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## Empowering Military Construction

Madison grad  
embarks on  
career with the  
'Seabeas'

BY TIM MILLER

A Portland native and Madison High School graduate from 2012 has embarked on a Navy career with the construction force known as the "Seabeas."

Petty Officer Second Class Carmen Idao works as a boatswain's mate assigned providing ship-to-shore transportation of combat cargo, bulk fuel and water, and tactical camp operations supporting amphibious force operations.

She is responsible for training people to control the deck for operations, including boats transferring cargo from ship to shore.

Idao says she has carried lessons learned from her hometown into to her military service.

"My parents always taught me to be selfless, putting others first. This applies daily as I interact with sailors," she said.

Idao is a first generation service-member and said she is proud to represent her family in the Navy.

"I'm the first one in my family to join the military," she said. "I believe I'm starting a new family tradition. This gives me a great sense of pride."

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## Sites Open Free for Veterans Day

The U.S. Forest Service will waive fees at day-use recreation sites in Oregon and Washington, Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 11-12 in honor of Veterans Day.

"We honor our veterans each November 11th and every other

day of the year," said Jim Peña, Regional Forester. "We hope that this time will serve as a way for our veterans and other visitors to find our national forests as a year-round respite, a place where they can take time out for them-

selves."

This fee waiver includes many picnic areas, boat launches, trail-heads, and visitor centers. Fees for camping, cabin rentals, heritage expeditions, or other permits still apply.

## Historic Trust Veterans Parade

Vancouver's Historic Trust invites everyone to attend the 31st annual Veterans Parade, beginning at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 11 along Officers Row and proceeding past Providence Academy and

into downtown Vancouver.

The parade will be preceded by a 10 a.m. Veterans Day ceremony in the Providence Academy Ballroom.

The parade attracts more than

120 entries with approximately 2,500 individuals marching or riding. It is one of the largest Department of Veteran Affairs-sanctioned veterans' parades on the West Coast.