

## August births noted

### Alex Ali Martinez

Paul Alexander Martinez and Angela Rayleen Polk of Warm Springs would like to welcome their son Alex Ali Martinez on August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001. Alex weighed 7 lbs 3.2 oz and was 20 inches long. Alex joins one brother Albert Kalama Jr. and one sister Ada Polk-Lopez. Alex's paternal grand parents are Paul Martinez Sr. of Warm Springs and Kimberly Bryant of Morristown, TN. His maternal grandparents are Victoria Polk of Warm Springs and Larry Higgins of Canada.

### Perry Earl Isadore

Buster R. Isadore and Angela E. Dawalt of Warm Springs would like to welcome their son Perry Earl Isadore, on August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2001. Perry weighed 5 lbs 13 oz and was 19 inches long. Perry's paternal grandparents are Luana Robinson of Warm Springs and Perry Isadore of Toppenish, WA. Perry's maternal grandparents are Carol Herkshan (deceased), Thomas Dawalt (deceased), and Hazel & Grant Smith Jr. His great grandparents are Ruby Reed of Warm Springs and Allegro & Leslie Robinson.

## All Warriors Society Veterans Corner

### Title: Milwaukie High School's "A Week of Honor"

Ken Buckles and Milwaukie High School are already busy with planning for this year's "Week of Honor" events.

As in years past, Milwaukie High School students and staff are working together to pay tribute to veterans and in their own unique way, say "thank you" for the sacrifices they have made for our nation.

This year's annual events organized by Milwaukie High School will include Pride Day, Living History Day, and the Veterans Night of Honor Program that will be held at the Memorial Coliseum.

The two items being added to this year's schedule are a Veterans Day Parade and a Big Band Street Dance, both being held on Nov. 11, in downtown Milwaukie.

Pride Day is a day spent cleaning and decorating the entire school. On Pride Day students wipe windows, spread bark dust, pick up trash and scrub floors.

Once the school is spotless, the students cover classrooms and hallways with patriotic decorations, balloons, banners and war-related items. This is in preparation for the following day, Living History Day.

Living History Day is a day spent with veterans who come to the school and share their experiences and their stories. The students show their appreciation and respect for what veterans everywhere have endured in the protection of freedom by preparing their school, giving up their cafeteria for the day so that a special catered lunch can be served to the visiting veterans, and by holding an assembly that pays tribute to all veterans.

At the assembly, names of all former Milwaukie High School students who have died in service to their country are read. On this day, military equipment and vehicles are on display throughout the school and on its grounds.

Over the last several years, the event called "Veterans - A Night of Honor" has grown in popularity and, as of last year, was held for the first time at the Veterans' Memorial Coliseum.

A USO-style show that was created solely for the purpose of paying tribute to veterans includes participants from many of the surrounding communities and across the state.

This year's show is set for Nov. 5, at 6 p.m., in the Coliseum. Some *Vets News* readers may recall the article and photos of last year's show that appeared in the January-February 2001 issue.

According to Ken Buckles, these events could not take place without the generous contributions from veterans. He states that he has been questioned as to where the money from donations goes.

According to Buckles, all donations go into a nonprofit account for Living History Day at Milwaukie High School, and these funds are used for the cost of organizing and hosting the above events.

Fundraising activities and the seeking of donations are necessary in order to cover the costs of these events. They are not just ways to "get money out of the veterans," states Buckles.

He also said that there has been some concern that the events have become too costly and that maybe downsizing the events should be considered.

"I am sorry, but I respectfully disagree. My generation and younger generations spend billions in this country every year on the movie industry, professional sports, the music industry, clothing and junk food, and the least we can do is try to come up with the \$100,000 to honor our country's greatest and real heroes. I know that honoring you veterans is the right thing to do," said Buckles.

There are a number of events currently in the planning stage. These include a garage sale, the Living History Classroom presentations, the USO-style Tribute Show, the Veterans Day Parade, and the Big Band Street Dance.

Mr. Buckles and the co-organizers would like to obtain some idea of the interest in the above-mentioned events. Those interested in the events listed are urged to contact Mr. Buckles at 503-653-3750, or by mail at Veterans, A Week of Honor, Milwaukie High School, 113000 S.E. 23<sup>rd</sup>, Milwaukie, OR 97222.

### VR&E assist veterans with employment opportunities

The Veteran Administration Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment program assists veterans with service-connected disabilities by offering them services and assistance to prepare for, find and keep suitable employment.

Through the VR&E program, a disabled veteran may receive:

Assistance finding and maintaining suitable employment.

An evaluation of abilities, skills and interests.

Vocational counseling and planning.

If needed, training such as on-the-job and non-paid work experiences.

If needed, training such as certificate and two- or four-year college programs.

Supportive rehabilitative services and additional counseling.

VA provides employment-related benefits and services to veterans with disabilities, transitioning service members, and certain veterans dependants. VA offers:

**Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment Services.** Veterans with disabilities may receive vocational rehabilitation and employment services to overcome barriers that prevent them from obtaining employment. VA provides employment assistance, counseling/guidance, training or education, and personal and work-adjusting training.

**Vocational-Education Career Counseling.** Service members, veterans and certain veterans' dependants are provided with vocational and educational guidance and counseling to assist them in selecting an appropriate career goal and training institution.

**Vocational Training Program for Certain Vietnam Veterans' Children and Spina Bifida.** VA may provide to certain Vietnam veterans' children with spina bifida limited vocational training, employment assistance, and other related rehabilitation services to achieve a vocational goal, including employment.

For more information, visit the website at [www.vba.gov](http://www.vba.gov).

**Training Assistance Program (TAP/DTAP).** The Transition Assistance Program provides to existing service members, with and without disabilities, assistance with employment placement and information on employment programs.

**Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU).** This office helps small businesses obtain information on acquiring contracts with the VA. Federal offices are required to place a portion of their contracts and purchases with small and disadvantaged businesses.

VA also promotes business with veterans by encouraging VA contracting offices to include veteran-owned contractors in mailings to solicit bids. For more information, write OSDBU (OOSB) at the Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Ave., Washington, D.C. 20420; or visit the website at [www.va.gov/osdbu](http://www.va.gov/osdbu).

**VA Partners.** Other agencies work with VA to provide assistance and employment benefits to veterans with disabilities and separating service members. For example:

**Job Finding Assistance.** Free job counseling, testing, referral and placement services. Contact the nearest state employment office and present a copy of your military discharge (DD Form 214).

**Unemployment Compensation.** For more information, contact the nearest state employment office and present a copy of your military discharge form.

**Federal Jobs for Veterans.** For more information, contact Career America Connect at 1-912-757-3000; or visit the website at [www.usajobs.opm.gov](http://www.usajobs.opm.gov).

**Employment and Re-employment rights.** For more information, visit the Department of Labor web site at [www.dol.gov/dol/vets](http://www.dol.gov/dol/vets).

**Small Business Administration (SBA).** For more information, contact the nearest SBA office, or call 1-800-827-5722.

## Birthday, anniversary, congratulations



Happy Birthday to our son Andy. We love you very much. Have a great Birthday! Love, Mom & Dad

Happy Birthday to my big bro. Andrew I love you! From: Samantha Leslie Arlena & Ellen Marie



Happy 3rd Anniversary to our parents, Who mean the world to us, We love you and have a great day! Love Andy & Samantha

Happy Birthday to our nephew Andy Just always remember we care and love you! Love Hat & Vern

Happy Birthday to Andrew Gilbert May God always be with you, always We love you! From: Mr. & Mrs. McKay

With heartfelt wishes I would like to congratulate Jerry Brunoe for all his achievements, hard work, and especially all the BS that he comes up with. With Love, Jerry Brunoe, and the whole Cloning Crew.

Happy 19<sup>th</sup> Birthday Michael Foster On August 27 From Mom, Dad, and Angela

Happy 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Greg From Darlene

Happy 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Wow & Carmen From Darlene & Greg



Happy Birthday Bubupsh 24 years old, August 28 Love you from Grammm Nade oh I mean Mom Love you lots Nade & Fudda Carmel & Alva Your Bro Harley Mr & Mrs Slugger—love you lots Artie, Eric & their chicks Tonya, Monica and Whiteboy Max, Kimiko, & girls Blanche Freda & Berta Chaz & kids

Shouts out to my lil' nephew Chance a.k.a B.G. I'll never forget the day you were born, now look lil' homie turning a big #1, in twelve more years, your gonna be a heartbreaker, for I all ready know, neph. Happy 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday on August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2001 Chance Corey Lee Stwyer a.k.a B.G From you C.z and B.z, shouts clear form Pendleton OR Much Luv, From Uncle Mackalin K. Kalama

Happy Birthday Jenna Jaylynn One luv much respect. From: a homeboy Mac

Happy Birthday Harold Brown a.k.a Lil' Mont From Sixx - K.z, Kalama

We would like to wish our nephew, Pete Greene, a very Happy Birthday. We hope that his wishes last all year long, and forever. Love, Aunties & Uncles from Upper Dry Creek Ranch

Happy Birthday to Susan Mitchell. Hope you have a great birthday and all. Love, Aunties & Uncles from Upper Dry Creek Ranch

Happy Birthday to our cousins Pete Greene & Susan Mitchell. We know you both will have a great birthday wish and hope it last all year long. Your Cousins: Garrett, Ramon, Luis Rey, Jeff, Benj., Grancis, Quinten, "Irkie" Joe, Gary, Allie, Jamie, Rhonda, Veronica, Plyza, Alexyz, Lupe and your nieces and nephew: Angelina, Korina & Jake

Happy Birthday to "Irkie" Joseph Smith. Hope you continue on your journey of learning washut songs and the meaning s of those songs. We know Grandma would have been so proud of you. All your elders who are gone are probably smiling down on you as you learn more and more. We are all very proud of you. Love, Your mom, brothers, & sisters, Your aunties & uncles from Upper Dry Creek Your cousins, nieces & nephew

Irkie: Happy Birthday and thank you for not being selfish and helping me out during those tough times. And also for inviting me to dinners, trips and just coming by to see how we are doing. You have been taught well and please continue going in the right direction. You're a good guy and don't let anyone tell you different. Again, Happy Birthday, Your Auntie Mona

Happy Birthday to our Uncle Kelly We love you! From: Andy, Samantha, & Ellen Marie

Happy Birthday to Kelly Have a good one, and many more to come From: Sam

I want to wish my son Luis Reynaldo Baez, a Happy 17<sup>th</sup> Birthday. You are a good person and you can reach your goals that you have set for yourself. I know how important music, friends, and family are to you so I know you will do what you need to do to accomplish some of those goals that you have set for yourself. You have family that supports your effort and love you and wish you only the best. Please don't dwell on failure but look to what the future has for you. Again, my dear son I hope you had a great birthday and we will make it better next year too. Love, Mom

Happy Birthday to our little baby brother, Luis Rey Baez. You keep your head up and reach for those goals.. Your Bro & Sis, Ramon Greene and Veronica Lynne Baez

Hello Uncle, I hope you had a great birthday. I enjoy our time together because I know you look forward to our bonding time (haha)... Again, hope you birthday was a great one. Your Favorite Nephew, Jake Frank

To our brother Brutus, Hey hope you enjoyed your day. We always had fun taking trips during your Birthday, someday again that will happen. For now, hope you had a great one. Your brothers, Jefferson, Benj., Francis, Garrett, Gabe, Buster, Irkie, Joe, Gary, and of course, Quinten

Happy Birthday to our bro. Kelly Sam! We love you. From: Hat & Vern

Happy Birthday to my brother Kelly G. Sam I love you bro. From: Nancy

Happy Birthday to lil' Johnson Heath From: Sam, Nancy, Samantha, & Andy



Happy 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday to our Baby Girl Samantha We love you very much Love, Mom & Dad

Happy 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday to my sister Samantha, I love you lots! From: Your Big Bro. Andy

Happy 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday to Samantha May God bless you, Just know we love you very much. Mr. & Mrs. McKay

Happy 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday to My lil' sis Samantha Love your big sis, Ellen Marie

Happy 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday to our niece Samantha Leslie Arlena! Just know we love you very much! Love you Auntie Hat and Uncle Vern

Hey Brother Brutus: It's that time of year, our birthdays! We are aging quite well. Hope your birthday was a great one. Your Bro, Pete Greene

Brutus: Wish you the HAPPIEST BIRTHDAY AT AGE 17. Love your sister, Allie, Jamie, Rhonda, Alexua, Lupe And your nieces: Angelina and Korina

Happy birthday to our nephew, Luis Rey Baez. Hope you had a good birthday. Your aunties & uncles from Upper Dry Creek Ranch