

## A Trio of Laughter at Comedy on the Coast



Barry Diamond

You'll be in stitches with the combined talents of Barry Diamond, Bobby Kossler, and Stanley Ullman when you come to Comedy at the Coast at Chinook Winds Casino Resort on Oct. 21-22.

**Barry Diamond** is a multi-talented actor, singer, and stand-up comedian. His credits in the last few years include *Curb Your Enthusiasm* on HBO, *Friends*, *Seinfeld*, *Politically Incorrect*, *The Naked Truth*, and *Robert Townsend's Partners in Crime* series on HBO and Fox Television.

Diamond is an absolute hit onstage. He's a cut above the rest, with a high-caliber repertoire that sees him undergo numerous personality changes with great effect. He also has a powerful singing voice and opens and closes his performance with two superb numbers.

**Bobby Kossler** has been a huge hit with audiences on *The Tonight Show* starring *Johnny Carson* and *Late Night with David Letterman*.

**Stanley Ullman** has made viewers laugh on such hit sitcoms such as *Night Court* and *Golden Girls*.

Comedy on the Coast begins at 8 p.m. each night; doors open at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12. This is an age 21 and over show.

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He also presented Chinook Winds with a U.S. flag that has flown in that far-away country and a plaque in appreciation for Chinook Winds' support of the troops. The following day, LTC Enyeart sent photos of the banner in Afghanistan.

An idea took hold and developed into welcome baskets filled with certificates and goods from merchants across town for returning soldiers, both local and those coming to Lincoln City for R&R. These were given out to individual soldiers during the following months.

Early in 2005, Janet e-mailed Teresa from Afghanistan and told her of plans to have a welcome home weekend in Lincoln City for Jack's unit after its return to the states in August. Janet was trying to raise the funds to finance the celebration for the 17 returning soldiers and their families.

Knowing that the Siletz Tribe and Chinook Winds Casino would support the effort and fortified with the community spirit and generosity consistently evident in Lincoln City, Teresa assured Janet that the town would step up to the plate and donate the weekend. All that was needed was to spread the word and the rest would fall into place.

When KBCH radio announcer Roger Robertson was informed of the homecoming, he grabbed the ball and ran with it, interviewing Teresa on the air several times and Chief Martin upon her return in June.

Overwhelming support came from the community as word spread on the radio; in the local newspaper, *The News Guard*; and through announcements made at various service organization meetings.

By Aug. 1, all the rooms had been donated for a three-night stay for each of the soldiers, as well as discounted rooms for accompanying families, meals, con-

cert tickets, baskets of certificates and coupons, and numerous other items.

Sixty-seven businesses, organizations, and/or individuals contributed to the effort. The Oregon Coast Veterans Association donated \$1,700 and nearly \$1,300 more was donated by individuals to help defray expenses and give each soldier some spending money.

The soldiers arrived in Lincoln City on Aug. 25 for a three-night stay. Their first stop was a hospitality room at Chinook Winds Casino Resort Hotel, where they received information on their stay, the location of the lodging property they would be staying at, and baskets full of coupons, certificates, and assorted items donated by local merchants and assembled by Washington Federal Savings.

Chief Warrant Officer III Janet Martin, working with Teresa, coordinated where the soldiers would stay, took care of their scheduling, and was their contact for events. Many went deep-sea fishing in Depoe Bay, while others enjoyed time at the beach or on Devil's Lake.

The wives and girlfriends enjoyed shopping, beauty treatments, and massages. Nearly all attended the Credence Clearwater Revisited concert, courtesy of Chinook Winds and, on alternating nights, they dined in the Rogue River Restaurant, also a gift from the casino.

On Aug. 28, all the soldiers took part in the annual rededication of the Gulf War Memorial in front of Chinook Winds Casino that is part of the Run for the Wind motorcycle rally every year.

With Geronimo Warren leading the way, Ed Ben brought in the eagle staff, followed by the Siletz Honor Guard that included Ron and Don Hudson, Frank Simmons, and Tom Bird In The Ground.

## John Michael Montgomery Brings Country Hits to Chinook Winds

For 12 years, John Michael Montgomery has been making audiences roar with a talent that combines heartwarming ballads with fast-paced country hits. This country music sensation will perform live onstage at Chinook Winds Casino Resort on Oct. 7-8.

With 15 No. 1 singles, 16 million albums sold, and a line of awards crowding his mantle, Montgomery remains a musical force at a time when many of his peers have been shoved aside for younger performers.

With songs like *Letters From Home*, *I Can Love You Like That*, *I Swear*, and many others, Montgomery continues to sing songs with meaning and heart.

"I think country music is all about the lyrics," he says. "Doing something clever musically will make a good lyric better, no doubt about it. But no matter what you do to a bad lyric, it's not going to affect anyone no matter how good the music is."

Tickets for John Michael Montgomery range from \$25 to \$40. Show time is 8 p.m. each night.



John Michael Montgomery



Members of the Oregon National Guard at the rededication of the Gulf War Memorial in front of Chinook Winds Casino. (See additional photos on page 9.)

Next in line came the newly formed Chinook Winds Honor Guard (Cy Hill, Sar Richards, Josh Blacketer, Pat Dunne, and Al Baca); members of the Vietnam Veterans Association led by Tony Molina, which included members of the Depoe Bay Coast Guard; the Oregon Veterans Association; and the returning veterans from the Oregon Army National Guard.

The ceremony opened and closed to the sound of the Siletz Tribe's Round Stone Drum. Roger Robertson, resplendent in full tuxedo, was the master of ceremonies and near the end of the ceremony, with the assistance of Tony Molina, read the names of all Oregon servicemen who have died in combat during the Iraq war.

Two young daughters of returning servicemen sang the national anthem, followed by Bill Ward, veteran's represen-

tative for Rep. Darlene Hooley, leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Rev. Jean Celia gave the invocation and LTC David Enyeart (local member of the National Guard and one of the returning soldiers) gave the keynote speech. Bill Ward followed, reading a letter on behalf of Rep. Darlene Hooley.

On behalf of the soldiers, Jack and Janet Martin presented the casino with a flag that was flown from a Blackhawk helicopter in the skies of Afghanistan. The flag is folded in a handmade wooden glass-covered case that also displays unit patches, a campaign ribbon, and a certificate with the print superimposed over a photo of the helicopter from which it was flown.

Many members of this unit traveled to the southern states to assist with the cleanup from the destruction caused by Hurricane Katrina.