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Remembering 'the Forgotten War'



James P. Daniel, of the Tri-Cities, salutes during a special tribute to Korean War and Korean service veterans on Sunday at the Pendleton Convention Center. Daniel attended with his father, who is a Korean War veteran.

By JAYATI RAMAKRISHNAN
East Oregonian

Five years after the end of World War II, the U.S. entered Korea following a series of conflicts between North and South Korea along the border. Though the conflict claimed thousands of lives, and lasted three years, it was not officially recognized as a war at first and, according to those who served there, it did not receive the same level of recognition as previous wars.

On Sunday, Umatilla County marked two milestones at its Veterans Day event: the 100th anniversary of the armistice of World War I, and 65 years since the cease-fire in Korea.

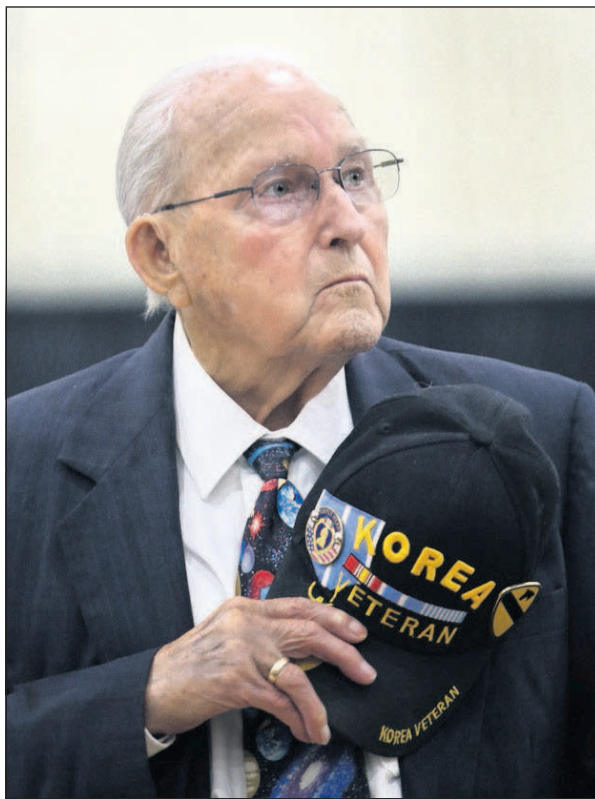
The event, at the Pendleton Convention Center on Sunday, honored 30 veterans of the Korean War. Each one came up to receive a certificate of a Congressional Citation, presented by local dignitaries, including Sen. Bill Hansell, County Commissioner George Murdock, and Kathleen Cathey, an aide to U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden. A few of those honored were deceased, and their awards were received by their widows or other family members.

Each veteran also received a handwritten letter from a student in Echo School's second grade class, thanking them for their service.

Pendleton Mayor John Turner, a Marine Corps veteran, said the war is often known as "the Forgotten War."

"The nation had just won a victory in the Pacific,"

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Korean War veteran Muryl Navratil, of Pendleton, stands as the Army anthem is played during a special tribute to Korean War and Korean service veterans on Sunday at the Pendleton Convention Center.

Staff photo by Kathy Aney



Mike Morehead of Pilot Rock patrolled the Mekong Delta as part of the Mobile Riverine Force during the Vietnam War.

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Pilot Rock vet recalls service on the rivers of Vietnam

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Mike Morehead of Pilot Rock survived 21 gun battles on a United States Navy monitor in the Vietnam War. "Our deal was to be able to idle down and exchange fire and show them what fire power was all about," Morehead recalled.

Morehead, 71, was a radio operator on the floating tank that was the Monitor M-6, but like the other five crew members he trained to do everything from engine work to firing the big 105-mm howitzer on the boat's bow. While U.S. river patrol boats were about 32 feet long, swift and maneuverable, the monitors were 60 feet long and packed tons of armor to hold off enemy fire and even rocket propelled grenades. Morehead said the smaller boat were fast and fun to ride, but the M-6 could not even buck the tide.



Mike Morehead of Pilot Rock in his youth in the Vietnam War.

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"Nobody wanted to ride this," he said. "This was made to intimidate."

Morehead and his fellow crewman intimidated time and again on the waters of the Mekong Delta near Cambodia. He said he called his brothers in arms on Sunday because it was Veterans Day.

"I'm really close with those guys," he said.

Morehead and two friends in 1965 went to Seattle to join the Marines, he said, but his urine sample contained too much of the protein albumin.

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UCFD sends crews to California blaze

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Firefighters from Umatilla County are in California, helping battle a blaze that has been called one of the most destructive in state history.

Three Umatilla County Fire District personnel were dispatched to Chico last weekend. Battalion Chief Ed Clark and firefighters Jessie Brown and Chance Mikaelson were assigned to the Camp Fire, which, as of Monday, had burned more than 113,000 acres, 6,400 homes, and killed 29 peo-

ple. It is the largest of three major fires currently burning in California. As of Monday, it was 25 percent contained.

The cause of the Camp Fire, in Butte County, has not yet been identified.

UCFD Battalion Chief Corey Gorham said the UCFD crew was assigned to 24-hour on, 24-hour off shifts, and that they are working with a task force that includes Central Oregon and Union County crews. Gorham said, whenever a major fire occurs, the Oregon State Fire Marshal's Office sends out requests to local departments, who determine which of their personnel can go



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Fire crews clear rubble from the road near a building burned in the Camp Fire on Monday in Paradise, Calif.

assist. Gorham said firefighters have to be able to commit to a 14-day assignment,

which limits the number of people who can go. Those who have assisted at other

out-of-state fires recently are at the bottom of the list.

Gorham said UCFD sent firefighters to California around this time last year for other wildfires, but that was the only other time he could recall sending personnel out of state.

The firefighters are compensated overtime for their out-of-state service.

Another massive wildfire burning in the state, the Wollsey Fire near Ventura, has scorched more than 91,500 acres since Thursday, and killed two people. Firefighters are working to contain several smaller blazes around the state as well.



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