

Oregon's 204th Army Band to play July 28

On July 28, beginning at 7 p.m. The 204th Army Reserve Band is comprised of soldiers from the 104th Division Band (Vancouver) and the 70th Army Band (Seattle). The band is formed with soldiers from numerous professions and academic studies, to include music, education, transportation, information technology, engineering, banking, aviation, law enforcement, insurance and more.

The group schedules 10-15 performances per year and has performed recently at Seattle Mariners and Portland Beavers professional sporting events, The Alamo and on tour in Northwestern Washington.

In October 2007, Warrant Officer Robert A. Nicholas assumed command of the band. Nicholas began his military career as a trombone player and holds a Bachelor of

Music Education degree (magna cum laude) from Wichita State University, and a Master of Science degree in Instructional Design and Technology from Emporia State University.

The band is organized into a large concert ensemble of 50 Soldier-Musicians. From there, the unit is organized into various smaller "Musical Support Teams" to include jazz combo, rock band, brass quintet, woodwind quintet, Dixieland band and polka band. The modular nature of the 204th Army Band is keeping in line with the structure of the modern Army, and any of these musical support teams can be activated at any time to support the interests of our nation at home or abroad.

Tickets are free, available at the FEC, Best For Hearing, Siuslaw News and Banner Bank.



Siuslaw Athletics Boosters to host annual auction, Hall of Fame induction



The 10th annual Siuslaw Booster Club Athletic Dinner and Auction will be held Saturday, Aug. 1, at 5:30 p.m. at the Florence Events Center. Guests can enjoy a delicious meal, followed by the ever-popular Dessert Dash. Guests can also peruse thousands of dollars' worth of auction items ranging from original art to getaways, as well as many regional and local goods and services.

Proceeds from the auction go to benefit the athletic departments of Siuslaw middle and high schools.

The dinner will come on the heels of the Siuslaw Hall of Fame induction ceremony, which will also be held at the FEC a day prior, on July 31. During the ceremony, Siuslaw High School alumni and community members will gather as seven individuals and three teams are honored for their achievements and contributions to Siuslaw's athletics program. With names spanning nearly 40 years of athletic achievement and community service, this year's honorees include individuals who made their mark on everything from golf, track, basketball and football, as well as a spirit of volunteerism that has helped Siuslaw cross country and track programs become one of the best in the state.



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