

Portland **Metro** Observer

Oregon Air National Guard: right in our own backyard

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As most people are familiar with the Air Force, many are surprised to find out about the Air National Guard and its presence within Northeast Portland. Adjacent to the Portland International Airport (on the south side of the airfield), the military base covers a widespread 234-acre wing that hosts the Army National Guard units, Airforce Reserve and the Civil Air Patrol. Parked outside are a variety of planes, mostly F-15 A/B Eagle jet fighters.

Historically, the Air National Guard is a military "arm" of the Army and Air Force with a rich past spanning an entire century. During colonial times in 1636, a group of shopkeepers, fishermen and farmers first took up arms in defense of the Massachusetts Bay Colony. Since then, the Air National Guard have left a legacy of continued service in times of peace and conflict. The Oregon Air National Guard in 1941, under the direction of Major G. Robert Dodson launched the air defense unit, 123rd Observation Squadron. Over the years, the air defense unit has evolved to become what is now the 142nd Fighter Wing. Serving as Commander-in-Chief for the Oregon Air National Guard in a non-mobilized status is Governor John Kitzhaber. By state and federal authorization, the Air National Guard responds to local, national and international crises. State missions often include natural disaster relief during times of earthquakes, hurricanes, floods and forest fires.



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As an example, the 244th Combat Communications Squadron of the Oregon Air National Guard provided power generator equipment during the Flood of 1996. The same department later played a part in the city's Y2K preparedness by providing emergency communications.

Other state missions required of the Air National Guard include protecting vital public services; search and rescue; and support to civil defense. During times of civil unrest, they are called upon to back up law enforcement.

Since 1941, the Oregon Air National Guard has been responding to not only state emergency missions, but real world deployments as well. Colonel Lyle Cabe, Commander of the 142nd Fighter Wing and F-15 "Eagle" pilot, explained in brief that a

whole unit of 4-6 airplanes are sent to places like Saudi Arabia to patrol the no-fly zones or Panama to engage in drug interdiction efforts, in 2 week rotations. The men and women of the Oregon Air National Guard are a force of dedicated citizen-soldiers. Many hold full-time jobs, serving only one weekend a month. Former Portland Chief of Police, Charles Moose was among them.

In addition to regular military duty, Air Guards involve themselves within the community such as with citizenship forums, educational adventures, and mentoring programs. This summer, the Oregon Air National Guard along with the Portland Housing Authority and Portland Police will invite inner city youths to Camp Rosenbaum at the coast for a memorable experience. "I get to go out there and for 1 week out of the

year, I have the opportunity to provide a camping experience for 160 young people. For a lot of kids, it's the first time they get to see the ocean and ride a horse. It's a first chance for them to get away and enjoy being a kid," expressed Lt. Colonel Bruce W. Prunk, a Camp Rosenbaum Director in his fifth year. This year, from July 30 - August 4 will be their 30th year anniversary camp-out.

The Oregon Air National Guard has been a fabric of the community for an entire century. As Memorial Day nears, it can be a reminder to recognize the facets of our local military and what they have to offer, right within our own backyard.

If you are interested in learning more about the Oregon Air National Guard and would like to visit the base, contact the local office located at 439 N. Broadway or call them at 335-4040.

HAP waiting list

Housing Authority of Portland * Section 8 Program

The Housing Authority of Portland is pleased to announce that we will be accepting applications for the Section 8 program waiting list. The list will be open for five days at various locations throughout Multnomah County. Important: We will use a random order system to pull names from the waiting list. When assistance is available, we will draw names from the waiting list in random order. This means that you may apply anytime during the application week and you still have the same equal chance of receiving assistance. Please Do Not line up overnight.

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- Wednesday, May 24: East Branch - Multnomah County Aging Services, 501 NE Hood Tri-Met Bus: #80, #84, or #9; Max: Gresham Central stop
- Thursday, May 25: Sellwood Center Community Room, 1734 SE Tenino Tri-Met Bus: #70 or #40
- Williams Plaza Community Room, 2041 NW Everett Tri-Met Bus: #17, #20 or #15

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Some participants were charged a fee to go through a barricade having been informed the Temptation's parking lot was in a location other than the one we contracted. There were threats of towing cars to include the Limousine where this legendary group was being escorted in. The police were not willing to assist, actually being down right nasty ~ it was a nightmare. It really felt like this was a blatant attempt to sabotage her event. The worst part ~ I felt ashamed that This was the kind of welcome, extended to our guest touring here in Portland. The Musical accomplishments this group has made over the years deserved more respect than they were granted. It did not stop them from performing two great shows. Lesson No 1. ~ Never plan an event during Rose Festival. Even if you do have the right to do business.

Baker feels her current project has the allusion of déjà vu. A project she suggests "god" brought to her for a second chance to make wrongs right. When the opportunity presented itself, Baker made sure there was no parade, no other set of Temptations playing to the Portland market or anything that would disparage her project. Until she got the news that a popular local Jazz station had declined to continue promotion of her project because they (kkjz) decided to headline the Knew Temptations (owned and managed by Motown) for their 1st Annual Jazz Fest. I felt betrayed. I asked my rep, "of all the groups to headline, why was "The Temptations" the choice. Further, will result in confusing our market." I couldn't get beyond the fact that we had an agreement ~ a business relationship built on trust. After being dealt that blow, I requested

they still run my ads. To date I've had no response. "In this business you have learn to move on. Integrity travels longer than a one-night-stand" baker injected. "It now makes me wonder what happened between their split from Mt Hood's Jazz festival."

First Lady Entertainment was reported to have declined a double headlining act offered for July 7th that would have made KKJZ's festival lineup seem secondary. She wanted to give "free reign" to KKJZ's First Annual Jazz Festival. States the agent of a popular Hollywood Talent Agency. She said "We have to work together in this market", he continued. She's awesome, I love working with her ~ she is definitely the refreshing element this business needs. Too bad they didn't give her that same consideration, he injects. Entertainment is all about ~ leaving

Dee in a class all her own. To keep her clientele informed Dee publishes a newsletter "First Lady Entertainment Review: with distribution of nearly a 1500 readers containing information on upcoming events and addressing current issues in the community as well. If once every three months is too long for you to wait, you can find First Lady Entertainment on the web at HYPERLINK <http://www.firstladyentertainment.com>

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