

# Arts & ENTERTAINMENT

## Retired Officer Builds Interest in Jazz Club

### Kicks off vision with dinner event

A retired career military officer from Portland is making plans to bring a growing, classy and a mature crowd to the Portland night life. "My vision for returning home is to bring something new, fun and exciting to Portland by opening a Jazz old school club restaurant featuring live music," said Russell Dizer, a former Portland resident who is returning home after 28 years in the military.

Dizer describes his future club as one that has an "American Band stand/Soul Train feel where I interview musical guests when they come and perform and hopefully later on broadcast it on cable."

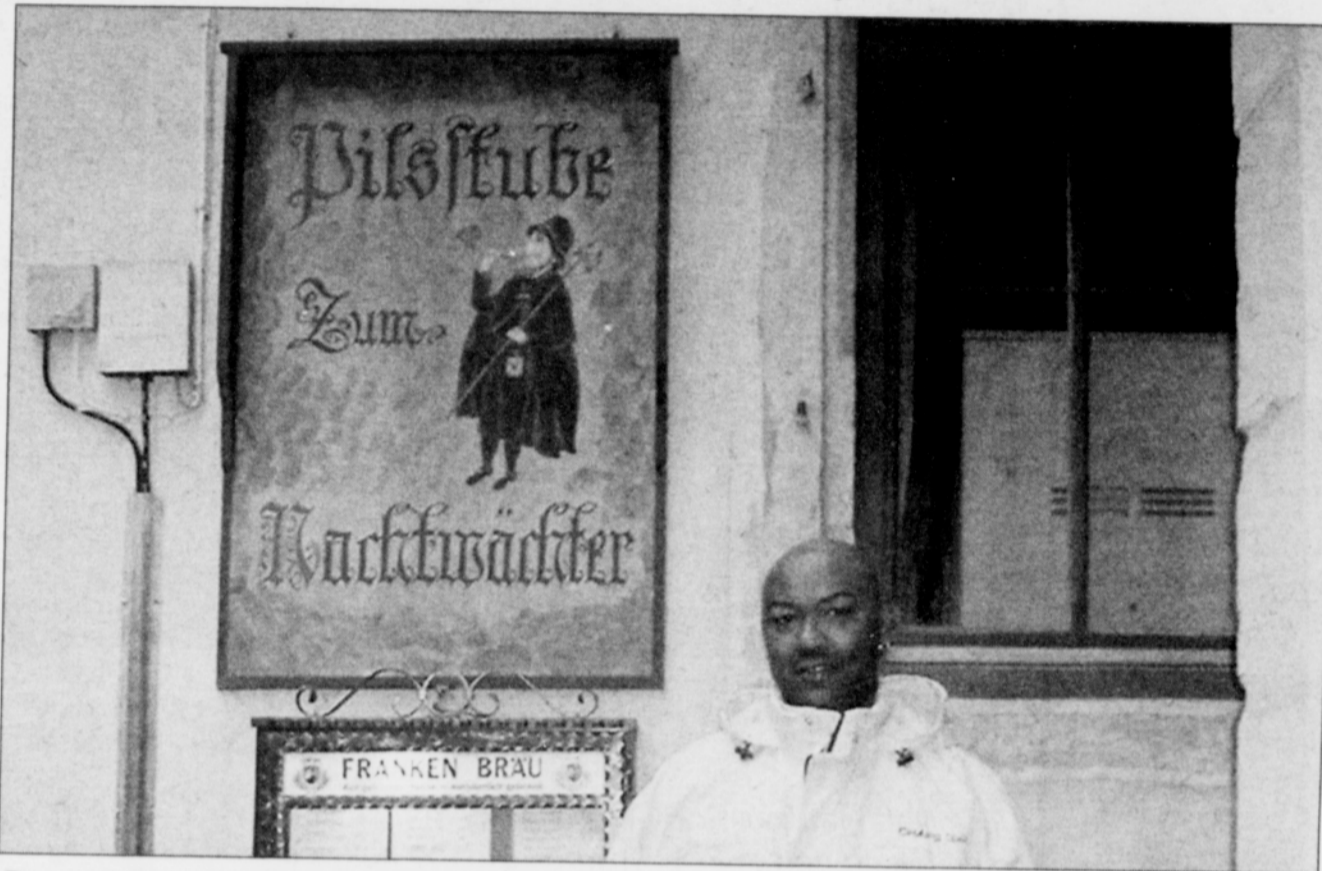
He will be arriving home to Portland on Saturday July 9, and then host a party to kick off his vision on Friday, July 15 from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. at the Adrianna Ballroom, 918 S.W. Yamhill, 2nd Floor. General admission tickets are \$30 with dinner and VIP tickets are \$50 with dinner, three \$5 drink tickets, and access to private bar. A free Heineken keg will be provided. Doors will open at 8:30 p.m.

Dizer joined the military in 1980. His career field was military intelligence and he rose up the ranks to become a senior non-commission officer.

His assignments include work in the Army Intelligence Agency, Intelligence Security Command, National Security Agency, Pentagon, Defense Intelligence Agency and a few other places he would care not to mention.

He said he moved to Ft. Lewis, Wash., in the later part of his military career, where he could be close to his mother in Portland, who had cancer, and share in the responsibilities with his sister to take care of her.

"After my mother passed I had a hard time adjusting, I realized I needed discipline back in my life and there were just no jobs in Portland for a top secret intelligence analyst, so I moved back to Ft. Lewis and did what came best working for the military, and supporting the campaign for "Operation Enduring Freedom" and Operation Iraqi Freedom," he said.



Russell Dizer outside a brew pub and restaurant in Germany. The retired military intelligence officer's goal is to open a jazz club and restaurant in Portland.





Former Portland resident Russell Dizer with his son around 1983.

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