

Soldiers learn new skills at Camp Rilea



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WARRENTON — The Oregon National Guard hosted U.S. Army Air Assault and Pathfinder courses at Camp Rilea May 30 through June 14.

Hundreds of service members from the U.S. Army and Air Force, Reserves and National Guard converged to test their mettle and earn the coveted Air Assault and Pathfinder qualification badges. The courses were instructed by a Mobile Training Team from the Army National Guard Warrior Training Center, based out of Fort Benning, Ga.

More than 220 service members participated in the 12-day Air Assault course. The course prepares service members for air mobile operations, including combat assault, rappelling, physical fitness and various other critical skills. Students were

tested with an obstacle course and 2-mile run before being allowed to continue with the rest of the training. They were evaluated with written and hands-on examinations, rappelled down towers and aircraft and were tested on sling-load operations. A sling-load operation involves slinging an item under an airborne helicopter to fly it to another location. Prior to graduation, the students had to complete a 12-mile foot march with full combat-load in less than three hours.

Approximately 25 service members attended the 14-day Pathfinder course. The course trains and evaluates service members in establishing helicopter landing zones, pick-up zones and drop zones. Students learned air traffic control techniques to guide and communicate with aircraft, as well as planning and conducting air assault and sling-load operations.

Photo courtesy of Spc. Tyler Meister
Soldiers and airmen watch as their classmates rappel from UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters during a two-week Air Assault course at Camp Rilea.



Submitted photo
Firefighter cadets from around the North Coast and southwest Washington trained at Clatsop Community College late last month.

Fire cadets train at college

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Fire cadets from throughout the North Coast and southwest Washington participated in the annual Cadet Day exercises at the Clatsop Community College Marine and Environmental Research and Training Station campus late last month.

The cadet program is an opportunity for junior and senior high school students to learn firsthand about a fire science career. In Oregon, students train toward National Fire Protection Association certification. Cadet programs also provide essential support to rural volunteer fire districts through training of future volunteers. And cadets learned about the college's fire science degree.

The college's 8,000-square foot Fire Response and Research Center, with computer-controlled live burn props fueled by natural gas, simulates commonly occurring fires on vessels, while providing virtually instantaneous shutdown capability for safety.

A total of 79 cadets from Knappa Fire District, Pacific County Fire District 1, Vancouver Fire Department, Cowlitz 2 Fire & Rescue, Clark County Fire & Rescue, Clark County Fire District 3 and Clark County Fire District 6 took part.

Cadets experienced live fire scenarios, the college's Fire Response and Research Center, truck operations, wildland fire scenarios and hose operation.



Photo courtesy of Sgt. Aaron Ricca

Staff Sgt. Robert Higley of the 2nd Infantry Division uses hand signals to direct a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter where to drop a utility trailer during a field exercise for the Pathfinder course at Camp Rilea.

Instructors from the Army National Guard Warrior Training Center, out of Fort Benning, Ga., demonstrate how to perform a proper sling load with a UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter during a two-week Air Assault course at Camp Rilea.

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College expands welding, computer science programs

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Clatsop Community College will add new educational opportunities in welding and computer science beginning in fall 2015. Program details will be available with release of the 2015-16 academic catalog.

The college's existing one-year certificate program in welding is expanding to include a step ladder of less than one-year Career Pathway certificates to develop profi-

ciency in five different welding processes. It is also adding a two-year Associate of Applied Science degree in welding and fabrication. This new associate degree will enable students to meet American Welding Society requirements for positions as an entry-level welder, solderer and brazer.

The college is adding a new associate transfer degree in computer science degree. It is designed for students completing lower division work at a community college and

transferring to a four-year university to major in computer science. By agreement among Oregon public institutions, lower division general education courses will be recognized as meeting baccalaureate requirements.

Beginning in fall term,

the college will partner with Western Oregon University to offer the program. Western will provide the required computer science courses, using both in-person and distance education, for a seamless connection to its computer science bachelor's degree.

CCC to host classes for local educators

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Clatsop Community College will host a series of classes for educators and anyone who works with youth:

- "Youth Mental Health First Aid" runs from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday. The course is designed to give participants key skills to help an adolescent who is developing a mental health problem or experiencing a mental health crisis. The course covers a range of common disorders and potential crises such as helping a young person who is having a panic attack, is contemplating suicide or is struggling with substance abuse. The class is taught by Sumner Watkins of Clatsop Behavioral Healthcare and costs \$59.
- "Dealing With Challenging Classroom Behaviors" runs from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 15 and 16. This course is designed to give participants effective tools to deal with challenging student behavior. It provides a framework to help school staff understand what students are trying to communicate through the "language" of their behavior. It covers behavioral techniques and intervention strategies that remediate disruptive behaviors, reduce power struggles, increase classroom control, reduce educator workload and help prevent burnout. The class is taught by autism consultant Jackie Bergerson and costs \$59.

• "Google Docs in the Classroom" runs from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. July 29 and 30. Educators will be introduced to the Google Docs suite — docs, sheets, slides, forms and drawings — that helps enhance collaborative online applications for creating, sharing and publishing in the classroom and on the go. Access, edit, and share lesson plans, science projects, class presentations and quizzes from a web browser with no additional software to install. The class is taught by Ken Ross, a system administrator at the college, and costs \$59.

• "Apps in the Classroom" runs from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 6. Educators will be introduced to a revolutionary new era of apps available for smart phones and tablets that help teachers through lesson planning, visual teaching aids, time management and more. The class is taught by Richard Sena-Cary from Wireless Advocates and costs \$30.

Registration for these classes is open now. Enroll at www.clatsopcc.edu/schedule by searching under Course Title, or by calling 503-338-2566. All classes offer an optional continuing education unit for an additional \$35. All classes are held at the college's main campus, 1651 Lexington Ave.

Direct other inquiries to the community education office at 503-338-2566 or Mary Kemhus at mkemhus@clatsopcc.edu

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