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A Chinook Winds banner is on display in Afghanistan.

## Returning Veterans Honored at Chinook Winds

Early in November, Sergeant Major Janet Martin, National Guard based in Salem, Ore., contacted Teresa Simmons, community relations manager for Chinook Winds Casino Resort. She and her husband, Jack, are both members of the Oregon National Guard. Janet is a career soldier. Jack, a Vietnam vet, re-enlisted in the military after 9/11. Jack was coming home on leave in November and returning to Camp Blackhorse, the U.S. compound located inside the Afghan Pol-e-charkhi military base in Afghanistan in December. Her unit was to follow in January, also to Afghanistan. Jack and Janet have grown children and are grandparents. Janet related to Teresa that the one place Jack definitely wanted to go on his leave was Chinook Winds Casino. Chinook Winds treated the Martins to a dinner for two in the Rogue River Restaurant, Williams & Ree concert tickets, and assistance in finding accommodations while in Lincoln City. They were introduced to the rest of the audience at the concert by Williams & Ree, and to Delores Pigsley, chairman of the Siletz Tribe. Following the concert, members of

Chinook Winds sent T-shirts and hats with Jack for the men and women in his unit. Also among his gear was a Chinook Winds banner that he promised to proudly display on the hillsides of Afghanistan. During the first week in February, Teresa received an e-mail from Jack's unit along with a newsletter attached. She also received a note from Major Dean Perez, personnel officer for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade Embedded Training Team, establishing a contact for correspondence between the soldiers in Afghanistan and Lincoln City that continued throughout the year. A few days later, LTC David Enyeart, also a member of the 76<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Task Force Phoenix at Camp Blackhorse, stopped by the Marketing Department. LTC Enyeart, whose home is in Newport, returned the Chinook Winds banner previously sent with SSG Martin and promised to e-mail photos of the banner when it was on display in Afghanistan.

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Reggie Butler Sr. carries the eagle staff at the start of Run to Rogue XI as Head Start students and staff, plus other children, parents, and elders get ready to follow him on the first mile. See more photos on page 11.

## Tribe Raises \$10,000 for Hurricane Katrina Victims

The employees of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians and tribal members have raised more than \$5,000 to aid the victims of Hurricane Katrina. With a matching gift from other Siletz Tribal resources, combined checks for more than \$10,000 have been sent to the American Red Cross. Tribal members and employees donated with cash and checks, and employees also were able to donate through payroll deduction in September. The tribe agreed to match employee/tribal member

donations up to \$5,000. Once the word was out, donations came pouring in. "The generosity of tribal employees is always evident when a family or a group is in need, whether it's someone local, across the state, or across the country," said Delores Pigsley, chairman of the Siletz Tribe, of the initial \$3,000 that was raised in one afternoon. "What was especially heart-warming this time was the speed with which people responded. We raised this initial amount of money in about three hours."

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