## MILITARY HERITAGE CHRONICLES —

# The military 'Jerry' Can



Special to the Siuslaw News

story regarding the ubiquitous

"Jerry" can from World War II that was pretty interesting, and

since I have a few in my collection I did some research

and learned even more about

this iconic symbol which so

many of us hang on the back

various versions of their own

mobile fuel storage cans lead-

ing into WW II, most designs

The Nazis actually had

developed and began using

their design in the late 1930s.

Even though the Allies had

of our military vehicles.

were not that practical.

ne of our military

vehicle club mem-

bers recently shared a



Above) 1951 Nesco water can on the left; unknown vintage Navy tin in the middle; 1951 Radiosteel fuel can on the right; (far right) USN "Rum" container



The United States didn't delve into redesigning a better can until 1942, and even then still pursued a different design — one that persisted in quality control challenges and design flaws leading to significant fuel loss and waste from leak-

multiple failed After attempts to design a suitable fuel can, including attempts to redesign the existing World War I container, the Allies allowed the British, who were ahead in the game, to produce all the cans needed for the invasion of Europe on D-Day.

I couldn't determine the exact manufacturing start date for the United States, but it's probably around 1942.

Since then, thousands of fuel cans have been manufactured and, like other military items, by multiple sources including Bennett, Conco, Rheem, Monarch, Nesco, MCC, Radiosteel and USMC which is sometimes confused with United States Marine Corps., but in reality stands for U.S. Container Company.

Markings on the cans vary with some showing USA on one side and/or QMC on the other, which was changed in the 1950s. On the bottom, the stampings usually represent three lines referring to the manufacturer, manufacturing

standard and date line, which is typically shown as 20-5-42; this really represents 20 liters, 5 gallons, and year 1942 (not May 20, 1942). There are also some cans which bear USN markings as well — go Navy!

I have about a dozen cans in my collection, in various condition and for uses, including a couple of the square tins for USN use.

They are fun to collect, great to use and are getting harder to find good examples.

To learn more about military heritage visit www.kilroy corps.com on the website of the Oregon Coast Military

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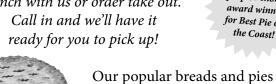
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## Summer to sizzle with Flamenco at FEC Friday

Seattle-based flamenco dancer Savannah Fuentes brings her latest show, "El Sol de Verano" ("Summer Sun") to the Florence Events Center on Friday, July 10, at 7:30 p.m.

Spanish flamenco encompasses the full spectrum of human emotion in its three key elements: Song, guitar and it's signature percussive instrument: dance.

Fuentes will be joined by one of southern Spain's most promising singing prodigies, Jose Manuel Perez.

Perez acquired a deep understanding of el cante flamenco (flamenco singing) by observing master artists in flamenco clubs of his hometown of Seville.

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Though only 22 years of age, the Latin crooner has already performed with a long list of today's most prominent flamenco artists, including Paloma Fantova, Maria Juncal and Moi de Moron.

"El Sol de Verano" is his first public appearance in Florence.

Fuentes and Perez will be joined by guitarist Bobby de Sofia.

Originally from Bulgaria, Sofia discovered flamenco while in Los Angeles and continued his studies in Andalusia with artists such as Pedro Viscomi and Paco Arroyo.

He currently performs regularly at the various flamenco clubs in the Los Angeles area.

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ects have very different

sounds, the girls share an hon-

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Born in Seattle to parents of Puerto Rican and Irish ancestry, Fuentes began her studies in Seattle and continued in Spain with dancers such as Belen Maya and Cristobal Reyes.

She currently tours throughout the western United States and has independently produced over 250 presentations and workshops featuring internationally recognized flamenco singers.

Don't miss this chance to experience the enchantment of flamenco in an intimate set-

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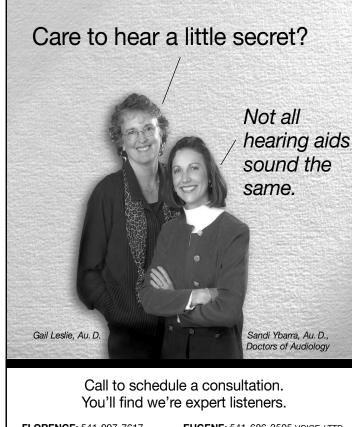


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live in a warmer place. When the time came, she moved to Austin, Texas. One day she picked up a guitar and started to listen to the words coming to her from somewhere. She found a pen and never put it down, as lyrics seem to flow freely out of her, she says.

With new confidence to follow the creative life as a musician, she's found a path still traveled by her mother, the loved and respected folk singer and songwriter, Anne Feeney.

"I am thrilled to be hitting the road with my dear friend Dana Louise, based out of Fayetteville, Ark. We are both children of professional folk musicians, and neither of us began writing or playing until a couple of years ago," says Berlin.

"Now we are hooked and taking our music on the road. We both play in bands in our respective cities, but we decided to do this tour on our own," Berlin continues. "We'll also be doing a good portion of the shows with our good friend, John Craigie. We both fell in love with his incredible storytelling and his beautiful songs the Folk Alliance Conference in Kansas City."

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