Medal, RVN Campaign Medal and Good Conduct Medal.**

HM3, Hospital Corpsman Amethyst White, United States Navy. Served from November, 1999 to February, 2006 as a Hospital Corpsman at Great Lakes Naval Training Command, and Naval Hospital at Camp Pendleton. Deployed to Navy Hospital Guam as the Leading Supervisor in the Intensive Care Unit, and to Indonesia on the USNS Mercy to assist with humanitarian relief after the tsunami. **Holds 2 Navy Achievement Medals, 2 Good Conduct Medals, and National Defense Medal.**

Corporal Jon Davis, United States Marine Corps. Ammunition Technician Okinawa, Japan. Combat Marksmanship Coach-trained Marine and Navy Corpsman in Advanced Combat Techniques. Deployed to Helmand Province, Afghanistan, in charge of all Ammunitions Operations for the Battalion. Diagnosed with Lymphoma Cancer of the chest, and is fighting yet another battle. **Holds Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbons, 3rd Award Rifle Expert Badge, NATO-ISAF Afghanistan Medal.**

Corporal Tom Beckett, United States Marine Corps. Deployed with 3rd FAST Company to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Deployed to Bahrain to US CENTCOM Headquarters. Deployed to Okinawa, Philippines, Thailand and Burma. **Holds National Defense Medal, Expeditionary Global War on Terrorism Medal, Service Global War on Terrorism Medal, and Seas Service Deployment w/2 Bronze Stars.**

Corporal Steve Bobb, United States Marine Corps, 1968. MOS 2311, Ammo Explosive Technician. Attended Ordinance School, Quantico, Va. Stationed Camp Lejeune, N.C. Served in Vietnam, January 1970–January 1971, was chosen for in country NCO Leadership School, Red Beach Force Logistics Command, Vietnam. Tribal Councilor-The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. **Hold the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Service Medal w/Bronze Star Device, National Defense Service Medal, Rifle Expert Badge.**

Aviation Mechanic Jeff DeLeon, United States Navy. Electrician on F/A-18 jets. Severely injured. Paraplegic. Won 4 Gold Medals at the National Veterans Wheelchair Games in Denver. Javelin, Discus, Table Tennis and Obstacle Course. President of Oregon Paralyzed Veterans of America.

Lance Corporal Heidi Tanada, United States Marine Corps. Joined 1964– Boot Camp at Parris Island, South Carolina. Assigned to Marine Corps Education Center in Quantico, Virginia. Tour at Camp Pendleton, California. Discharged in 1965.

Lance Corporal Reyn Leno, United States Marine Corps. 1968-1971. Served in Vietnam 1970-1971. Infantryman with I Corps around DaNang area, DMZ and Marble Mountain. Currently serving 16th year on the Tribal Council of The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. **Holds the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Service Medal w/Bronze Star Device, National Defense Service Medal, Expert Rifle Badge.**

Senior Airman Will Griffith, Oregon Air National Guard. Enlisted 2008. Security Forces. Deployed September, 2011 to Bagram, Afghanistan, Operation Enduring Freedom. Coined by Commander for performance as Vigilant Guard; Inspector General Coin & Certificate as one of five Outstanding Performers, Unit Compliance Inspection; Coined by Chief, AOR for Professionalism & Positive Morale in Afghanistan. **2010 Airman of the Year – Security Forces Squadron. February, 2012 Airman of the Month for Bagram Air Force Base. Holds the Air Force Achievement Medal Earned in Two Years, Air Force Training Ribbon, Global War on Terrorism Medal, National Defense Service Medal and Oregon National Guard Superior Unit Citation w/1 Device.**

Senior Airman Amanda Blodgett, Oregon Air National Guard, Kingsley Field, Klamath Falls. Enlisted August, 2009. Distinguished Graduate-Financial Management Technical Training. Vice President – Air, Enlisted Association of the National Guard Oregon Chapter. 173rd Fighter Wing Junior Enlisted Council Chairman. 2011 Sharp Award Winner. **173rd Fighter Wing Command Airman of the Year. Holds the Oregon National Guard Superior Unit Citation-1 Device, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Medal, USAF Training Ribbon, and the Oregon Superior Airman Ribbon.**

Senior Airman Shawn Blodgett, Oregon Air National Guard, Kingsley Field, Klamath Falls. Enlisted September, 2009. 173rd Fighter Wing Junior Enlisted Council Chairman, FY2012. 2010 Sharp Award Winner. **173rd Operations Group Airman of the Year for 2010 and 2011. Holds the Air Force Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon, USAF Training Ribbon, Oregon National Guard Superior Unit Citation - 1 Device, and the Oregon Superior Airman Medal – 1 Device.**

Private First Class Golda Fabian, United States Marine Corps, 1944. Camp Lejeune, N.C., Sound Motion Picture Technicians School, San Diego.

Private First Class Jim Rumelhart, United States Army. 1944-1946. World War II. 254th Infantry Regiment, Third Army, France and Germany. Spent 125 days on the front line, and “Walked to Berlin”. Fought in the Battles of Hill 216, Jebseim, Ensheim and Colmar Pocket. Was in first unit to breach the infamous Siegfried Line. Destroyed three enemy divisions, captured over 4,000 prisoners, and inflicted more than 7,500 casualties. Was a body guard for General Dwight Eisenhower. **Holds the Combat Infantryman Badge, Occupation of Germany Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Service Medal, Victory Medal, 4 Presidential Unit Citations w/Valor, and the France Croix de Guerre w/Palm.**

Private First Class Bill Wingett, United States Army & Navy Reserve (Ret). 90 Years Old. **Original member of Easy Company, 506th Parachute Infantry, 101st Airborne, (Band of Brothers)**. Joined the Army December 8th, 1941, one day after Pearl Harbor. Parachuted into Normandy on D-Day, and into Holland in September, 1944, Operation Market Garden. Fought at Bastogne Belgium in December, 1944 where 101st stopped the German advance in the Battle of the Bulge. 1946-1948 served with the 82nd Airborne Division. 1967, joined the Navy Reserves, and served as a Seabee for 13 years. **Holds the Parachute Wings w/2 Combat Jumps, Combat Infantryman Badge, 3 Purple Hearts (Normandy, Holland & Bastogne), Bronze Star and French Legion of Honor.**

Mr. Ryan Ripp, Senior to be at McNary High School. He is the author of Oregon Senate Bill 1575 which makes it "a crime to fight, make threats or unreasonable noise, or obstruct traffic, within 200 feet of a funeral". Reacting to a Kansas church protesting military funerals which irritated him, Ryan sought the assistance of Attorney Richard Walsh, and Oregon Representative Kim Thatcher of Keizer to craft his bill. Ryan is a grandson of two military Veterans, and plans to enlist upon graduation, and is applying to all five Military Academies.

SPECIAL "FALLEN WARRIOR" MEMORIAL CEREMONY

Lance Corporal Joe Rodewald, United States Marine Corps. "**Fallen Marine**" October 13th, 2010, Helmond Province, Afghanistan. A native of Albany, this was a tribute to Lance Corporal Rodewald, with his family present.

Lance Corporal Tyler Troyer, United States Marine Corps. "**Fallen Marine**" November 19th, 2005, Al Karmah, Iraq. A native of Albany, this was a tribute to Lance Corporal Troyer, with his family present.

Sergeant Brennan Gibson, United States Army. "**Fallen Soldier**" December, 10, 2006, Karbala, Iraq. A native of Tualatin, this was a tribute to Sergeant Gibson, with his family present.

Private First Class Erin McLyman, United States Army. "**Fallen Soldier**" March 13, 2010, Balad, Iraq. A native of Eugene, this was a tribute to Private First Class McLyman, with her family present.

Private First Class Ryan Hill, United States Army. "**Fallen Soldier**" January 20, 2007, Baghdad, Iraq. A native of Keizer, this was a tribute to Private First Class Hill, with his family present.

Specialist Taylor Marks, 41st Infantry Combat Team, Oregon Army National Guard. Killed in Rashid, Iraq, August 28, 2009, when insurgents attacked his vehicle with an explosively formed penetrator. His family will be Honored at home plate in a very special Ceremony on Wednesday, July 4th.

Corporal Adam Buyes, 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, 3rd Marine Expeditionary Force, Okinawa, Japan. Killed in Helmand Province, Afghanistan, on November 26, 2011 while on foot patrol as a Field Radio Operator. **Holds the Combat Action Ribbon, Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and Korean Defense Medal. His family will be Honored at home plate in a very special Ceremony on Wednesday, July 4th.**

1st Lt. Erik McCrae, 2nd Battalion, 162 Infantry Regiment, Oregon Army National Guard. Killed in Baghdad, Iraq, June 4, 2004, when an IED and rocket-propelled grenades attacked his convoy. His family will be Honored at home plate in a very special Ceremony on Friday, July 6th.

Special Tribute to Medal of Honor Recipient

1st Sergeant Maximo Yabes, United States Army – 1950-1967. Company A, 4th Battalion, 9th Infantry, 25th Infantry Division. Grew up in Oakridge, Oregon. Awarded the **Medal of Honor** for his brave actions near Phu Hoa Dong, Vietnam. Yabes distinguished himself when he used his body as a shield to protect others in a bunker, moved two wounded men to a safer position where they could be given medical treatment, and destroyed an enemy machine gun position before being mortally wounded. **Holds the Medal of Honor, Purple Heart, Vietnam Service Medal w/1 Bronze Star, Vietnam Gallantry Cross, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Parachutist Badge.**

Special Tribute to Native American Veteran

Marce Norwest, United States Army. 1953-1955. Served in the Korean War as a 50-Calibre Machine Gunner, 532nd Combat Engineers. Also served at Ft. Lewis, Washington, Ft. Ord and Camp San Luis Obispo in California. Served in Germany as a Military Policeman, and earned eight medals and ribbons. Elder Norwest was a founding member of the Grand Ronde Chapter of the Northwest Indian Veterans Association, and a member of the West Valley Veterans Honor Guard. He also was a driving force for the construction of the West Valley Veterans' Memorial located on the Grand Ronde Tribal campus. **His family will be Honored at home plate in a very special Ceremony on Thursday, July 5th.**

SPECIAL GUEST – JULY 4th:

Kilong Ung is the author of “Golden Leaf, A Khmer Rouge Genocide Survivor”, and founder of the Golden Leaf Education Foundation – a non-profit that builds schools for children. His life is an inspirational story about the experiences of a Cambodia genocide survivor, a boy, who spent nearly four years as a slave laborer under the tyrannical Khmer Rouge regime of Pol Pot, who killed nearly two million Cambodian civilians between 1975 and 1979. Over fifty of his relatives including his parents, grand-parents and sisters were killed; some were brutally murdered, and some starved to death. For four years, he worked at slave camps 13-hours a day, every day, digging, plowing, clearing woods, and farming rice. Many died each and every day. Against all odds, he survived by living on a diet of two tablespoons of rice with water twice a day, supplemented by eating snakes, rats, mice, caterpillars, roots and leaves.

In 1979, he escaped into Thailand. He was sent to San Diego, and then moved to Portland, graduated from Cleveland High School, Reed College and obtained his Masters Degree in Applied Statistics from Bowling Green State University. He currently works as an online banking software engineer. He was also a computer language Adjunct Instructor at Portland Community College.

In 2006, he became a proud member of the Rotary Club of Portland. In 2007, he was Knighted into the fellowship of the Royal Rosarians – the official Goodwill Ambassadors for the City of Portland, and given the Honorable title “Sir Knight”. He has served on the Board of the Rotary Club of Portland, Royal Rosarians Council, Oregon Council on Civil Rights, Executive Board of the Council of the Boy Scouts of America, and the Board of the Cambodian-American Community of Oregon, plus others.

In 2010, he was selected as a Wordstock author. In 2011, he appeared on Spike TV’s Deadliest Warrior Season 3 as an expert in the Saddam Hussein vs. Pol Pot episode. On March 4, 2012, he was honored as a recipient of the Commerce/Cleveland High School Distinguished Alumni Award.

IN TREMENDOUS APPRECIATION

We extend our sincere gratitude, appreciation and thanks to Major General Curt Loop, US Army (Ret), Captain Steven Bomar and Kay Fristad of the Oregon National Guard and Colonel Dan Kern of the Washington National Guard, President Jeff Deleon and Captain Dave Parker of the Oregon Paralyzed Veterans of America, for their absolutely tremendous help in all aspects of developing and enhancing Patriotic Tribute at Volcanoes Stadium.

PATRIOTIC HONOREES AT VOLCANOES STADIUM – 2008 to 2012

Major General Raymond F. Rees, Adjutant General of the Oregon National Guard - July 1, 2005 to present. He is responsible for providing the State of Oregon and the United States with a ready force of citizen soldiers and airmen, equipped and trained to respond to any contingency, natural or manmade. He directs, manages, and supervises the administration, discipline, organization, training and mobilization of the Oregon National Guard, the Oregon State Defense Force, and the Joint Force Headquarters. Served in the Republic of Vietnam as a Cavalry Troop Commander; Commander of the 116th Armored Cavalry Regiment; Director of the Army National Guard, National Guard Bureau; Vice Chief, National Guard Bureau; Acting Chief, National Guard Bureau; Chief of Staff, Headquarters North American Aerospace Defense Command & United States Northern Command. Graduated from West Point in 1962, Command and General Staff College (Honor Graduate), Pre-Command Course Harvard University, and United States Army War College. Has served in Panama, Washington, Alabama, Kentucky, North Carolina, Washington, DC, and Colorado. **Holds the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Army Distinguished Service Medal, Air Force Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit w/Oak Leaf Cluster, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal w/2 Oak Leaf Clusters, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal w/2 Oak Leaf Clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal w/2 Oak Leaf Clusters, National Defense Service Medal w/2 Bronze Service Stars, Vietnam Service Medal w/4 Bronze Service Stars, Armed Forces Reserve Medal w/Gold Hour Glass Device, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Coast Guard Special Operations Service Ribbon, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Medal, Parachute Badge, Army Aviator Badge, Ranger Tab, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Army Superior Unit Award, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross w/Palm, Oregon Distinguished Service Medal, Oregon Exceptional Medal w/Oak Leaf Cluster, Oregon 30-year Faithful Service Medal, Oregon Faithful Service Ribbon w/Silver Hour Glass Device, and Oregon National Guard Superior Unit Award.**

Major General Curtis Loop, United States Army (Ret). 1966-2003. Graduate of Oregon State University, Southern California University and US Army War College. 1967-1968 Viet Nam as a Platoon Leader and Executive Officer in an Infantry Company. 1969-1970 Vietnam as Platoon Leader, Operations Officer and Executive Officer in an Aviation Company. Commanded at every level up to and including the 104th Training Division. Last assignment was Deputy Commanding General for the US Army Pacific. Completed the Infantry Advanced Course (Honor Graduate), Airborne, Ranger, and Aviation Schools. Last civilian position was as Project Manager for the US Army Corps of Engineers. Oregon State President of the Association of the United States Army. Appointed as the Army Reserve Ambassador for the State of Oregon by the Chief, Army Reserve. **Holds two Distinguished Service Medals, the Distinguished Flying Cross, three Bronze Stars, Forty One Air Medals, and the Combat Infantryman's Badge, Ranger Tab, Parachute Badge, and Army Aviator Badge.**

Major General Chuck Rosenfeld, United States Army (Ret). 1968-2005. Former Wartime Chief of Staff, US Forces, Korea. Assistant Adjutant General, Oregon Army National Guard. Visiting Professor US Military Academy, West Point and Oregon State University. Served in Europe, Latin America and the Asia-Pacific Region. **Holds the Defense Meritorious Service-Republic of Korea, Commendations of Minister of Defense & Joint Chiefs, Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal w/3 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Achievement Medal w/1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal w/4 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, Humanitarian Service Medal.**

Major General David Enyeart, United States Army-Oregon Army National Guard. 1978-Present. Wartime Chief of Staff, US Forces Korea. Mortar Platoon Leader, Executive Officer. Company Commander, Battalion Commander, 2nd Battalion, 162nd Infantry Regiment. Commander of 41st Infantry Brigade Combat Team-Afghanistan. Assistant Adjutant General-Army Oregon National Guard. Deputy Commanding General, Army National Guard, Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri. Commander, Senior Military Representative, NATO Headquarters, Sarajevo, Bosnia & Herzegovina. Presently Police Chief of Toledo, Oregon. **Holds the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal w/1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, Meritorious Service Medal w/2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal w/1 Silver Oak Leaf Cluster, Afghanistan Campaign Medal w/2 Bronze Service Stars, North Atlantic Treaty Organization Medal w/2 Bronze Stars, Humanitarian Service Medal w/2 Bronze Stars.**

Brigadier General Bruce Prunk, Oregon Air National Guard. Assistant Adjutant General-Air. Former Deputy Commander of the 732nd Air Expeditionary Group in Iraq. 142ND Fighter Wing Inspector General. Retired as Assistant Chief of Police – Portland. **Holds the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal.**

Brigadier General Norm Hoffman Oregon Army National Guard (Ret). President, Oregon Council of Chapters, MOAA. Former State President, AUSA. Former Chairman, OR National Guard Retiree Assn. Former Asst. Adjutant General, Army. Special Assistant to the Director Army National Guard for Equal Opportunity, plus several other commands. **Legion of Merit, Coast Guard Meritorious Team Commendation, Oregon Distinguished Service Medal, Infantry Order of St. Maurice, 41st Infantry Brigade Hall of Honor, Oregon Military Academy Hall of Fame.**

Brigadier General Charles Yriarte, Oregon Army National Guard. Assistant Adjutant General. Deployed to Balad, Iraq as Commander, Logistic Support. **Holds the Bronze Star Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal.**

Brigadier General Dan York, United States Army. West Point graduate. Served in the Sinai. Former Division Commander – 104th Training Division, Vancouver, Washington. **Holds the Meritorious Service Medal w/Four Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal w/Two Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Achievement Medal w/One Oak Leaf Cluster, Ranger Tab, Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, Jungle Expert Badge.**

Brigadier General Arthur Cornelius United States Air Force (Ret). 500+ Combat Missions Europe, Japan, Korea, Vietnam. 22,000 hours in over 70 different aircraft. Twice won the 48th Tactical Fighter Wing Top Gun. After TET Offensive, he served with the CIA in Laos with Hmong Guerilla Forces as Commander flying Raven FAC. **Holds the Silver Star, Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Bronze Star with V and one Oak Leaf Cluster.**

Brigadier General Steven Gregg, Oregon Air National Guard – Chief of Staff, and Commander, Oregon Air National Guard, Oregon Joint Force Headquarters. F-4 Upgrade Training Distinguished Graduate. Completed F-15 training. He has been a Flight Instructor, Flight Examiner, Functional Check Pilot, Chief of Weapons and Tactics, Flight Commander and Operations Officer. A Command Pilot with more than 3,000 hours, he was Senior Airspace Planner, US Forces – Iraq. **Holds the Bronze Star, Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal w/1 Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award 2/Valor Device and 4 Oak Leaf Clusters, Iraq Campaign Medal w/Gold Border, Combat Readiness Medal w/1 Silver Oak Leaf Cluster and 4 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters.**

Brigadier General Kurt Hardin, United States Army. Commander, 104th Training Division, Washington. Previously, Chief of Staff, 104th Training Division and Battalion Commander of the 3-314, and extensive leadership roles as Master Tactical Control Officer, Battery Control Evaluator, Battalion Operations Officer, Assistant Inspector General, Brigade Executive Officer and Brigade Commander. Graduated from the U. S. Army War College, U. S. Army Command and General Staff College, and Air Defense Artillery Officer's Basic and Advanced Course. **Holds the Meritorious Service Medal w/3 Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal w/3 Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Achievement Medal w/3 Oak Leaf Clusters, Ranger Tab, Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge and Ancient Order of Saint Barbara.**

Brigadier General Raymond Byrne, Oregon Army National Guard (Ret). Acting Adjutant General. Commander of the 41st Infantry Brigade (Enhanced). Enlisted in 1971; Commissioned in 1972. Served in Georgia, Germany, and Oregon. Graduated from Air War College in 1993, and US Army War College in 1994. **Holds the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal w/2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal w/4 Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal w/ 4 Oak Leaf Clusters, Armed Forces Reserve Medal w/Hour Glass Device, National Guard Meritorious Service Medal, Oregon Army National Guard Faithful Service Medal w/3 Oak Leaf Clusters.**

Colonel George Lanning ,Oregon Army National Guard (Ret). Desert Shield, Commander, 206th Transportation Detachment in Saudi Arabia. Commander, Area Support Group Falcon in the Balkans in 2002. Retired as Deputy Adjutant General for the Oregon National Guard after 35 years of service. **Holds Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, Bronze Star Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal w/3 Bronze Stars, Kosovo Campaign Medal, and the Kuwait Liberation Medal.**

Colonel Michael Valdez, United States Marine Corps. Joined in 1956 as enlisted, and rose to rank of Colonel. Three tours in Vietnam as an Infantry Officer. Joined Oregon National Guard in 1971. Deputy Brigade Commander for both of Oregon's Army Guard Brigades. Named by Governor Kulongoski as Oregon's Director of Selective Service in 2008. Has served his country for 54 years.

Colonel Larry Wood, United States Marine Corps (Ret). 1969-1970 Vietnam, 295 Combat Missions A-4 Skyhawk , Chu Lai & TA-4F Fast FAC, Da Nang. Flew in Japan, Korea, Taiwan & Philippines. Now Executive Director of the Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum. Instructor at Naval War College. **2011 Inductee into Oregon Aviation Hall of Honor. Holds Legion of Merit w/Gold Star, Meritorious Service Medal w/Gold Star, 24 Strike/Flight Air Medals, Navy Commendation Medal w/Combat V, Meritorious Unit Citation w/4 Bronze Stars, Vietnam Service Medal w/3 Bronze Stars.**

Colonel Roberta Janssen, Oregon Army National Guard (Ret). 28 Years Service. Commander, 741st Corps Support Battalion, Deputy Chief of Staff-Personnel. Present Commander, Oregon State Defense Force. **Holds Legion of Merit, Army Meritorious Service Medal 2/2 Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal 2/2 Oak Leaf Clusters. Oregon Distinguished Service Award, Exceptional Service Medal 2/ Oak Leaf Clusters, Oregon Meritorious Service Medal.**

Colonel Larry Brown, United States Army/Oregon Army National Guard (Ret). Helicopter Pilot, Scout Team Leader, 1st Cavalry Division, Vietnam. Flight Platoon Commander, Germany. Instructor Pilot. **Holds Silver Star w/2nd Oak Leaf Cluster, Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross w/3rd Oak Leaf Cluster, Bronze Star, Purple Heart w/3rd Oak Leaf Cluster.**

Colonel Carol Brown, United States Army, Oregon Army National Guard (Ret). 1968-2007. Served in Evacuation Hospital, South Vietnam; then Frankfurt, West Germany. Former Commander Health Services Liaison, State Nurse, State Surgeon, & Deputy Chief of Staff, Joint Force Headquarters. Graduate of US Army War College. **Holds Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters, Vietnam Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal w/60 Device.**

Colonel Kevin Tropa, United States Marine Corps (Ret). 25 years active/reserve. Two tours in Iraq – 2003 Invasion and 2007 Surge. Desert Shield/Desert Storm as Aerial Observer in an OV-10. **Holds 2 Bronze Stars and 4 Air Medals.**

Colonel Leonard Law, United States Army, Commander, 6th Recruiting Battalion, Portland, Oregon. Served as Division Plans Officer for Task Force Baghdad. He has served in Korea, Hawaii, Idaho, Kansas, Missouri, Wisconsin, Texas and California. **Holds the Bronze Star Medal, Four Awards of the Army Meritorious Service Medal, and Three Awards of the Army Commendation Medal.**

Colonel Scott Powell, United States Air Force & Oregon Air National Guard (Ret). Aircraft Commander – F4 Phantom II, Vietnam, 1971 and Thailand, 1972. 301 Air Combat Missions. Also service in Okinawa. Commander, 123rd Fighter Squadron, Portland ANG, Advisor to Commander, 1st Air Force, Advisor to Commander in Chief, NORAD & US Space Command, Commander, 179th Fighter Wing, and Western Air Defense Sector. **Holds the Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross, 21 Air Medals, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with 2 Palms.**

Colonel Fred Broadwater, Oregon Army National Guard (Ret) - 27 years. 1972 US Army Infantry School & Airborne School. Graduate of Command & General Staff Officers College. 9th Infantry – Japan. Currently Deputy Chief of Staff Operations, Plans & Training, Headquarters, Oregon State Defense Force.

Colonel Daniel Kern, Washington Army National Guard. 1971-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 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.**

Colonel Terry Bernhardt, United States Air Force-Oregon Air National Guard (Ret). 27 Years. Vietnam Veteran. Former Commander of the 142nd Fighter Interceptor Group. Pilot OV-10 Bronco and F4C Phantom. Graduate of the National War College, Washington, DC. **Holds Two Distinguished Flying Cross w/Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Medal w/12 Oak Leaf Clusters, Gallantry Cross w/Silver Star from Republic of Vietnam.**

Colonel Douglas Kuhl, Oregon Army National Guard (Ret). Platoon Leader, Company Executive Officer, Battalion Engineer Officer, Company Commander. Professor of Military Science, University of Portland Army ROTC. Deployed to Afghanistan as Mentor to Deputy Commander of the 2nd Zone Afghan Border Police. Returned as 82nd Brigade Deputy Commander. Director of Veterans Outreach Center for Cascade Centers. **Holds the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal w/5 Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal w/3 Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Achievement Medal w/4 Oak Leaf Clusters and Army Parachutist Badge.**

Colonel Paul Huffman, United States Air Force. Professor of Aerospace Studies at the University of Portland, and Commander of the Air Force ROTC. 1986 Graduate of the United States Air Force Academy, 2007 Air War College. Master Pilot with over 3,800 hours in F-15, F-16 and OV-10. F-16 Instructor Pilot and Flight Commander, Nellis AFB. Served in Arizona, South Carolina, Nevada, Korea, Alaska, Pentagon and Oregon. **Holds the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal w/2 Oak Leaf Clusters, Air Medal w/1 Oak Leaf Cluster, Aerial Achievement Medal w/2 Oak Leaf Cluster and Air Force Commendation Medal w/1 Oak Leaf Cluster.**

Colonel Jeffrey Silver, Oregon Air National Guard. Wing Commander, 173rd Fighter Wing, Kingsley Field. Distinguished Graduate of the Air National Guard Academy of Military Science. Prior duty in the 142nd Fighter Wing, Portland, Weapons Systems Officer, Operations Support Flight Commander, Maintenance Squadron Commander, Maintenance Group Commander, Operations Group Commander and Vice Commander. Distinguished Graduate of F-15 Replacement Training Unit. Flew combat in Operation Southern Watch and Operation Northern Watch. Command Pilot F-4C and F-15A/B/C/D. **Holds the Meritorious Service Medal w/1 Device, Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal w/1 Device, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award w/Valor & 4 Devices, Combat Readiness Medal w/10 Devices, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Oregon National Guard Superior Unit Citation.**

Colonel Bob Windus, United States Army (Ret). 31 total years. Commander at many levels. Veteran of Vietnam 1969-1970. Also served in Korea, New Guinea, Samoa, Panama-Operation Just Cause, Tahiti, Fiji, Micronesia, Marshall Islands, Mongolia and Bosnia as a member of the United States Army Special Operations Command, and Desert Storm. Outstanding Graduate – National Defense University, and graduate of United States Air Force Air War College, and United States Army Command and General Staff College. **Holds the Bronze Star Medal from Vietnam, Meritorious Service Medal (2), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal (5), Army Achievement Medal (6), Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Service Medal and Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, plus the Bonneville Power Administration Exceptional Service Award, and the BPA/Department of Energy Distinguished Career Service Award.**

Colonel Thomas Patton, Oregon Air National Guard. Presently the Air National Guard Assistant to Command Staff Judge Advocate, Pacific Air Forces, Hickam AFB, Hawaii. Former C-130 Navigator, Instructor and Evaluator serving at Pope AFB, NC and Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona, and 304th Rescue Squadron, Portland. 1990-1991 flew Combat Missions and Combat Support Missions in Desert Storm. Former Deputy Staff Judge Advocate, 142nd Fighter Wing, and Staff Judge Advocate, Joint Force Headquarters – Oregon National Guard. Former Assistant Attorney General, Oregon Department of Justice. **Holds the Meritorious Service Medal w/1 Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Force Air Medal, Air Force Aerial Achievement Medal w/ 1 Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Force Commendation Medal w/3 Oak Leaf Clusters and Air Force Outstanding Unit Award w/“V” Device & 4 Oak Leaf Clusters.**

Colonel Donald Bond, Oregon Army National Guard (Ret). 42 Years of Honorable Service. Enlisted 1967; rose to Sergeant. 1974-Graduated from Oregon Military Academy and Commissioned. Has been Infantry Platoon Leader, Detachment Commander, Finance Officer, Budget Analyst, Commander 141st Support Battalion, Deputy Chief of Staff-Operations, Chief, Joint Staff/Chief of Staff, Army. Graduate of numerous Military Education Courses. **Holds the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal (5), Army Commendation Medal (2), Air Force Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal (2), Oregon Superior Unit Award, Oregon Distinguished Service Medal, Oregon Faithful Service Medal (40 Years).**

Colonel Leah Sundquist, Oregon National Guard, J3 Director of Operations. Former Deputy Director of Operations, Executive Officer, Battalion Operations Officer, Headquarters Company Commander, and many other leadership roles. Graduate of US Army War College, 2008; National Security Issues Seminar, 2001; Defense Strategy Course, 2000; US Army Command & General Staff College, 1999. Deployed during Desert Storm & Operation Enduring Freedom. **Holds the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Oregon Service Ribbon, Air Assault Badge and Parachutist Badge.**

Colonel Larry Smith, United States Army, Washington Army National Guard. Commissioned May, 1965 after graduating Distinguished Military Graduate, Clemson University. Also, a graduate of the US Army War College. Senior Army Advisor for the 104th Training Division. Served in Germany, South Korea and 173rd Airborne Brigade, Vietnam-2 tours. Served at the Office of the Army Chief of Staff, Pentagon. Also a Professor of Military Science at University of Washington ROTC. **Holds the Legion of Merit, Silver Star, 2 Bronze Stars, 9 Meritorious Achievement Medals, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry (Bronze), Air Medal, Master Parachutist Badge w/over 500 jumps, High Altitude Jump Badge, and Combat Infantry Badge.**

Colonel Jack Suggs, United States Air Force (Ret). Joined the Army-Air Corps in 1944, and retired in 1980. KC 135 Pilot. Considered one of the best pilots in the Strategic Air Command; he was selected to fly the Airborne Command Post, a highly prestigious position. Previously flew C-54's over the Atlantic Ocean from the Azores to Bermuda. President Emeritus of the Strategic Air Command Airborne Command Control Association.

Colonel Bud Michaels, United States Navy. Enlisted in 1947, transferred to the Oregon National Guard as a Private 1st Class, and was promoted to E-7. Commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant, and rose to the rank of Colonel. He had 42 years of Faithful Service. He has been a Platoon Leader, Company Commander, Instructor at the Oregon Military Academy, Fire Director, and Chief of a Heavy Mortar Section.

Captain Eugene Ebersole, United States Navy (Ret). Judge Advocate General Corps. 1969-1970 554th Construction Combat Engineers Cu Chi & Lai Khe, Vietnam. US Pacific Command, Office of the Staff Judge Advocate; Commander, US Pacific Fleet, Office of the Fleet Judge Advocate. Served as Rule of Law Coordinator & Liaison to US Embassy & Iraq Ministries of Justice, Detainee Operations, Baghdad, 2009. Retired after 21 years as Senior Assistant Attorney General, Oregon Department of Justice. **Holds Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal 2 Awards, Navy Commendation Medal 2 Awards, Iraq Campaign Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Service Medal.**

Captain Tim Myers, United States Navy (Ret). Naval Academy Graduate, Played football and baseball for Navy, Pilot, 3 tours to Vietnam, Philippines, Navy Test Pilot, Squadron Commander and Commander of the USS Ogden and USS Peleliu. Set three aircraft World Records for altitude, distance and speed in a PC-3. **Holds Legion of Merit, Air Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal.**

Captain Scott Kitchen, United States Coast Guard (Ret). Commander of the North Bend Coast Guard Station, and 1986 graduate of the Naval Academy. Twenty years in aviation with over 5,000 flight hours. Stationed in Puerto Rico, Miami, New Orleans and North Bend. **Awarded the Captain Witherspoon Inspirational Leadership Award** for his role in the historic rescue of 33,000 victims of hurricane Katrina.

Captain Harold Tiernan, United States Navy (Ret). 1965 - 1995. Supply Officer aboard the USS Kretchmer in Guam. Served in Vietnam, Georgia, New York, Washington, DC, and California. Command Historian, Military Sealift Command at the Washington Naval Yard. **Holds the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Unit Commendation, Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation, Vietnam Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation, and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal.**

Captain Daniel LeBlanc, United States Coast Guard. Commander, Portland Marine Safety Unit. Commanded in New Orleans, Hawaii, San Francisco, San Diego. Earned "Wings of Gold" as a Naval Flight Officer for the E-2C Hawkeye. **Holds Coast Guard Meritorious Service Medal, 9-11 Medal, Coast Guard Commendation Medal.**

Captain Ed Campbell, United States Navy. Commanding Officer, Oregon State NROTC. Naval Flight Officer, 1985. Served many commands – Moffett Field, CA, Diego Garcia, BIOT, Japan, Jacksonville, USS Abraham Lincoln, 2 Deployments off coast of Somalia, Whidbey Island, Japan, Bahrain, NORAD in Colorado Springs. **Holds Defense Superior Service Medal, 4 Meritorious Service Medals, 2 Air Medals, 4 Navy Commendation Medals and Bronze V, 2 Navy Achievement Medals.**

Captain Greg Wooldridge, United States Navy (Ret). 27 years service including Subic Bay, Philippines & Japan. Commander NAS Lemoore, CA, & received Presidential Installation of Excellence Award as Best Navy Base Worldwide. Multiple deployments in aircraft carriers – USS Ranger, USS Enterprise & USS Midway. **3-time Commander of the Blue Angels – '91-'92-'93.**

Lt. Colonel Bill O'Neill, United States Navy. Enlisted in 1953 and rose thru the ranks to Lt. Colonel. Joined the Oregon Army National Guard in 1959. Served as the Provost Martial until his retirement in 1989. Also retired from the Oregon State Police. Served 36 years as a soldier; 28 years as an Oregon State Police Officer.

Lt. Colonel Thomas Crowson, United States Army, Commander, Army Recruiting Battalion, Portland. Former Commander, 1st Iraqi National Police Mechanized Brigade and Director of Operations, Rapid Equipping Force, Afghanistan, and Platoon Leader, Germany. **Holds Army Meritorious Service Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters.** Will administer "Oath of Enlistment" to several new soldiers at home plate.

Lt. Colonel Leneld Brown, United States Army (Ret). Vietnam 1969-1970, Engineer Officer; Korea 1977-1978, Europe 1981-1987, Pentagon 1987-1991. President and founder of Oregon Chapter National Association for Black Veterans. **Holds Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal w/2 Oak Leaf Clusters, Vietnam Service Medal (3), Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation, Republic of Vietnam Honor Medal (1st Class), National Defense Service Medal w/Bronze Service Star.**

Lt. Colonel Nanci Visser, United States Marine Corps Reserve (Ret). 1979-2000. Served Aide de Camp, Protocol Officer, Personnel Officer, Administrative Officer to the Chief of Staff, Headquarters Marine Corps, Assistant Secretary of the General Staff, and Social Officer to the 31st Commandant of the Marine Corps. Served in Virginia, Okinawa, Thailand and Pentagon. **Holds Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal with Gold Star.**

Lt. Colonel Paul Fitzgerald, Oregon Air National Guard. Air Operations Directorate (A3) Joint Forces Headquarter. 1990 Graduate Air Force Academy. F15 assignment in Japan. Command pilot – 2,000+ hours. **Holds Air Medal with One Device, Aerial Achievement Medal, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor and four devices.**

Lt. Colonel Alisha Hamel, Oregon Army National Guard. Command Historian, Joint Force Headquarters. One of the first Guardsman to mobilize to Desert Storm. **Holds Army Commendation Medal, 3 Desert Storm Awards, Kuwait Service Medal.**

Lt. Colonel Terry Schrick, Oregon Army National Guard (Ret). 1966 United States Army Infantry, Germany. 1983 Commissioned as Army 1st Lieutenant as Chaplain. Served 23 years in Army Reserves, and Oregon Army National Guard. Served Hurricane Katrina and Rita. 2006-2007 Afghanistan. **Holds Army Commendation Medal, Over Seas Medal & National Defense Medal w/Bronze Attachment.**

Lt. Colonel Richard Lightfoot, US Air Force (Ret). 1964-1992. Tours in Philippines, Vietnam, Germany and Turkey. Over 200 combat sorties in Vietnam in 3 different aircraft. Served as Vice Commander, Incirlik AB, Turkey, during Desert Storm and Operation Provide Comfort. While in Military Airlift Command, provided support to American Embassies and Americans in 112 countries. **Holds the Bronze Star, Air Medal w/2 Oak Leaf Clusters, and a Master Navigator Rating with over 5,000 hours flying time.**

Lt. Colonel Judy Fromherz, United States Army Reserves. 104th Training Division Joint Base Lewis-McChord. Commissioned thru OSU ROTC program. Commanded at Company and Battalion levels. Served in Germany, Korea and the Pentagon. **Holds Meritorious Service Medal w/2 Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal w/5 Oak Leaf Clusters, Korean Defense Service Medal and Army Superior Unit Award.**

Lt. Colonel Dick Tobiason, United States Army (Ret). Over 400 combat flight hours as Commanding Officer of a Platoon of 8 Army O-1A Bird Dogs supporting 3rd Marine Division with aerial reconnaissance, bombing, artillery, and naval gun fire - Vietnam. Second tour was Project Manager for US Government program to transfer all US war equipment to South Vietnam government during peace talks. Helped Repatriate 27 American POWs in South Vietnam during "Operation Homecoming". Graduate of US Navy Test Pilot School. Created Oregon's WWII Veterans Historic Highway, Bend Heroes Memorial, and Honor Flight of Eastern Oregon and Portland Oregon. Biographer of past honoree Bob Maxwell, WWII Medal of Honor recipient. **Holds the Legion of Merit w/Oak Leaf Cluster, 15 Air Medals with V device, Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Joint Service Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Meritorious Service Medal, Numerous Decorations from South Vietnam Government.**

Lt. Colonel Royce Pollard, United States Army (Ret). 1961-1988. Infantry Officer. Two year Vietnam Veteran. Also, served in Germany and South Korea. Former Commander of the Vancouver Barracks. Graduate of the Command and General Staff College. Seven years on Vancouver City Council, Six-term Mayor of Vancouver. 2010 First Citizen of Clark County. **Holds the Bronze Star Medal w/2 Oak Leaf Clusters & 1 V Device, Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal w/1 Oak Leaf Cluster, 6 Air Medals, Joint Services Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry w/Bronze Star, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation w/Palm, Expert & Combat Infantry Badge, and Parachute Badge.**

Lt. Colonel Robert Knight, United States Army (Ret). Graduate of United States Military Academy-West Point. 21 years as an Infantry Officer. Former Commander, Vancouver Barracks. Presently is President of Clark College, Vancouver, Washington.

Lt. Colonel Kevin Dial, Oregon Army National Guard. 1982 to present. Previously enlisted in United States Marines 1982-1985. Graduated from Oregon Military Academy and Commissioned 1986, and served as an Armored Cavalry Officer. Also graduated from the United States Army Command & General Staff College, and Western Baptist College. Currently assigned as the Recruiting Retention Battalion Commander. Previously Commander of the 1249 Engineer Battalion, he deployed during 2011 to Afghanistan. Has been Deputy for the Director of Personnel, Oregon Army National Guard; 1249 Engineer Battalion Executive Officer, Executive Officer to the Adjutant General, and many other commands. **Holds the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal (3rd Award), Air Force Achievement Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (6th Award), Armed Forces Reserve Medal (3rd Award), Army Service Ribbon, NATO Medal, and Oregon 30-Year Faithful Service Award.**

Lt. Colonel Paul Ashcraft, United States Army. Professor of Military Science, Oregon State University ROTC. Graduated from and taught at West Point. Platoon Leader, Staff Officer, Company Commander Combat Engineer Battalions in 1st Armored Division, 10th Mountain Division. 2005 deployed to Iraq, 3rd Infantry Division. **Holds the Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal w/3 Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal, and Iraq Campaign Medal.**

Lt. Colonel Martin Balakas, Oregon Air National Guard, Kingsley Field. 173 Fighter Wing Executive Support Officer and Public Affairs Officer. Former Lt. JG in the United States Navy. Served as the Supply Officer aboard the USS Arkansas, and as Exercise Planner for the Military Traffic Management Command. Transferred to the Air National Guard in 2002, and became Installation Deployment Officer. Commanded the 406th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron, Kirkuk, Iraq, and the Combined Airpower Transition Force, Kabul, Afghanistan. **Holds the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal w/Gold Star, Iraq Campaign Ribbon, Afghanistan Campaign Ribbon, Navy "E" Ribbon w/2 Silver "E" Devices, Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation, Oregon Outstanding Unit Award.**

Lt. Colonel Daniel Hendrickson, United States Army and Oregon Army National Guard (Ret). 24 years service. Served as an Infantry Officer in the United States, Germany and Iraq in positions from Platoon Leader to Regimental Commander. Served as Commander of 2nd Battalion, 162 Infantry in Operation Iraqi Freedom, Baghdad, Iraq, and led the Battalion's 2005 deployment to Hurricane Katrina. Finished career as Commander of the 249th Regional Training Center. Now a Captain with the Corvallis Police Department. **Holds the Bronze Star Medal, Legion of Merit, Iraq Campaign Medal, Army Meritorious Service Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge, Expert Infantry Badge, Ranger Tab and Parachutist Badge.**

Lt. Colonel Larry Peterson, United States Army (Ret). 1979-2007. Shore Platoon Leader, Military Police Officer, International Law Officer, Legal Officer Republic of Panama, Justice Mentor US Embassy, Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Commander 320th Psychological Operations, Director of Media Operations Joint Psychological Operations Task Force, NATO SFOR, Headquarters Sarajevo, Bosnia. Command Judge Advocate 364th Civil Affairs Brigade, Portland, and Asst. Staff Judge Advocate, SOCOM MacDill AFB, Florida. Also served in the Philippines, Thailand and Vanuatu. **Holds the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal w/1 Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Achievement Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal-4, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal w/2 Bronze Stars, Armed Forces Reserve Medal w/M Device & Numeral 2, NATO Medal, Army Overseas Service Training Ribbon w/Numeral 8, and German Army Psychological Defense Badge.**

Lt. Colonel Wes “Pappy” French, United States Air Force and Oregon Air National Guard. Joint Force Headquarters Director of Operations. Responsible for two separate wings—142nd & 173rd-- training F-15 pilots for the Air Force, and Oregon Air National Guard, providing Air Sovereignty/Operational Capability in the Pacific Northwest. Responsible for Special Tactics throughout the world, the 116th & 270th Air Control Squadrons, and 2,400 Airmen in Oregon. Stationed in Arizona, Alaska, Idaho, Nevada and Oregon. Command Pilot logging over 3,100 hours in an F-15. **Holds the Meritorious Service Medal w/1 Device, Air Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal w/2 Devices, Combat Ready Medal w/4 Devices, Global War on Terrorism Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Air Force Longevity Award w/3 Devices, Oregon National Guard Superior Unit Citation w/1 Device.**

Lt. Colonel Larry Kaufman, United States Marine Corps (Ret). Infantry Platoon Leader, Rifle Company Commander, Battalion Operations Officer. Vietnam 1966-1967. Director, Marine Corps Recruiters’ School 1967-1970 & 1971-1973. Director, 3rd Marine Division Leadership School 1973-1974. Assistant Director, Marine Corps Staff & Command College, Leadership Division 1974-1975. Commander, Salem Chapter, Military Order of the World Wars – 6 years. **Holds the Meritorious Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal w/Device, Vietnam Service Medal w/2 Stars, Combat Action Ribbon, Presidential Unit Citation, and Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation Cross of Gallantry w/Palm.**

Lt. Colonel David Nelson, Oregon State Defense Force. Commander of the 1249th ROT. Formerly Airman First Class, United States Air Force, 1951-1956. Served at K13 Korea in the 319th FIS, 5th Air Force, as a F94B Radio & IFF Technician. Also served at Travis AFB, Anderson AFB Guam in the 5th A&E as a RB36 ECM Technician, and USAFR 4th Air Force, Portland Air Base. **Holds the Presidential Unit Citation, Good Conduct Medal, United Nations Service Medal, Korean Service Medal w/3 Bronze Stars, Korean Presidential Unit Citation, National Defense Service Medal w/1 Bronze Star, Oregon National Guard Commendation Medal w/Oak Leaf Cluster, and Oregon 10-Year Faithful Service Award.**

Lt. Colonel Dwight Morse, 1974 Graduate of West Point. Also graduate of the Army Command & General Staff College. Field Artillery. Served in the United States, Germany and Korea. Commander of two Batteries, and served as a Battalion and Brigade Operation Officer. Taught 3 ½ years at the U. S. Military Academy, and three years in the Center for Army Tactics, U. S. Army Command & General Staff College. Final assignment was Professor of Military Science at The University of Mississippi. Retired in 1995 and started the Junior ROTC program at North Salem High School. Recipient of the prestigious Crystal Apple Award as one of Salem-Keizer School District's most outstanding educator. **He holds the Meritorious Service Medal w/3 Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal w/3 Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal w/Bronze Star, Korea Defense Service Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon w/Numeral 2, Army Service Ribbon, Ranger Tab, Army Parachutist Badge.**

Commander Andrew Williamson, United States Coast Guard. Graduate of the United States Merchant Marine Academy, and commissioned. Received his T-Boat, Barge, Foreign Freight, Tank Vessel & Hull qualifications at USCG MSU Galveston. Transferred MSO Mobile in charge of Bender Shipyard. Delivered first two US built Chemical Tankers in over 40 years, and was in charge of converting the Top Secret "Project Jennifer" into the Drillship GLOMAR Explorer. Transferred to MSO Houston in 2001 as Marine Investigator & Port State Control Branch Chief. 2005 transferred to Pacific Area as Port State Control Program Manager of California, Oregon, Washington, Alaska, Hawaii, Guam, American Samoa and Saipan. Currently Chief of Inspections Division in Portland. **Holds the Pistol Marksman, Humanitarian Service Medal, Coast Guard Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, 3 Letters of Commendation, 3 Achievement Medals and a Commendation Medal.**

Commander Doug Sheehan, United States Coast Guard (Ret). 1969 graduate of Officer Candidate School. Served on active duty until 1972 on CG Cutters Ivy and Cactus as Operations Officer. Continued in Coast Guard Reserve until 1991 as Commanding Officer of two Coast Guard Reserve Units.

Major Larry Deibert, United States Army. **Oregon's Most Decorated Soldier**, 578 Combat Missions in Vietnam, Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army. Protocol rank of Lt. General. **Holds the Distinguished Service Cross, and two Distinguished Flying Crosses.**

Major Joelle Goodwin, United States Army (Ret). Professor of Military Science, University of Oregon ROTC, and former **Mrs. Oregon**. Senior Intelligence Officer, Lance Missile Platoon Officer, Executive Officer, and Brigade Adjutant in Germany. Served as Anti-Terrorism/Force Protection Officer. Prepared plans and orders, recommended allocation of resources with national intelligence systems. Managed language training programs, coordinated training with the US Air Force, Army National Guard and Reserve Training units. Served as primary advisor in counterintelligence operations; analyzing, managing and disseminating intelligence. Served as Director of Intelligence in Honduras.

Major Amy Payton, Oregon Army National Guard. Casualty Officer in Iraq.

Major Brian White, Oregon Air National Guard. Base Civil Engineer, Portland Air National Guard Base. Graduated Oregon State University with a Bachelor's Degree in 1997. Graduated from Air University with a Master of Military Art and Operational Science Degree in 2011. Assigned to civil engineer squadrons in Texas, Kuwait, Oregon, Saudi Arabia, and Iraq. **Holds Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal w/2 Oak Leaf Clusters, Air Force Achievement Medal, AF Outstanding Unit Award with Valor Device and three Oak Leaf Clusters, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal with one device, Global War On Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, and Global War on Terrorism Service Medal.**

Major John Sampson, United States Army (Ret) 1958-1978. 8 years enlisted, then rose to rank of Major. Served three years at the US Army Medical Depot, Vitry Le Francois, France. 1st tour in Vietnam (1965-1966) as a Combat Medic with the First Cavalry Division (Air Mobile). 1967, a Researcher at the US Army Research Institute of Environmental Medicine, Natick, MA. Graduated from OCS (Officers Candidate School), Fort Benning GA. (1968) commissioned in the Chemical Corp, served as Platoon Leader, 6th Army AIT brigade, Ft. Ord, CA. 2nd Vietnam tour as Commander of 290th Quartermaster Det. Cam Ranh Bay (1970-1971). Instructor at the US Armor School, Fort Knox, Ky (1971-1975. Taught Chemical, Biological, and Radiological warfare to Armor Officers. Served as Brigade Chemical Officer, 7th Division Ft Ord, CA, and Commander 52nd Chemical Det. Ft Ord, CA. **Holds the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Commendation Medal w/1 Oak Leaf Cluster, Combat Medical Badge, Presidential Unit Citation, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry w/Palm.**

Major Eric Walstrom, Oregon Army National Guard. Serving still for over 20 years. Currently, Assistant General Foreman at Oregon Sustainment Maintenance Site at Camp Withycombe, Clackamas. Served in Operation Iraqi Freedom III as Light Cavalry Commander, Troop F/82 CAV, responsible for securing Iraq's largest logistical hub LSA Anaconda, Balad, Iraq. Also served as Infantry Company Executive Officer supporting Multi-National Force and Observers, Sinai, Egypt. **Holds the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal w/3 Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Achievement Medal w/4 Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Good Conduct Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal w/3 Oak Leaf Cluster, National Defense Medal-2, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal w/1 Bronze Star, Armed Forces Reserve Medal w/M Device & Numeral 2, Iraqi Campaign Medal, Multi-National Force and Observers Medal, Army Overseas Service Training Ribbon-2.**

Major Mike Allegre, United States Air Force-1976-1980. Joined the Oregon Air National Guard in 1985 as a Public Affairs NCO. Received his commission in 1989, and served 17 years as Public Affairs Officer, 142nd Fighter Wing, Portland. Retired from the Oregon Air National Guard in 2007, with nearly 25 years of Military service. Also served in Texas, England, Germany, and Massachusetts. Currently works in Public Affairs with the Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs. **Holds the Meritorious Service Medal, USAF Commendation Medal w/2 Oak Leaf Clusters, USAF Achievement Medal, USAF Outstanding Unit Award w/2 Oak Leaf Clusters, USAF Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal w/1 Oak Leaf Cluster, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, USAF Overseas Duty Ribbon, USAF Longevity Service Award Ribbon w/5 Oak Leaf Clusters, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, USAF Small Arms Marksman Ribbon, ORNG Commendation Medal, ORNG Achievement Medal.**

Lt. Commander Robert Zafran, United States Navy (Ret). 8 years enlisted; rose to Lt. Commander. Navy Flight Officer. Served as Aviation Crewmember in P2 Neptune aircraft. Assigned to Naval Air Test Center, Weapons System Test Division for Project Muddy Hill, a highly classified CIA/Navy Special Operations. 1967 deployed to Thailand. Flew night Combat Reconnaissance in Central Laos. Deployed to South East Asia, and conducted four tours of maritime patrol duty in Vietnam, and two deployments to Indian Ocean. Mission Commander/TACCO in P3C aircraft. **Holds the Navy Commendation, Navy Achievement w/Combat Valor, and Combat Action Ribbon, and Awarded 5 Air Medals.**

Captain David Parker, United States Marine Corps (Ret). 1958-1983. Severely injured three times in Vietnam. Commanding Officer & Executive Officer, Marine Detachment, USS Ranger. **Past National President of the Paralyzed Veterans of America. Past Oregon President of Paralyzed Veterans of America, and presently Secretary of the Paralyzed Veterans of America. Holds three Purple Hearts, Vietnam Medal of Honor, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry.**

Captain Dale Reynolds, United States Army. 1942-1946. Wounded twice in France, Lorient, Nantes and Saint-Nazaire, hand-fighting Germans. **Awarded France's highest honor – Legion d'Honneur.**

Captain Dreama Hutchison, Oregon Air National Guard, Kingsley Field. Installation Deployment Officer. Enlisted 1991; Commissioned 2006. Has served in South Dakota as B-1b Avionics Technician, Combat Communications Technician in Alabama, B-1 Avionics Technician in Georgia, Ground Communications Technician and Mission Support Group First Sergeant, and Logistics Readiness Officer, Deployment & Distribution Flight Commander in Oregon. Deployed in 2011 to Manas Transit Center, Kyrgyzstan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. **Holds the Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal w/M Device, Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon (Pistol), Oregon Faithful Service Ribbon w/M Device.**

Lt. Senior Grade Steve Besse, United States Navy 1942. Graduated OSU 1943. Graduate Midshipmen School, Columbia University, 1943. Assigned as Executive Officer of LCI 420. Sailed to Normandy Beach, June 5, 1944. First wave on Omaha Beach, June 6. Made many beach landings with fresh troops, and pulled a barge to Omaha Beach with 1000 tons of open ammunition aboard. **Holds Navy Commendation for rescue of 18 men in downed B29.**

Lt. Jim Lindquist, United States Navy (Ret). **104-years old.** Joined Navy in 1925 & retired in 1955. Commanded Navy Escort Ships, and was a Submarine Commander. Served in WWII and Korea.

1st Lt. Raymond Jones, Oregon Army National Guard. Commissioned thru Alabama Military Academy, 2010. Presently DSCOPS Project Officer/Platoon Leader, 162nd Engineer Company. Previously, CMO Team Leader, 1249th Engineering Battalion. Completed Basic Combat Training, Combat Lifesaver Course, Combating Trafficking in Persons and Engineer Basic Officer Leadership. **Holds the Army commendation Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal w/2 Campaign Stars, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Armed Forces Reserve Medal w/"M" Device, NATO Medal.**

2nd Lt. Grant Lindsay, United States Army-Air Corps. Flew C46 ferrying missions over the "Burma Hump" Himalayas to Indonesia, Tarawa, New Guinea, England, Ascension Island and Africa. Stationed at Lu Li Lang, China. Grand Marshall of the 2010 Albany Veterans Parade.

2nd Lt. Heather Bashor, Oregon Air National Guard, Kingsley Field. Public Affairs Officer. 1997-2006-Mid-East Cryptologic Linguist & Tactics Analyst. Excelled as an Arabic Linguist. Provided support to Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, sister intelligence agencies, and briefed Fighter Pilots on up-to-date information. 2011-Graduated, with Honors, from the Academy of Military Science. Received the Honor Graduate Award, Citizen Airman Award, Academic Achievement Award & Physical Fitness Award. Possesses the John Levitow Award (the highest award presented at Airman Leadership School; it is the pinnacle of success in ALS and Enlisted PME, and is presented to the student that demonstrated the most outstanding leadership and scholastic qualities), Provost Award for Top Academic Performance at the Arabic Basic Course, and Top Graduate Award at the Mid-East Cryptologic Linguist Technical School. **Holds the Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award w/Valor Device, Air Force Good Conduct Medal w/2 Devices, Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal w/1 Device, Air Force Longevity Service Medal w/2 Devices, Air Force NCO PME Graduate Ribbon, and Oregon National Guard Outstanding Unit w/2 Devices.**

Chief Warrant Officer 4 Mike Roulier, United States Army (Ret). Combat Assault Helicopter Pilot, 2 tours Vietnam. Also Germany, Afghanistan, Iraq, Guantanamo Bay. 3,680 flight hours; 1,866 in combat. First helicopter pilot to land in St. Peter's Square, the Vatican. **Holds Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal w/2 Oak Leaf Clusters, Purple Heart w/Oak Leaf, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal with V device.**

Chief Warrant Officer 3 David Talbot, Alaska Army National Guard, United States Army, Oregon State Defense Force. Attended US Army Helicopter Flight School. Senior Army Rotary Wing Aviator. Flew armed helicopters in South Vietnam 1965-1966. Over 6,000 hours flight time. Presently Executive Officer, 162nd ROT, Oregon State Defense Force. Trained Liaison Officer for Marion County. **Holds the Bronze Star, Army Commendation Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Air Medal w/21 Oak Leaf Clusters, Vietnam Campaign Medal w/1960, Vietnam Service Ribbon w/Bronze Star, National Defense Service Ribbon, Expert Pistol Badge, Sharpshooter Rifle Badge.**

State Command Sergeant Major Brunk Conley, United States Army 1981; Oregon Army National Guard 1986. Infantry, Advanced Infantry, Airborne School. Served in Operation Iraqi Freedom, and deployed to Afghanistan. Responsible for the training, equipping and stationing of the Afghan National Army. **Holds the Bronze Star Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Ranger Tab, Senior Parachutist Badge, Pathfinder Badge, Expert Marksmanship Badge, and Expert Infantryman's Badge. Highest ranking enlisted soldier in the Oregon National Guard.**

Command Sergeant Major Denise Kraxberger, Oregon Army National Guard (Ret). First Female Command Sergeant Major in Oregon. **Highest ranking Native American in Oregon National Guard. Holds Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal w/3 Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal w/3 Oak Leaf Clusters, Oregon Exceptional Service Medal.**

Command Sergeant Major Jose Busto, United States Army (Ret) 30 Years. Vietnam 1966-1967; Desert Shield-Desert Storm 1991-1992; Served as Liaison in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia with 22nd Support Command. Now CSM of the 162nd ROT, Oregon State Defense Force. **Holds Meritorious Service Medal w/1 Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Commendation Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross w/Palm, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Southwest Asia Service Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal.**

Master Chief Petty Officer Jim Caldwell, United States Coast Guard (Ret), 1970-1992, **4 Commendation Medals** for life-saving rescues on the high seas.

Chief Petty Officer 1st Class Peter Morin, United States Navy (Ret). 1983-2003. Boot Camp in Orlando, Florida, then Yeoman A school in Meridian, Mississippi. 1983-1985 stationed at NAS Oceana, Virginia Beach, Virginia, with an A-6 Training Squadron. 1985-1988 – stationed on the USS Detroit out of Norfolk, Virginia. 1988-1992 – stationed at NAB Little Creek SIMA. 1992-1995 – stationed with F-14 Squadron, NAS Oceana VF-42. Flew off the USS George Washington. 1995-2000 – stationed at Commander Naval Air Force, US Atlantic Fleet, staff duty. 2000-2003 – Onboard the USS Enterprise out of NAS Norfolk. **Holds the Navy Commendation Medal, 2 Navy Achievement Medals, 2 Meritorious Unit Commendations, 3 Sea Service Deployment Ribbons, Southwest Asia Service Medal, Navy Battle “E” Ribbon, 5 Good Conduct Awards, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, .45 Caliber Pistol Marksmanship, National Defense Service Medal.**

Petty Officer 2nd Class Lowell Gunselman, United States Navy, 1956 USS Curtiss, Bikini Atoll for Highly Classified Operations Redwing. Involved in 17 Nuclear Tests. Exposed to 5 megaton hydrogen bombs. He received 50,000 milliroentgens when 500 was considered deadly. His radio alert to other ships in the area saved hundreds of lives. **Holds Korean Service Award and Good Conduct Medal, and a Letter of Commendation from Rear Admiral Cummings.**

Sergeant Major Darrel Mathews, United States Navy (Ret). Chief Radioman. Joined Navy in 1960. Vietnam service with Tactical Air Control Squadron Eleven 1962, 1964, 1966, 1968. Currently assigned to Headquarters/Headquarters Detachment, Oregon State Defense Force at Camp Withycombe.

Sergeant Major Rodolfo Hernandez, Army National Guard: 1981–Present. 30 years total service; 21years Active Federal Service. Graduate of United States Army Sergeant Major Academy. Brigade S1 Sergeant Major 41 IBCT, First Sergeant 1042 Medical Company (Air Ambulance), Battalion Operations Sergeant, 641 Medical Evacuation Battalion assigned to XVIII Air Borne Corp Ft. Bragg, NC, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, Flight Platoon Sergeant, 1042 Medical Company(Air Ambulance) assigned to Task Force MED-EAGLE, Tuzla, Bosnia-Herzegovina, in support of Stabilization Force 7. **Holds the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal with 2 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Achievement Medal with 3 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters Good Conduct Medal with 1 Silver loop, Aviation Basic Crewmembers Badge.**

Sergeant Major Charles Beauchamp, United States Army (Ret). Joined the Army from San Sebastian, Puerto Rico in 1960. Assigned to B Company, 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry Division in Hawaii. In Jan 1966, he deployed as a Squad Leader with B Company, 2nd Battalion of the 35th Infantry Regiment to the Central Highlands of Viet Nam. SGM Beauchamp was Wounded in Action July 66, and evacuated to Japan. After recovering from his injuries, he served in Colorado and Germany. In 1969, he was again deployed to Viet Nam where he served as a Platoon Sergeant with C Company, 2nd Battalion, 2nd Infantry (Mechanized). In 1970 he was reassigned to the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), C Company, 2nd Battalion, 8th Cavalry (1st Cavalry Division) where he served as the First Sergeant and Platoon Leader. He was then assigned as the Sergeant Major of the ROTC Program at Oregon State University. During his tenure at OSU, the ROTC Program was selected as the Top ROTC College Program West of the Rockies and commissioned 300 Lieutenants. Graduate of the 25th and 7th Army NCO Academies, Basic and Advanced Infantry Officers Courses, Airborne and Ranger Schools, The United States Army Sergeants Major Academy. **Holds the Combat Infantryman's Badge, Silver Star Medal, Legion of Merit Medal, Bronze Star Medal w/OLC, Purple Heart Medal w/ 2 OLC, Meritorious Service Medal w/OLC, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal w 2 OLC, Army Achievement Medal, Good Conduct Medal w 9th award clasp, National Defense Medal w/Gold Star, Reserve Forces Service Medal, Army Professional Development Medal w/Numeral 4, Army Service Medal, Overseas Service Medal w/Numeral 2, Viet Nam Campaign Medal w/3 stars, Viet Nam Service Medal w/1960 Device, The Distinguished Presidential Unit Citation, The Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry and Civic Action Medal, The Army Ranger Tab, and Parachutist Wings.**

1st Sergeant George Rankins, United States Army (Ret). 1945-1967. Member of the first and only all Black Ranger Company, the 2nd Rangers. **Holds the Silver Star for gallantry in Korea.** Member of Portland's Concentrated Employment Agency, Urban League of Portland, Civil Service Commission for Portland, State Commission on Black Affairs, Oregon Racing Commission, and Board of Directors, Exposition Recreation Commission.

1st Sergeant Travis Powell, Oregon Army National Guard. 1987-Present. Currently Flight Medic and First Sergeant of Charlie Company/7th Battalion-158th Aviation (MEDEVAC) at the Salem Airport. Responsible for Search and Rescue mission in the State of Oregon. Deployed to Balad and Al Asad, Iraq, Bagram, Afghanistan, and Tuzla and Brcko, Bosnia-Herzegovina as Flight Medic on Air Ambulance. **Holds the Soldier's Medal, Bronze Star Medal, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal w/4 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Achievement Medal w/3 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, Afghanistan Campaign Medal w/Bronze Service Star, Iraq Campaign Medal w/Bronze Service Star, Armed Forces Reserve Medal w/Silver Hour Glass and M2 Devices, NATO Medal, Oregon Superior Soldier Medal w/ 1 Bronze Cluster, Valley Forge Cross for Heroism, and The Honorable Order of St. Michael.**

Chief Master Sergeant Cynthia Gauntz, Oregon Air National Guard, Command Chief, 173rd Fighter Wing, Kingsley Field, Oregon. Former Weapons Control System Mechanic, Philippines. **Holds USAF Meritorious Service Medal, AF Commendation Medal.**

Chief Master Sergeant Patrick Gauntz, Oregon Air National Guard Squadron Chief 173rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, F-15 Aircraft Crew Chiefs, Flight Line Avionics and Weapons Systems. Served at Lowry AFB Colorado, Clark AFB Philippines and Lambert Field St. Louis, Missouri. **Holds Air Force Meritorious Service Medal – 1 Device.**

Chief Master Sergeant Todd Berndt, Oregon Air National Guard. 1985 to Present. Chief of Plans and Resources, 173rd Fighter Wing. Served at Prince Sultan Air Base, Saudia Arabia. Was a Wideband Radio Specialist with the 116th ACS, and a Ground Radio Specialist with the 142nd Communications Flight, Portland. He received the United Way Community Leadership Award, and was the 142nd Communications Flight Category 2 Airman of the Year in 1998. **Holds the Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award w/Valor Device, Armed Forces Reserve Medal w/1 "M" Device, Oregon Faithful Service Ribbon 2/Bronze Stars and "M" Device and Oregon National Guard Superior Unit Citation.**

Chief Master Sergeant William Green, United States Marine Corps 1976-1982. Oregon Air National Guard 1982 to Present. Maintenance Branch Chief, 142nd Maintenance Squadron, Portland, Oregon. Deployed to Balad, Iraq as the Maintenance Production Chief with the 332nd Redtails in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. **Holds the Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal w/1 Oak Leaf Cluster, Meritorious Unit Award, Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal w/1 Silver Oak Leaf Cluster and 3 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, Iraq Campaign Medal w/1 Bronze Star, National Defense Service Medal w/1 Bronze Star, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Oregon 30-Year Faithful Service Medal.**

Senior Master Sergeant Chris Payne, Oregon Air National Guard. A native of Keizer, and member of the Keizer Little League Baseball Championship Teams from 1978-1981, also State-Runner up in baseball at McNary High School, 1983 and '84. Graduate of Oregon State University and 4-Year Varsity Letterman in Baseball where he was the Pac-10 Player of the Week in March 1987. Served 6 years active duty Air Force and is the current Station Chief of the 123rd Weather Flight, Air National Guard in Portland. Recently returned from a 6-month deployment supporting Special Operations Command in the Middle-East. **Holds the Joint Service Commendation Medal, Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal with 3 oak leaf clusters, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Expert Marksmanship ribbon, and was the 2010 Oregon Air Guard, "Wingman of the Year" Award recipient.**

Master Sergeant Mendell Holley, Oregon Air National Guard. 1996 to present. Explosive Ordnance Disposal Flight Operations NCOIC, 142nd Civil Engineer Squadron. Graduate of Naval School Explosive Ordnance Disposal, and he has completed over 500 EOD operational missions. He has deployed in support of Operation Southern Watch, Shaikh Isa Air Base, Bahrain, Operation Iraqi Freedom as an EOD Team Leader, Kirkuk Air Base, Iraq and Operation Enduring Freedom as an EOD Team Leader, Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan. **Holds the Bronze Star w/2 Oak Leaf Clusters & Valor Device, Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal w/1 Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Force Combat Action Medal, Joint Meritorious Unit Award w/1 Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Meritorious Unit Citation, Afghanistan Campaign Medal w/1 Campaign Star, Iraq Campaign Medal w/1 Campaign Star, Oregon Superior Airman Citation and Oregon Faithful Service Medal w/Mobilization Device, Number 2.**

Tech Sergeant Robert Maxwell, United States Army, 7th Infantry. WWII, only living **Congressional Medal of Honor** recipient living in Oregon. North Africa. Invaded Sicily in July 1943, then Palermo, then Messina, then Salerno and Montecassino. Assault on the town of Besançon. He smothered a German grenade with his body, to protect his men. He had large shrapnel wounds in his head and arms, and part of his right foot was blown away. Then another German grenade hit behind him knocking him down. **Holds the Purple Heart.**

Tech Sergeant Don Malarkey, United States Army. WWII, Easy Company, 2nd Battalion, 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division. **Member of Band of Brothers**. Career was basis of the playwright "Saving Private Ryan". England 1943 D-Day Invasion – Parachuted into France, knocked out four German 105 mm artillery batteries at Brecourt Manor Assault. Served more time on the front lines than any other member of Easy Company. **Holds the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Presidential Unit Citation w/1 Oak Leaf Cluster, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal w/3 Service Stars and Arrow Device. WWII Victory Medal, Croix de Guerre w/Palm, French Liberation Medal, Legion d'Honneur w/Chevalier Status, Parachutist Badge w/2 Jump Stars.**

Tech Sergeant Harry Cool, United States Army. 1943-1946. Served in Patton's Third Army in France & Luxemburg. Transported to England on the Queen Mary 67 years ago. **Holds Silver Star, Bronze Star, Purple Heart w/1 Oak Leaf Cluster, 4 Battle Stars, Combat Infantry Badge, and Presidential Unit Citation.**

Technical Sergeant Eric Hubbard, Oregon Air National Guard. 1997 to present. Explosive Ordnance Disposal Team Chief, 142nd Civil Engineer Squadron, Portland. Graduate of Naval School Explosive Ordnance Disposal & FBI Hazardous Device School for Civilian Bomb Technicians. Completed hundreds of operational missions. Deployed in support of Operation Southern Watch to Saudi Arabia; Operation Iraqi Freedom to Kirkuk, Iraq; Operation Enduring Freedom to Ghazni, Afghanistan. **Holds 2 Bronze Stars as EOD Team Leader in Iraq & Afghanistan and Air Force Combat Action Medal.**

Staff Sergeant Muriel Ruble, United States Marine Corps – 1943-1945. Boot Camp at Hunter College; Storekeeper School – University of Indiana; Secretary, Post Exchange, USMC Air Station, Cherry Point, NC; US Navy Supply Depot, Philadelphia. 1st woman on Long Island to enlist in the Marine Corps.

Staff Sergeant Stephen Beaver, United States Marine Corps. 10 years. Machine Gunner 1st Force Reconnaissance Company. Participated in Operation Desert Shield & Desert Storm in Saudi Arabia and Kuwait. Served in Japan, Korea, Thailand, Philippines, Central and South America. Completed Amphibious Reconnaissance Course, Army Airborne School, Army Ranger School, Special Forces Military Free Fall School, and Navy Scuba Dive School. Officer - Hillsboro Police Department. In 2010, a disabled War Veteran, suffering from PTSD, in full Camouflage with flak jacket, threatened Officer Beaver with a knife, threw Molotov Cocktails at him, and set the garage they were in on fire. Realizing the Veteran was suffering from the war, and choosing not to justifiably shoot the Veteran, Officer Beaver risked his life, and carried the Veteran to safety as the garage exploded, then took him to the Veterans Hospital rather than immediately to jail. **Holds the Navy-Marine Corps Achievement Medal w/Combat V, Combat Action Ribbon, and the Hillsboro Police Department Medal of Valor.**

Staff Sergeant Rex Newell, United States Army – 1966-1968. Trained at Ft. Lewis, Washington, and Ft. Ord, California. Served in the 519th Military Intelligence Battalion, Republic of Vietnam, and the 525th Military Intelligence Battalion, Advisory Team #1, G-2 Section in DaNang, Vietnam. Participated in aerial surveillance missions, and Vietnamese Army Convoy protection. Also served at Ft Sill, Oklahoma and Ft. Chaffee, Arkansas. 1968-2001 – Oregon State Employment Division for Veterans, then Regional Administrator for VETS Regions 9 and 10 – Seattle and San Francisco. **Holds the Army Commendation Medal, and Vietnamese Honor Medal.**

Staff Sergeant Alton Butler, United States Marine Corps. 1969-1980. Served in the Oregon Army National Guard 1980-1995. Served in Vietnam aboard the Helicopter Carrier, Tripoli, and was aboard the Submarine "Salmon" with the 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion, 3rd Marine Division. Graduated Reconnaissance School, Jungle Survival School, National Guard Chiefs 50 Shooting Award. **Holds the Vietnam Service Medal, and Silver Medal towards Distinguished Rifle Shooter.**

Staff Sergeant Harley Anderson, United States Army. WWII Tank Commander. He landed at Morocco, French North Africa, with the 756th Tank Battalion, Third Infantry Division under Gen. George Patton during Operation Torch. He was already in Rome by the D-Day invasions of Normandy. He participated in the Battle of Cassino, The Battle of Rome, the amphibious invasion of Southern France, Operation Dragoon, and the Battle of the Colmar Pocket. **Holds two Bronze Stars, two Bronze Arrows, the French Croix de Guerre, and a Presidential Unit Citation for almost 9 straight months of continuous combat.**

Staff Sergeant Bobby Culp, United States Army. 1987-1991. Stationed at Ft. Bliss, Texas, and Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Patriot Air Defense System, Patriot Missile Operator. He shot down two SCUD Missiles which were fired from Iraq. Featured on the cover of Life magazine with General Schwarzkopf. **Holds the Army Achievement Medal, Rifle M-16 Expert Badge, and National Defense Service Medal.**

Sergeant 1st Class Phillip Maas, United States Army & Oregon Army National Guard (Ret). Joined in 1985. Military Policeman serving in Alabama, Texas, Georgia, North Carolina, New Mexico, Virginia and Oregon. Also served in Germany, Korea, Belgium, Egypt and Panama. Lead investigator for the Joint Drug Task Force. Wounded in line of duty three times. **Holds the Order of St. Barbara, Jungle Expert Badge and French Commando Level 4, and the Purple Heart.**

Sergeant Sally Van Wie, United States Marine Corps – 1974-1980. Communications. NCOIC of Camp Futenma, Okinawa MARS Station; first Women Marine to hold this position. First Woman to join an Air Wing Unit at El Toro, California. First woman to be assigned to Field Combinations School at Quantico, Virginia.

Sergeant Randy Van Wie, United States Marine Corps – 1976-1985. Radio communications and electronic maintenance. NCOIC of Camp Schwab, Okinawa MARS Station.

Sergeant Bill Brown, United States Army. Joined in 1940. Served in the 98th Field Artillery & 6th Rangers Division. Involved in seven beach landings in the South Pacific including New Guinea, Leyte Island and Luzon. Spent many days behind enemy lines working with the Filipino Guerrilla Soldiers disabling Japanese Lighthouses and radar.

Sergeant Amy Feltzin, Oregon Army National Guard, 2006 to present. Assigned to the 1249th Engineer Battalion. Graduated in 2007 from Basic Combat Training, & Advanced Individual Training, Ft. Jackson, SC, with Honors. Also, graduated from Adjutant General Human Resource School w/Honors, Warrior Leaders Course w/Honors, MAC 50 Crane Course, Blue Force Tracker Operator Course, & Combat Life Savers Course. Deployed to Eastern Afghanistan with Task Force Gridley, Operation Enduring Freedom, 2010-2011. Named the **2010 1249th Battalion Soldier of the Year**. In 2011, named the **1249th Soldier of the Quarter**. **Holds the Army Commendation Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, Army Reserves Component Overseas Training Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, NATO Medal.**

Sergeant Don Austin, United States Marine Corps. 1961-1964. 3rd Marine Division in Japan, Okinawa, Philippines and Thailand. Served with Force Recon in South Vietnam as Machine Gunner. Now Commanding Officer of the Linn-Benton Young Marines. Albany Commemorative Association's 2011 Veteran of the Year. **Holds the Combat Action Ribbon, Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Vietnam Service Medal w/1 Campaign Star, Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry-Individual and Unit w/Palm and Frame, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal and Rifle Sharpshooter Badge.**

Sergeant Bob Buys, 90. United States Army. -1945. 33rd Field Artillery Battalion. Fought in Tunisia, North Africa and Normandy. Wounded on two occasions – diagnosed with severe concussion, bomb & missile fragments in right side, complete paralysis of right leg nerves, gunshot wounds in right forearm, right leg, right chest, right flank, and left thigh. **Holds the Silver Star, Bronze Star, Purple Heart w/Oak Leaf Cluster, and Meritorious Service Medal.**

Sergeant Angel Morrow, Oregon Army National Guard. 2003 to present. Combat Medic. After Medic School at Ft. Sam Houston, deployed to Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita. Served in Kabul, Afghanistan in 2006, and Kandahar, Afghanistan in 2009 as a Combat Medic. Received the Combat Medic Badge helping to create "Operation Outreach" a non-profit group in support of Afghan Local Nationals. Currently serving in Salem at the Oregon Medical Command. **Holds the Bronze Star, 2 Army Commendation Medals, 3 Army Achievement Medals, Afghanistan Campaign Medal w/2 Campaign Stars, Global War on Terrorism Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon 2nd Award, NATO Medal, Combat Medical Badge, Gold German Army Marksmanship Badge, Army Good Conduct Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal w/M Device.**

Aviation Technician 2nd Class Tyler Marriott, United States Navy, Vietnam, 1970-1971 Flew 500+ hours in combat zone in C117 Cargo plane as Radio Operator. **Holds the Air Medal.** State Commander, VFW.

T-5 Eugene Hayden, United States Marine Corps, World War II, 1943-1946. 154th General Hospital Company, England. Went to war on the Queen Elizabeth; came home from war on the Queen Mary. **Holds European African Middle Eastern Service Medal, American Service Medal, WWII Victory Medal.**

Machinist Mate Virgil Taylor, 95 years old. United States Navy (Ret), 1938-1970- 5th Fleet. **Pearl Harbor Survivor**, aboard the USS California when it was sunk by a 500# bomb. Thrown from ship and swam to shore. Navy reported to his mother that he died in combat, and his family was preparing for the funeral when he called home. Also served on the USS Pensacola. Saw additional action at Leyte Gulf, Saipan and Okinawa. Was a refrigeration and air conditioning specialist and instructor.

Specialist 5 June Sherer, United States Women's Army Corps. 1966-1969. Trained at Ft. McClellan, Alabama, and Ft. Gordon, Georgia. Assigned to the US Army Hospital Specialized Treatment Center at Ft. Gordon. Transferred to the 513th Military Intelligence Group, Camp King, Oberursel, Germany. February, 1969 – WAC of the Month for US Army Europe. Presently Tribal Council Member, The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. **Holds the National Defense Service Medal, and Good Conduct Medal.**

Specialist 5 George Applegate, United States Army. 1966-1968. Trained at Ft. Lewis, WA, and Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo, as a Combat Engineer. Served in the 18th Engineer Brigade in Dong Ba Then, Vietnam. **Holds the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, and Good Conduct Medal**

Specialist 5 Randy Hinrichsen, United States Army. 1968-1971. Completed Advanced Training, with Honors, in HF Receiver Repair, Ft. Monmouth, New Jersey. Served in Stuttgart and Preum, West Germany in Communications Technical Control. Served in Vietnam in 1970 as a Communications System Instructor in Vung Tau, and then Communications Tech Controller in Saigon. **Holds the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, and Army Commendation Medal.**

Specialist Kevin Pannell, United States Army Wounded Warrior, Iraq, Operation Iraqi Freedom. Both legs amputated because of enemy grenade explosion in combat in central Baghdad. Also served in Kuwait for Operation Southern Watch. **Holds the Purple Heart Medal.**

Specialist Jeremy Pierce, United States Army. Lost right leg and left foot from IED in Iraq. **Holds the Purple Heart Medal.**

Specialist Dawson Officer, Oregon Army National Guard, 1998-2005. One of just four in 100 new soldiers to receive an "Excellence in Cavalry" award in Advanced Infantry Training. Assigned to 2-162nd Infantry Brigade. 50-calibre Humvee Gunner Eastern Baghdad, Iraq. Came back to Corvallis to open 4-Spirits Distillery in honor of four of his close friends who were killed in combat. **Holds the Excellence in Cavalry, Army Commendation Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Overseas Service Bar-2nd Award, Combat Infantryman Badge, and Armed Forces Service Medal w/M Device.**

Specialist Ric Olson, United States Army, 1969-1970. Served in 25th Division, 2/14 Infantry in Cu Chi, Dau Tieng, Vietnam. Walked point in the Iron Triangle, Hobo Woods and Bolo Woods. **Holds the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, 3 Army Commendation Medals with V device, 3 Air Medals, Meritorious Unit Citation, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation w/Palm Ribbon, and Combat Infantryman Badge.**

Specialist Ron Cannon, United States Army. 1967-1969. Served as an RTO with Echo Company-Recon, 5th Battalion, 46th Infantry, 198th Light Infantry Brigade, America Division near Chu Lai, Vietnam. Severely wounded in action. 1976-1984 – worked for the State of Oregon as a Veterans' Representative as a Career Developer serving Veterans and disabled persons. 1984-2010 – employed by the US Department of Labor, Veterans' Employment & Training Service as Assistant Director, then Director for Oregon. **Holds the Purple Heart, Combat Infantry Badge, Vietnamese Service Medal, RVN Campaign Medal and Good Conduct Medal.**

HM3, Hospital Corpsman Amethyst White, United States Navy. Served from November, 1999 to February, 2006 as a Hospital Corpsman at Great Lakes Naval Training Command, and Naval Hospital at Camp Pendleton. Deployed to Navy Hospital Guam as the Leading Supervisor in the Intensive Care Unit, and to Indonesia on the USNS Mercy to assist with humanitarian relief after the tsunami. **Holds 2 Navy Achievement Medals, 2 Good Conduct Medals, and National Defense Medal.**

Corporal Jon Davis, United States Marine Corps. Ammunition Technician Okinawa, Japan. Combat Marksmanship Coach-trained Marine and Navy Corpsman in Advanced Combat Techniques. Deployed to Helmand Province, Afghanistan, in charge of all Ammunitions Operations for the Battalion. Diagnosed with Lymphoma Cancer of the chest, and is fighting yet another battle. **Holds Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbons, 3rd Award Rifle Expert Badge, NATO-ISAF Afghanistan Medal.**

Corporal Tom Beckett, United States Marine Corps. Deployed with 3rd FAST Company to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Deployed to Bahrain to US CENTCOM Headquarters. Deployed to Okinawa, Philippines, Thailand and Burma. **Holds National Defense Medal, Expeditionary Global War on Terrorism Medal, Service Global War on Terrorism Medal, and Seas Service Deployment w/2 Bronze Stars.**

Corporal Steve Bobb, United States Marine Corps, 1968. MOS 2311, Ammo Explosive Technician. Attended Ordinance School, Quantico, Va. Stationed Camp Lejeune, N.C. Served in Vietnam, January 1970–January 1971, was chosen for in country NCO Leadership School, Red Beach Force Logistics Command, Vietnam. Tribal Councilor-The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. **Hold the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Service Medal w/Bronze Star Device, National Defense Service Medal, Rifle Expert Badge.**

Corporal Mike Ryan, United States Army. WW II 1940-1945. Captured by the Japanese on Cabala Island when General Wainwright surrendered on May 6, 1942. Japanese Prisoner of War for three years just 24 miles from Heroshima when the nuclear bomb was dropped. Severely beaten often, and denied medical attention during his capture.

Lance Corporal Heidi Tanada, United States Marine Corps. Joined 1964- Boot Camp at Parris Island, South Carolina. Assigned to Marine Corps Education Center in Quantico, Virginia. Tour at Camp Pendleton, California. Discharged in 1965.

Lance Corporal Reyn Leno, United States Marine Corps. 1968-1971. Served in Vietnam 1970-1971. Infantryman with I Corps around DaNang area, DMZ and Marble Mountain. Currently serving 16th year on the Tribal Council of The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. **Holds the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Service Medal w/Bronze Star Device, National Defense Service Medal, Expert Rifle Badge.**

Aviation Mechanic Jeff DeLeon, United States Navy. Electrician on F/A-18 jets. Severely injured. Paraplegic. Won 4 Gold Medals at the National Veterans Wheelchair Games in Denver. Javelin, Discus, Table Tennis and Obstacle Course. President of Oregon Paralyzed Veterans of America.

Senior Airman Will Griffith, Oregon Air National Guard. Enlisted 2008. Security Forces. Deployed September, 2011 to Bagram, Afghanistan, Operation Enduring Freedom. Coined by Commander for performance as Vigilant Guard; Inspector General Coin & Certificate as one of five Outstanding Performers, Unit Compliance Inspection; Coined by Chief, AOR for Professionalism & Positive Morale in Afghanistan. **2010 Airman of the Year – Security Forces Squadron. February, 2012 Airman of the Month for Bagram Air Force Base. Holds the Air Force Achievement Medal Earned in Two Years, Air Force Training Ribbon, Global War on Terrorism Medal, National Defense Service Medal and Oregon National Guard Superior Unit Citation w/1 Device.**

Senior Airman Amanda Blodgett, Oregon Air National Guard, Kingsley Field, Klamath Falls. Enlisted August, 2009. Distinguished Graduate-Financial Management Technical Training. Vice President – Air, Enlisted Association of the National Guard Oregon Chapter. 173rd Fighter Wing Junior Enlisted Council Chairman. 2011 Sharp Award Winner. **173rd Fighter Wing Command Airman of the Year. Holds the Oregon National Guard Superior Unit Citation-1 Device, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Medal, USAF Training Ribbon, and the Oregon Superior Airman Ribbon.**

Senior Airman Shawn Blodgett, Oregon Air National Guard, Kingsley Field, Klamath Falls. Enlisted September, 2009. 173rd Fighter Wing Junior Enlisted Council Chairman, FY2012. 2010 Sharp Award Winner. **173rd Operations Group Airman of the Year for 2010 and 2011. Holds the Air Force Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon, USAF Training Ribbon, Oregon National Guard Superior Unit Citation - 1 Device, and the Oregon Superior Airman Medal – 1 Device.**

Private First Class Golda Fabian, United States Marine Corps, 1944. Camp Lejeune, N.C., Sound Motion Picture Technicians School, San Diego.

Private First Class Jim Rumelhart, United States Army. 1944-1946. World War II. 254th Infantry Regiment, Third Army, France and Germany. Spent 125 days on the front line, and “Walked to Berlin”. Fought in the Battles of Hill 216, Jepsheim, Ensheim and Colmar Pocket. Was in first unit to breach the infamous Siegfried Line. Destroyed three enemy divisions, captured over 4,000 prisoners, and inflicted more than 7,500 casualties. Was a body guard for General Dwight Eisenhower. **Holds the Silver Star, Combat Infantryman Badge, Occupation of Germany Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Service Medal, Victory Medal, 4 Presidential Unit Citations w/Valor, and the France Croix de Guerre w/Palm.**

Private First Class Bill Wingett, United States Army & Navy Reserve (Ret). 90 Years Old. **Original member of Easy Company, 506th Parachute Infantry, 101st Airborne, (Band of Brothers).** Joined the Army December 8th, 1941, one day after Pearl Harbor. Parachuted into Normandy on D-Day, and into Holland in September, 1944, Operation Market Garden. Fought at Bastogne Belgium in December, 1944 where 101st stopped the German advance in the Battle of the Bulge. 1946-1948 served with the 82nd Airborne Division. 1967, joined the Navy Reserves, and served as a Seabee for 13 years. **Holds the Parachute Wings w/2 Combat Jumps, Combat Infantryman Badge, 3 Purple Hearts (Normandy, Holland & Bastogne), Bronze Star and French Legion of Honor.**

United States Congressman Kurt Schrader, Oregon’s 5th District 2009-Present. Oregon State Senator from the 20th District 2003-2008. Oregon House of Representatives from the 23rd District 1997-2003.

Mr. Ryan Ripp, Senior to be at McNary High School. He is the author of Oregon Senate Bill 1575 which makes it “a crime to fight, make threats or unreasonable noise, or obstruct traffic, within 200 feet of a funeral”. Reacting to a Kansas organization protesting military funerals which irritated him, Ryan sought the assistance of Attorney Richard Walsh, and Oregon Representative Kim Thatcher of Keizer to craft his bill. Ryan is a grandson of two military Veterans, and plans to enlist upon graduation, and is applying to all five Military Academies.

SPECIAL “FALLEN WARRIOR” MEMORIAL CEREMONY

Lance Corporal Joe Rodewald, United States Marine Corps . **“Fallen Marine”** October 13th, 2010, Helmond Province, Afghanistan. A native of Albany, this was a tribute to Lance Corporal Rodewald, with his family present.

Lance Corporal Tyler Troyer, United States Marine Corps. **“Fallen Marine”** November 19th, 2005, Al Karmah, Iraq. A native of Albany, this was a tribute to Lance Corporal Troyer, with his family present.

Sergeant Brennan Gibson, United States Army. **“Fallen Soldier”** December, 10, 2006, Karbala, Iraq. A native of Tualatin, this was a tribute to Sergeant Gibson, with his family present.

Private First Class Erin McLyman, United States Army. **“Fallen Soldier”** March 13, 2010, Balad, Iraq. A native of Eugene, this was a tribute to Private First Class McLyman, with her family present.

Private First Class Ryan Hill, United States Army. **“Fallen Soldier”** January 20, 2007, Baghdad, Iraq. A native of Keizer, this was a tribute to Private First Class Hill, with his family present.

Specialist Taylor Marks, Oregon Army National Guard. **“Fallen Soldier”** August 28, 2009, Rashid, Iraq. A native of Monmouth, this was a tribute to Specialist Marks, with his family present.

Corporal Adam Buyes, United States Marine Corps. **“Fallen Marine”** November 26, 2011, Helmand Province, Afghanistan. A native of Salem, this was a tribute to Corporal Buyes, with his family present.

1st Lt. Erik McCrae, Oregon Army National Guard. **“Fallen Soldier”** Baghdad, Iraq, June 4, 2004. A graduate of Tigard High School, this was a tribute to Lt. McCrae, with his family present.

Special Tribute

1st Sergeant Maximo Yabes, United States Army – 1950-1967. Company A, 4th Battalion, 9th Infantry, 25th Infantry Division. Grew up in Oakridge, Oregon. Awarded the **Medal of Honor** for his brave actions near Phu Hoa Dong, Vietnam. Yabes distinguished himself when he used his body as a shield to protect others in a bunker, moved two wounded men to a safer position where they could be given medical treatment, and destroyed an enemy machine gun position before being mortally wounded. **Holds the Medal of Honor, Purple Heart, Vietnam Service Medal w/1 Bronze Star, Vietnam Gallantry Cross, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Parachutist Badge.**

Marce Norwest, United States Army. 1953-1955. Served in the Korean War as a 50-Calibre Machine Gunner, 532nd Combat Engineers. Also served at Ft. Lewis, Washington, Ft. Ord and Camp San Luis Obispo in California. Served in Germany as a Military Policeman, and earned eight medals and ribbons. Elder Norwest was a founding member of the Grand Ronde Chapter of the Northwest Indian Veterans Association, and a member of the West Valley Veterans Honor Guard. He also was a driving force for the construction of the West Valley Veterans’ Memorial located on the Grand Ronde Tribal campus. His family will be Honored at home plate in a very special Ceremony on Thursday, July 5th.

Special Guest – July 4th, 2012

Kilong Ung is the author of “Golden Leaf, A Khmer Rouge Genocide Survivor”, and founder of the Golden Leaf Education Foundation – a non-profit that builds schools for children. His life is an inspirational story about the experiences of a Cambodia genocide survivor, a boy, who spent nearly four years as a slave laborer under the tyrannical Khmer Rouge regime of Pol Pot, who killed nearly two million Cambodian civilians between 1975 and 1979. Over fifty of his relatives including his parents, grand-parents and sisters were killed; some were brutally murdered, and some starved to death. For four years, he worked at slave camps 13-hours a day, every day, digging, plowing, clearing woods, and farming rice. Many died each and every day. Against all odds, he survived by living on a diet of two tablespoons of rice with water twice a day, supplemented by eating snakes, rats, mice, caterpillars, roots and leaves.

In 1979, he escaped into Thailand. He was sent to San Diego, and then moved to Portland, graduated from Cleveland High School, Reed College and obtained his Masters Degree in Applied Statistics from Bowling Green State University. He currently works as an online banking software engineer. He was also a computer language Adjunct Instructor at Portland Community College.

In 2006, he became a proud member of the Rotary Club of Portland. In 2007, he was Knighted into the fellowship of the Royal Rosarians – the official Goodwill Ambassadors for the City of Portland, and given the Honorable title “Sir Knight”. He has served on the Board of the Rotary Club of Portland, Royal Rosarians Council, Oregon Council on Civil Rights, Executive Board of the Council of the Boy Scouts of America, and the Board of the Cambodian-American Community of Oregon, plus others.

In 2010, he was selected as a Wordstock author. In 2011, he appeared on Spike TV’s Deadliest Warrior Season 3 as an expert in the Saddam Hussein vs. Pol Pot episode.

On March 4, 2012, he was honored as a recipient of the Commerce/Cleveland High School Distinguished Alumni Award.

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Of the many, many outstanding men and women we have Thanked, Honored and Saluted, on the field, the past five years, we have found them in many ways – recommendations from those who have been here, Google, Military websites, Military newsletters, newspaper articles, visiting VFW's and American Legion Posts, visiting the Oregon National Guard Headquarters in Salem and Camp Withycombe in Clackamas, Pacific Northwest Defense Coalition Christmas party, visiting with Oregon Senators and Representatives, etc. I have attached a list of those we have Thanked, Honored and Saluted from 2008-2012.

In 2008, I asked Volcanoes owner, Jerry Walker, if I could plan something special for our 4th of July game. He gave me permission and a lot of leeway. I look back and chuckle now as the first year (2008), we had four Oregon National Guard Soldiers only who had just gotten back from Iraq. That is all we had. We took them on the field between innings, read their bio's and names, and the 5,000 fans gave them a three-minute, thunderous, standing ovation. I knew then we had something special, and the following September, I began planning for 2009. As a Veteran (USAF 1961-1966), I was very determined to make our "Patriotic Tribute at Volcanoes Stadium" the very best event it could be.

In 2009, in addition to Thanking, Honoring and Saluting 25 men and women from World War II, Korea, Vietnam and the Middle-East, we flew in five National Football League Cheerleaders who also belong to a group – "Sweethearts for Soldiers". They go to the mid-East and put on USO type shows for the troops; singing, dancing, etc. In addition, we were able to introduce Oregon's only living "Medal of Honor" recipient – Tech Sergeant Robert Maxwell of WWII (see his bio in attachment). We also added ten Military organizations who work with Military families, on various issues, and gave them a table on the main concourse so they could interact with our Military families in attendance. After the game, we had an extensive Fireworks Show with a blast from an Oregon National Guard Howitzer. It rattled the stadium.

In 2010, we were able to secure our first General officers – Major General Curt Loop (US Army Ret.), Brigadier General Bruce Prunk, Oregon Air National Guard, and Brigadier General Charles Yriarte, Oregon Army National Guard. In addition, we Thanked, Honored and Saluted 50 other outstanding men and women from the rank of Colonel to Private. The one thing we are extremely proud of is our cross-section of Honorees – Men/Women The Old/The Young Officers/Enlisted High-Ranking Commanders/E-1 New Inductees World War II, Korea, Vietnam & The Middle-East Deployed/Non-Deployed Combat Tested/Non-Combat Tested Warriors of Color/Many Nationalities Wounded Warriors/Families of "Fallen Warriors" All Branches of the Armed Forces. During the 2010 event, we got our first F-15 flyover from the Oregon Air National Guard 142nd Fighter Wing in Portland. Our Military organizations with tables on the concourse grew to twenty. Specialist Kevin Pannell, United States Army Wounded Warrior who had both legs amputated, joined us, as did Tech Sergeant Don Malarkey of World War II "Band of Brothers" fame. (See their bio's in attachment).

2011, brought us a challenge. For the first time ever, when the Northwest League Schedule was released, the Volcanoes were not home on July 4th, which happened to be a Monday; however, we were home on Friday-Sunday, July 1, 2 and 3. Disappointed, yes, but our very good friend, Major General Loop, said you have a great opportunity –“When One Door Closes – Another Opens”. Now is the time to take Patriotic Tribute at Volcanoes Stadium to a three-day event, thus the birth of Patriotic Weekend at Volcanoes Stadium. We ended up Thanking, Honoring and Saluting 65 outstanding men and women on the field. A group in Salem who puts up American Flags on September 11th, downtown Salem, volunteered to ring our entire stadium with 176 American Flags – it was a beautiful site to see. The Oregon National Guard Army Band was here, as was the Oregon State Defense Force Bagpipe Band, the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution in their traditional dress, President Abraham Lincoln was here to greet our fans at the main gate, several Confederate War Re-enactment groups also showed. A great three days with 11,640 total fans.

Last July, 2012, we continued with the three-day event as we will each year going forward, and we grew it even bigger and better. We Thanked, Honored and Saluted 93 men and women on the field. The stadium was again ringed with American Flags, another F-15 flyover, a huge Fireworks Show, and for the first time, we had ten Military families come all the way from Klamath Falls – Kingsley Air Force Field – and seven families from McChord Base in Tacoma joined us to be Thanked, Honored and Saluted. Our event was becoming known outside of the Willamette Valley. We added two new features last summer – our “Stars and Stripes” Patriotic Baseball Cards where we featured a Volcanoes player and a Military Hero on the card, with their bio’s and sponsor on the back of the card. We had 36 sets because we had 36 Volcanoes players and coaches. I chose a “cross-section” of our 93 Military Heroes to be on the card. We printed 1,000 cards of each set, and gave them away. It was a big hit, the Military Heroes felt like Mickey Mantle or Willie Mays with their own “baseball card”, and many kids asked for their autograph. In addition, we set aside, for the first time, the second evening to Thank, Honor and Salute our tremendous Native American Veterans who have bravely and Honorably served our country since President George Washington days. I worked with the Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde. I found a beautiful Caisson with a Flag-Draped Casket from Chaffin Farms in Sweet Home. (See picture in attached brochure) It was parked at the main gate. The Tribal Drum Group performed with three numbers they perform funerals. The Grand Ronde Honor Guard then removed the Flag-Draped Casket from the caisson as the Oregon State Defense Force Bagpipe Band played “Amazing Grace”. The Honor Guard took the casket inside the stadium concourse, and placed it in a teepee. It was a very Honorable, emotional moment, and a favorite with our fans. During the game, we Thanked, Honored and Saluted many Native American Veterans from our area, and on our jumbotron, we featured the lives of Army Specialist Lori Piestewa, a Pima Indian, who was the first female to be killed in Iraq, and the first woman to die in combat in the history of the US Armed Services. We also Honored Corporal Ira Hayes of Iwo Jima fame, and a true American. Our attendance once again easily surpassed 11,000.

We are in our sixth month of preparation for our 2013 three-day event on July 1-3. Once again, the Volcanoes are out of town on July 4th, but we take the Monday-Wednesday, July 1-3, and will make the very best of it. We are very, very thankful we can once again Thank, Honor and Salute our brave men and women of the Armed Forces – both past and present – for their outstanding service to our country. We have had many exciting acceptances so far including Dr. Bridget Cantrell of Bellingham, WA, a world-wide noted authority on PTSD, and has been contracted by the US Army many times to go to Iraq, Afghanistan, Turkey, Ft. Hood, etc. You can google her. Also, Dr. Michael George of West Virginia is coming. He does the history of the National Anthem, and reenactments of Patrick Henry and Nathan Hale, among others. Brigadier General Stan Flemming, Combat Officer, longtime medical doctor, former Washington State House Representative and first Native American to be elected to that chamber, father of the modern US Army MEDCAPS program – Medical Civic Action Program-Medical Readiness Training Exercises, taught medicine at the University of Washington and University of Southern California Medical Schools, and Founding Father and 1st Mayor of a new city in Washington, University Place.

A couple of reference contacts for you would be – Major General Curt Loop (US Army Ret – see his bio on attachment). He has been extremely instrumental and cooperative in assisting our preparation each year and we are very grateful, and on the other end, Senior Airman Amanda Blodgett of Kingsley Field in Klamath Falls. When she was first invited, she declined thinking she was not worthy of the others being invited due to her rank, time in service, no deployment, etc. I explained to her she WAS the one we wanted based upon the cross-section I explained earlier. I finally convinced her, then found out her husband is a Senior Airman at Kingsley, along with her brother-in-law, and her father was in Vietnam. Ended up we had all of them here, and all threw a Ceremonial First Pitch, and were Thanked, Honored and Saluted on the field, and had a great time. Amanda and I have stayed in touch ever since. General Loop's email is curt.loop@yahoo.com, and Senior Airman Amanda Blodgett's is Amanda.blodgett.1@ang.af.mil.

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