

Honoring Vietnam Veterans as Parade and Expo are near

The Third Annual Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Parade & Expo is coming up on Saturday, April 28.

The public event, hosted by the Eugene "Cougar" Greene Sr. American Legion Post and Auxiliary #48 honors veterans, especially those who served between February 28, 1961 through May 7, 1975.

The day's events include a parade, an honor ceremony, a meal, and an expo. Free per-registration is required at: www.WSala48.org.

Listen to KWSO 91.9 for the upcoming series of talks with Warm Springs veterans. As Warm Springs veterans advocates are getting ready for the day, here is a profile of veterans Larry Langley, Ross Kalama and Rafael Queahpama:

Larry Langley, U.S. Army

When Mr. Langley went to college he told his parents that he would be ready to serve, if he was drafted into the war. "All the men in my family had served in wartime," he says.

"My grandfather, Alfred Smith Sr. served in World War I, and my uncles in World War II."

Larry was indeed drafted into the U.S. Army, and served in Bravo Company of the 169th Engineer Battalion. "There were only three roads in Vietnam," he says. "My job was to improve them by making them into a two-lane basic highway, like Tenino Road."

In Vietnam for 14 months, Larry returned home a different man.

He suffered hearing loss, the affects of Agent Orange,

and has many other medical issues pending at the Veterans Administration.

"The VA is hard to deal with," Larry says. "In my period of adjustment I hardly talked to my family. I used to take off by myself all the time."

Larry is still in touch with two of his buddies. "It was an unpopular war," he says, "but all veterans should be treated the same no matter what war they served in."

Ross Kalama, U.S. Marine Corps

Ross Kalama enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and completed basic training at Camp Pendleton in San Diego, California.

"My mom didn't want me to go, and my dad saw me off at the bus station at Madras. He was sad," Mr.

Kalama says.

In the H & S Company, 1st Battalion of the 26th Marines, Ross fought in the 0311 Infantry at Da Nang, Rock Pile, Hill 55, Khe Sanh, the DMZ, and Hue among many locations.

On one occasion he came within 100 yards of his cousin Randy Smith.

"Someone asked me what my real name was, because they all called me 'Chief.' They said a guy named Randolph Smith was asking for me. So I missed him!"

Ross recalls, "Another time I was in the bunker, and the plywood wall was stamped 'Eugene, Oregon.' I wondered if this was one of the boards I had hauled from our Warm Springs mill."

Ross returned from Viet-

nam a changed man.

"The war changed me a lot," he says. "I have trust issues and a lot of health issues from Agent Orange. I have tinnitus and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder."

"When I returned to California there was no reception," Mr. Kalama says.

"I was bussed up to Warm Springs, where I got off at the gas station and walked with my dufflebag on my shoulder to my aunt Iris Smith's home. I am still in touch with two of my Marine Corps buddies. We were told what to do. After all this, I don't trust the government and people."

Rafael Queahpama, U.S. Army

Mr. Queahpama was drafted into the Vietnam War in 1967. After completing

basic training in Fort Lewis he was sent to Vietnam on a troopship. Stationed at Quan Tri, Ralph had top secret clearance to work as a radio/teletype operator in the 507 Ammo Company.

His duties included communicating with other bases, daily orders, and guard duty.

After completing his tour of duty, Mr. Queahpama flew back to McChord Air Force Base in Tacoma, and took a bus to Portland, where he ran into two tribal members with whom he rode back to Warm Springs.

"I don't recall any acceptance, nor negative remarks upon my return," Rafael says. "It was an honor to serve my country and to represent my tribe. It was a good experience for me."

— Susan Guerin
Ladies Auxiliary

Warm Springs Community Calendar

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Thursday, April 12

The **book fair** at the Warm Springs K-8 Academy is open until 3:45 today. And tomorrow is the final day – it will be open from 7:30 a.m. until 1:00. It is a buy one, get one book fair.

The **Timber Committee** meets today from 9 a.m. to noon at the Forestry Building.

There is an **Alcoholics Anonymous** meeting today at noon at the Behavioral Health Center, and **Narcotics Anonymous** meeting at 6 p.m. at the Shaker Church.

Wellness of Warm Springs will meet on from noon to 1 at the Family Resource Center conference room. The topic is Fire Prevention and Safety. Everyone is welcome and lunch is served to all participants.

Fitness activities scheduled for today at the Community Wellness Center: There's Boot Camp class at 12:10 in the aerobics room and Functional Fitness in the Social Hall. There's Men's IBA tonight at 7:15.

The Senior Wellness Center is having **Senior lunch** at noon. On the menu: Thai salmon, coconut rice, steamed veggies and choice of fruit. Seniors 60 and older eat for free, 59 and under are \$5 and youth under 13 are \$3 at the Senior Wellness Center.

Social dance class is today from 4-5:30 at the Community Center aerobics room.

Friday, April 13

Today is the last day of the **book fair** at the Warm Springs Academy. It will be open from 7:30 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Here are some **fitness activities** happening today: Senior Fitness class is at 10:45 at the Senior Center. PiYo class is at 12:10 in Pod A at the clinic, and Functional Fitness Class at 12:10 in the Aerobics room.

After senior fitness class today, participants can **eat lunch**. Today they are having chicken avocado sandwiches, romaine lettuce and carrot salad.

There is a **Behavior Health Walk-In Clinic**

today. Appointments are available between 1 and 5 p.m. The Medical Social Workers at the clinic can help with screenings, assessments, crisis intervention and many other things for children, adolescents and adults.

The Jefferson County Library **Film Center** will show the 1948 film *Key Largo* 7:30. Films are free and shown in the Rodriguez Annex, next to the library in Madras.

Saturday, April 14

There is an **Alcoholics Anonymous** meeting this morning at 10 at Community Counseling.

There will be a Candidates Forum for Jefferson County Commissioner candidates on at 5:30 p.m. at Madras COCC. A forum for County Clerk candidates is scheduled for April 25.

Sunday, April 15

Warm Springs **Christian Fellowship** is this morning at 9:30 at High Lookie Lodge.

The Warm Springs Baptist Church has **Sunday School** at 10 and Worship Service at 11 this morning.

The **Warm Springs Food Bank** is located at the Presbyterian Church. They are open from 11:30-1:30 today. All food banks and pantries do take donations of non-perishable food or cash

There is a **Fusion Fitness** class every Monday and Wednesday morning at 6 at the community center Aerobics room. The class is suitable for all fitness levels.

Monday, April 16

It is Week of the Young Child **Music Monday**.

It's **late start Monday** at schools in the Jefferson County school district. At the Warm Springs Academy that means school starts at 9:45 today and kids should be at school by 9:30.

Head Start Policy Council meets this morning at 9 at ECE

Here are today's **fitness activities**: Senior Fitness Class is at 10:45 at the Senior Center. At 12:10 there is Functional Fitness in the Aerobics room, and Pi-Yo class is at the IHS atrium. This

afternoon at 4 is Turbo Kick class in the Aerobics room. There is Open Volleyball from 5-6 and Ladies Basketball at 6.

Senior fitness class participants are invited to **eat lunch**. Today they are having buffalo chicken sandwiches, fresh cut veggies and tropical fruit.

There is **Women's Prayer Group** at the Presbyterian Church from 12:15-12:45 today. All women are welcome.

Warm Springs **Vocational Rehabilitation** has orientation today at 3 p.m. at their office in the industrial park. Learn more by calling 553-4952.

Victims of Crime Services has a **Women's Support Group** today at the VOCS office, 1108 Wasco Street, behind the Old Boys' Dorm. It's from 3-5 p.m.

Aglow Bible Study is this evening at High Lookie Lodge from 6:15-7:30. Everyone is welcome.

Tuesday, April 17

It is the Week of the Young Child **Tasty Tuesday**.

Fitness activities happening during the noon hour at the Community Wellness Center today are Functional Fitness class in the social hall and Boot Camp class in the Aerobics room. There's Men's IBA tonight at 7:15. There is a Fusion Fitness class tomorrow morning at 6 –

suitable for all fitness levels – in the Aerobics room.

Today's **Senior Lunch** at noon is ranch pork chops, mashed potatoes, steamed broccoli and a choice of fruit. Seniors 60 and older eat for free, 59 and under are \$5 and youth under 13 are \$3 at the Senior Wellness Center.

The **Jefferson County Food Bank** is located at 556 SE Seventh Street in Madras. They are open for distribution this afternoon.

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Soaring Butterflies Warrior Spirit class is af-

ter school today at the Warm Springs Academy from 3:30-5.

MHS Sports: Girls Tennis has home matches today starting at 4. Boys Tennis travels to Estacada.

Getting ready for Seniors Day

The Twenty-Eighth Annual Honor Senior Day in Warm Springs is on May 11 at the Community Center.

The committee is seeking donations of door prizes and gifts for seniors. All donations are greatly

appreciated.

The theme for this year's festivities is *Luan Party!*

For additional information stop by the Senior Wellness Program or call 541-553-3313.

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