

‘Support and Defend’ - The stories of our local veterans

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Today we begin a brand-new series that will highlight the stories of our local area veterans, past and present. In fact, if you or a loved one or friend who is a veteran has a story, we’d like to hear from you.

In January 1969, I took an oath millions of us have taken and that oath was to support and defend my country through my military service. I hopped on a plane from Portland to San Diego. The plane was full of other enlistees and draftees, mostly young men but young women too. I went through basic training in San Diego and from there the adventures and ordeals of military service went on until I was fully discharge in January 1973. And I can tell you some stories.

Taking the oath: “I, (NAME), do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies,

foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I will obey the orders of the president of the United States and the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to regulations and the Uniform Code of Military Justice. So help me God.”

All veterans have stories to tell. The stories could be of fearful or funny events, mundane or life-threatening situations, happy memories or frightening nightmares that marked the veterans’ days and service. They are a part of our time then and forevermore. And I believe this, my opinion only – our service changed us, for negative or for positive; it changed us and we came out a little different from when we went in.

In our area, we have and have had veterans who served in the Civil War, the Spanish American War, The First and Second World Wars, Korea, Vietnam, the Middle East, the War on Terror and during peace times that

weren’t always peaceful. The Illinois Valley News wants to tell your story.

A few facts first: There are over 22 million veterans nationwide. 317,000 veterans live in Oregon. As of 2016, nearly 21,000 veterans live in Jackson County. The Southern Oregon Rehabilitation Center and Clinics in White City serve an estimated 40,000 veterans but not only Jackson County but Josephine, Klamath and Lake

counties and some counties in Northern California too.

Then there are these disturbing facts: Thirty percent of the homeless populations in Jackson County are veterans. A figure that is commonly heard is that, across America, 22 veterans commit suicide every day. According to a report by the Oregon Health Authority, “Suicide is a serious health problem among Oregon veterans. Suicide is the leading cause of death among veterans under 45 years of age.” Between the years 2001 and 2012, around 150 Oregon veterans took their lives.

In the early 1990s I operated the Homeless and Rehab shelter for The Salvation Army in Medford. It seemed as if half of the population was composed of veterans trying to get service and out of homelessness through the Veterans Affairs (VA) in White City. I spent a lot of time shuffling and advocating for these homeless vets.

So I think this part of our story is a continuing story. The VA was set up to take care of veterans, especially those who had service-connected disabilities. I was recently out to the VA in White City for some medical attention. The doctor who was treating me said something I thought was worth sharing. He basically said this: “You also need to have a doctor on the outside (private medical). Spend some of your money to get all the care you need.” I found that bit of advice disconcerting. How about you?

Let’s tell our stories. We all have something to share. And if it helps another veteran or anyone else then it is a story we should share. You can contact me direct at dennisandkit@msn.com or contact the newspaper. I look forward to hearing from you and we thank you for your service.

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FOR THE COUNTY OF JOSEPHINE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTING THROUGH THE RURAL HOUSING SERVICE OR SUCCESSOR AGENCY, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, PLAINTIFF, vs. THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF LLOYD K. HIPP; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF MILDRED C. HIPP; et al., DEFENDANTS.

Case No.: 18CV17156

To: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF LLOYD K. HIPP; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF MILDRED C. HIPP; ALL OTHER PERSONS OR PARTIES UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, LIEN OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT HEREIN:

You are hereby required to appear and defend the Complaint filed against you in the above entitled cause within thirty (30) days from the date of first publication of this summons, and in case of your failure to do so, Plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT:

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You must “appear” in this case or the other side will win automatically. To “appear” you must file with the court a legal paper called a “motion” or “answer.” The “motion” or “answer” (or “reply”) must be given to the court clerk or administrator within 30 days of the date of first publication specified herein along with the required filing fee. It must be in proper form and have proof of service on the plaintiff’s attorney or, if the plaintiff does not have an attorney, proof of service on the plaintiff. If you have questions, you should see an attorney immediately. If you need help in finding an attorney, you may call the Oregon State Bar’s Lawyer Referral Service at (503) 684-3763 or toll-free in Oregon at (800) 452-7636.

The relief sought in the Complaint is the foreclosure of the property located at 3390 Caves Highway, Cave Junction, OR 97523.

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