

GARRETT: Rose to the level of captain for the Pendleton Fire Department

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appendicitis, his mother had a miscarriage and the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor, sending the nation into a panic.

"We thought the world was falling apart," he said.

With his father working in the lumber industry throughout World War II and after, Garrett's family criss-crossed the western United States. After moving from La Grande to Northern California, they moved again to Emmett, Idaho, where Garrett graduated from high school.

Garrett relocated with his family again, this time to Pendleton, where Garrett followed in his father's footsteps and got a job at a sawmill in Pilot Rock.

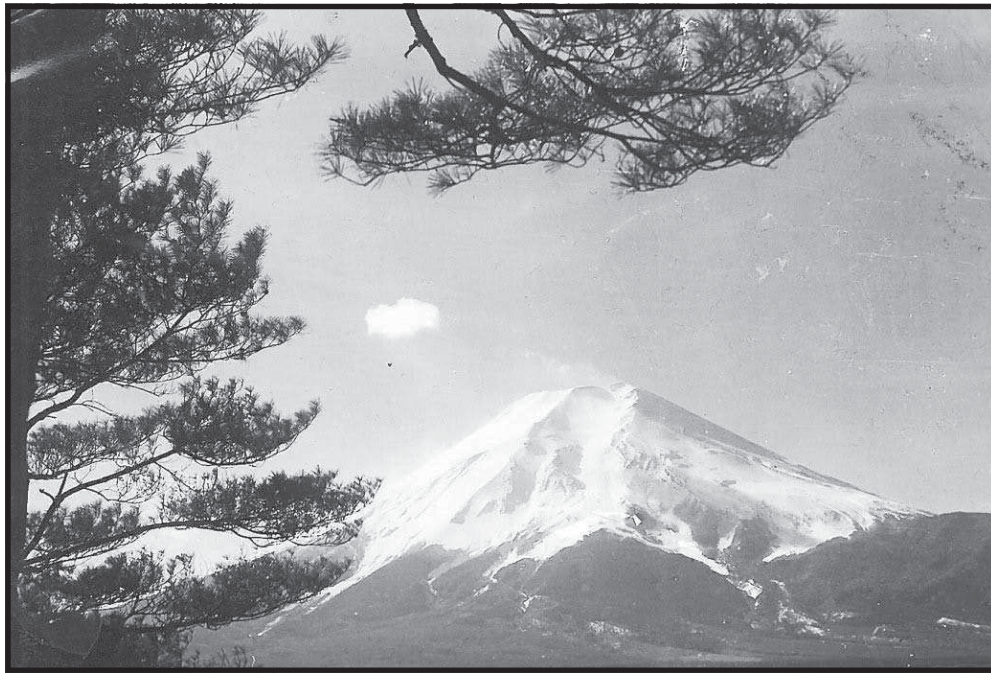
Garrett wouldn't stay in timber for too long, enlisting in the Navy in 1950 as the country entered into the Korean War.

As an instructional mechanic, Garrett spent the war transporting supplies and personnel to the front lines.

A major staging area for the U.S. during the war, Garrett was stationed in Japan even after American troops withdrew from Korea in 1953.

One of the major impressions Japan made on Garrett was the sheer magnitude of the country's population, as reflected in his thoughts on a Tokyo train station.

"They told us that four



A snowcapped Mount Fuji looms in the distance in 1954.

million people went through that station every half hour," he wrote in his memoir, "For someone like me from Eastern Oregon, that is more people that I had ever seen up till then. It looked like water flowing through the concourse."

On a day off in July 1954, Garrett decided to hike Mount Fuji with his friend, Lee Travis.

Garrett and Travis managed to make it to the summit, but found it difficult to get back down against the tide of international tourists making their way up the mountain.

The two friends devised an alternate way to get down — they would jump down the mountain 20 feet at a time with the aid of their climbing poles.

The method worked for a while until Travis' pole broke and his hand began to bleed.

Japanese climbers rushed to the scene, and although Garrett originally thought they were asking for a picture, it turned out they were trying to render first aid.

Garrett and Travis were moved by the generosity of the Japanese strangers, changing the perception of the people they once thought

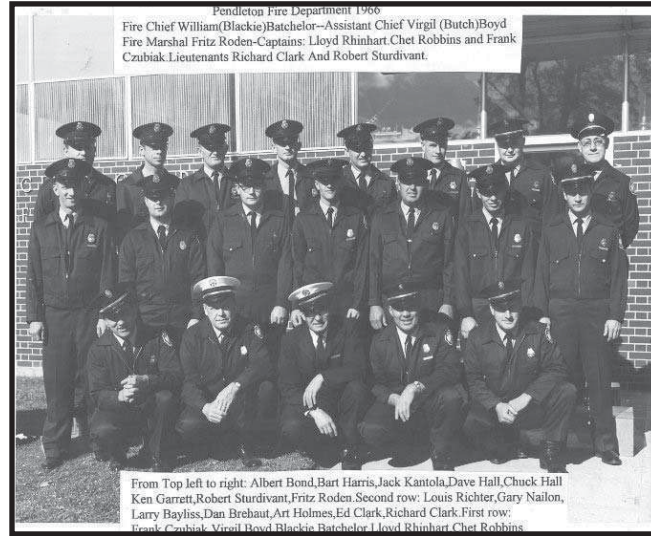
of as enemies.

More than 60 years after the event, recalling the experience brought tears to Garrett's eyes.

"They were about the sweetest people you ever saw," he said.

Garrett was discharged from the Navy in 1955 and promptly went to work re-establishing himself in Pendleton.

After spending several more years at the sawmill, Garrett started working for the Pendleton Fire Department in 1964. Garrett rose to the level of captain before retiring in 1987.



The Pendleton Fire Department pose for a picture in 1966. Ken Garrett was one of several members of the department at that time who either served in World War II or the Korean War but is now the sole surviving member.

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— Ken Garrett, on the generosity of the Japanese

Garrett is closing in on 59 years of marriage with his wife, Georgia. The two have two sons, four grandchildren and three step-grandchildren.

Although many of the people he worked with in the fire department were World War II and Korea War veterans, they have all since passed away.

In his memoir, he wrote he would re-climb Mount Fuji if he made it to 100, although he has since revised his goal. He now plans to get back to

the top of Japan's highest mountain next July, the 62nd anniversary of his original climb with Travis.

In his memoir, Garrett referenced a Japanese proverb that said "A wise man will climb Mount Fuji once; a fool will climb Mount Fuji twice."

"If I climb it at 100, I wouldn't care if you called me a fool," he added.

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STANFIELD: Students to send care packages to deployed troops

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the pillow," she said.

She asked her classmates to spend more than one day a year being grateful for the veterans who protected their freedoms, and to remember the families of those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

"There are a lot of young people like me who have had mothers and fathers die in the service, so I'm one of the lucky ones," she said.

Her father said military recruiters try to tout the benefits of using military service to pay for college, but he joined the Marines because he "wanted to serve my country, for no other reason than I was proud of it."

David recounted a moment when a drill instructor asked recruits to take a good look at the American flag.

"He told us if we joined the military for any other reason than the flag and to serve our country then we needed to reevaluate what we were doing there," he said.

He told students who are



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Louis Nakapalau talks about his experiences in joining the army at the age of fifteen and serving in Vietnam during a Veterans Day ceremony Tuesday at Stanfield Secondary School.

thinking of joining the military they needed to consider the same thing, because "we live in dangerous times" and chances are good that they would be asked to serve on the front lines of conflict.

Veteran Louis Nakapalau also spoke to the students during the assembly. He recounted the tricks he used to lie about his age and join the Army at age 15 after running away from home. He

ended up serving two tours in Vietnam from 1969 to 1971.

Nakapalau said he had respect for every veteran who was present at the assembly.

"We wore different uniforms and were in different services, but

make no mistake, we were brothers," he said, adding that although they didn't have any "sisters" at the school that day, women have served in military roles and

are part of that bond, too.

Nakapalau said the Army gave him an opportunity to see the world and get to know people from all different cultures and walks of life.

The speeches were followed by the playing of "Taps" and an announcement that the National Honor Society was gathering items with the goal of sending at least 40 care packages to deployed troops for the holidays.

Kirsten Wright, school counselor and National Honor Society advisor, said she was pleased with how students stepped up to help with the assembly. They put together a presentation detailing the history of the armed forces, she said, and so many of them showed up to cook breakfast for their veteran guests that they couldn't all fit in the kitchen.

"It's always an exciting part of my job to take some time to celebrate Veterans Day, and I'm proud of the kids for taking an active role in helping with that," she said.

OFFICER: Pendleton providing police coverage

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neither did Mayor Virginia Carnes. Thompson left after about 40 minutes so the council could deliberate. Carnes reopened the meeting to the public at 6:57 p.m.

Deno moved to terminate Thompson, Perkins gave the second, and a moment later Thompson was out of a job.

Hinkle approached Thompson afterward, just outside the city hall door, shook his hand and thanked the former officer for his service.

Thompson contended he lost his job for making an unauthorized purchase. He said he owned up to not having the authority to place the order in question, and asserted in the meeting and afterward the city failed to provide him a proper-fitting \$700 ballistic vest.

He also said Tuesday was the last day of his honeymoon, and he needed to return home to Pendleton to be with his new wife.

Pilot Rock's other officer is Daniel Badal. He

is attending the Oregon Public Safety Academy, Salem, to earn his basic police certification. If he passes, he will have to complete field training before he can work on his own.

Pilot Rock is relying on Pendleton to provide police coverage 40 hours per week. Pendleton police Cpl. Ryan M. Lehnert is handling the work. Porter explained that exceeds the \$4,000-a-month deal for Pendleton to provide police oversight, so Pilot Rock is paying Lehnert's hourly wages. Pendleton will keep him on its payroll, she stated, and bill Pilot Rock for the service.

The city also is going back to the drawing board again for a new police chief. Carnes and Porter said the city offered the job to John Price, who was with the Thurston County Sheriff's Office in Washington, but he turned down the job after getting a new offer from Thurston County.

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PRISON: Would need to slash prison intakes by 25 each month

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March.

Longer sentences and a spike in probation revocations are contributing to the growth, said Mike Schmidt, executive director of the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission.

Even so, justice reinvestment grants have helped the state avoid prison costs of about \$19 million, Schmidt said.

As an example, the total number of months that first-time offenders spent in prison for property and drug crimes decreased by 3,270 months between 2012-13 and 2014-15, according to the criminal justice commission.

Without justice reinvestment, Oregon already would have had to expand Deer Ridge Correctional Institution and move forward on planning construction of another prison, said Colette Peters, director of the Department of Corrections.

To stave off the Deer Ridge expansion, the state would need to slash the number of male prison intakes by 25 each month starting in December, according to an analysis by the criminal justice commission.

Another idea for reducing the prison population is to allow prisoners approved for short-term transitional leave to be released earlier, said Scott Taylor, director of Multnomah County Department of Community Justice. Under law, those prisoners can be released up to 90

days early into a transitional program that helps with education, employment and housing. The Legislature, however, could increase the early release period to 120 or 150 days, Taylor said.

The criminal justice commission is analyzing the effect that change would have on the prison population.

The Legislature established the justice reinvestment fund in 2013 via House Bill 3194. The bill simultaneously lowered sentences for property and drug crimes, all in an effort to ebb the flow of offenders into the prison system.

The Legislature approved

\$14 million in county grants for 2013-2014 and \$40 million in county grants for 2015-17. The \$9 million Deer Ridge expansion would come from the money earmarked from the county grants.

"This would cause a snowball effect," Brown said. "Next year's (grant) disbursements would be significantly reduced. It also will lead a to reduction of services, which means continued increases in the prison population. As prison bed use goes up, the justice reinvestment fund will go down, or worse, go away, and we will all be frustrated by a program we failed to

fund adequately."

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