

Oregon's 234th Army Band to play July 23



campaigns. After receiving the Philippine Presidential Unit Citation for service during World War II, the band was deactivated in 1946 on Okinawa, and redesignated the 234th Army Band on May 17, 1947. At that time, the 234th was organized and federally recognized in Portland OR, and attached to the state militia. Over the years, since 1947, the band has provided musical support for Oregon troops, toured the state, and entertained many Oregonians.



The mission of an Army band is to “provide music throughout the spectrum of military operations to instill in our forces the will to fight and win, foster the support of our citizens, and promote our national interests at home and abroad.” (Army Regulation 220-90) There are many ways in which the 234th Army Band carries out this mission.

On a regular basis, the band provides musical support at military functions, such as Military Academy graduations, change of command ceremonies, parades, and mobilization and demobilization ceremonies. Between brass quintet performances, funerals that call for a bugler, and ceremonial band missions, the 234th continues to be a busy unit. In TY10, the 234th Army Band was recognized as having the highest operational tempo in the reserve band system. The 234th has also performed for gubernatorial inaugurations, opening ceremonies for the Oregon State Fair and State Games of Oregon, and dedication ceremonies for the Veteran's Hospital.

In 2005, soldiers from the 234th Army Band deployed to Louisiana to assist those who experienced the devastation of Hurricane Katrina. Among the band's favorite assignments is presenting music to communities throughout Oregon.

After 26 years of being stationed at the Portland Air National Guard Base, effective 26 October, 2011, the 234th Army Band's station was official changed to the newly constructed 41st Infantry Division Armed Forces Reserve Center at Camp Withycombe. 15300 SE Industrial Way, Clackamas, Ore..

The 234th Army Band is truly “Oregon's Own.”



The 234th Army Band will perform a free concert at the Florence Events Center on Saturday, July 23, beginning at 2 p.m. A limited number of advance tickets will be available from the FEC box office.

American military bands have been present since colonial days. Prior to the signing of the Declaration of Independence, colonial soldiers marched to the sound of fife and drum. Later, in the Civil War, soldiers depended on musicians to entertain them, position them in battle, and spur them on to victory. Military bands

play at both military and civilian official functions, entertain American troops worldwide, assist community relations between civilian and military, and have been decorated for their performance in battle.

On June 20, 1919, “Oregon's Own” band was organized and federally recognized as the Band Section, Service Company, 162nd Infantry Regiment. The band remained a part of the 162d Infantry Regiment until 1940. The band was inducted into Federal service on September 16, 1940 in Portland. Band members saw service in the South Pacific and received campaign participation credit for the Luzon, New Guinea and Southern Philippines

Fan of Guinea pigs... or cavy? This show is for you

The Florence Events Center will be alive with the happy squeal of Cavies (Guinea pigs) and their enthusiasts when the Oregon Cavy Breeders Society hosts a Cavy Show July 30 at the FEC, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Local owners and breeders will be bringing their favorite cavy to be judged and assessed for their quality. Top winners will be awarded prizes. In addition there will be a free youth cavy show open to the public.

“Our youth have some beautiful examples of cavy,” said last year's organizer Manetta Deggleman. “Everyone is invited to see why we love our animals, and why we have so much fun.”

Though there are 13 breeds of Guinea pig, only a few breeds are commonly found off the show table as pets. The short-hair, Abyssinian, Peruvian and Sheltie (aka Silkie) breeds are those most frequently seen as pets.

Here's a quick look at how to determine the difference: Short Haired: The short coated cavy, often called the American, Self, or English — has consistently short, glossy hair without a part; Abyssinian: Known for its short, rough coat that has cowlicked rosettes of hair; Peruvian: The Peruvian is the progenitor of all modern long-haired breeds, being a Guinea pig with hair that grows long continuously all over its body, sometimes to

an excess of 20 inches; Silkie or Sheltie: A Silkie has long hair that flows back over its body and never forward over the face (as in the Peruvian); Texel: Like a Silkie, but with curls.

The show will be a unique opportunity to see and interact with the many breeds of this popular animal, as well as see what determines the best of the best in the eyes of professional breeders.

“We welcome questions about our little friends at this show or any of our many shows around the state,” said Deggleman.



Two days of summer merriment, mirth in August



The Florence Events Center will play host to the Second Star Festival, which brings together more than 40 vendors showcasing wares meant to inspire, spark the imagination and foster creativity. Activities will include acoustic musicians, local and regional art, kids events, inspirational talks about the creative process and more.

Coming to the FEC for its second year, the festival will be held Aug. 13 and 14 and will include a fusion of talents from a musical trio that blends a myriad of instruments, strings, voices and drums to perform songs about pirates, dancing satyrs, gypsies and pixies to create a unique musical and visual experience.

Look for more details and admission prices in the July issue of Center Stage.