

MILITARY HERITAGE CHRONICLES —

'It doesn't matter'



BY CAL APPLEBEE
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disciplines of military heritage, I commented that, it doesn't matter if they were veteran or currently active duty; that it doesn't matter what branch they served in (although there was a healthy dose of inter-branch ribbing and rivalry present), they still served our nation."

Likewise, "It Doesn't Matter" if they served in the 1950s shuffling paperwork as a company clerk in the cold of Korea, or sat in a cold missile silo in the middle of Nebraska in the 1980s, their service was important.

"It Doesn't Matter" if they were a brown water sailor in the waters off Vietnam, or flew an unmanned drone in the skies over Afghanistan, their service was needed.

"It Doesn't Matter" also applies to the Oregon Coast Military Museum. Since opening in 2015 thanks to the phenomenal outpouring of support from the community, we sometimes now get asked: "Why do you need more money — it's already built?"

We readily acknowledge that we only accomplished our goal of building the museum because of that generous community support — in funding,

but also in donation of artifacts for fulfilling our mission to honor our veterans.

And, because of that response to preserve those artifacts, memories and experiences, we are now busting at the seams with displays and packed to the rafters with artifacts in storage. The museum board has been busy in the last few months trying to determine if and how we might expand the facility.

However, that's not the only area where we need the community's continued financial support. It currently costs us roughly \$44,000 annually to operate the museum and keep the doors open.

That covers salaries for two part-time employees at minimum wage, lease for the grounds, utilities, insurance, supplies, etc. However, it does not include any display or event expenses.

While we do generate a small portion of revenue from daily admissions and gift shop sales, we still need community support through annual memberships and monetary donations.

We are proud to have over 700 names on our Kilroy Corps list representing those early

supporters during our initial effort. That list is now on display in the gift shop. However, we currently have only 65 annual memberships.

We simply need more.

There are multiple worthy organizations in our community that need financial support — including several Veteran organizations. But if we want to maintain this tribute to the service and sacrifice of our community's and nation's veterans, we need on-going financial support. And there are several ways to provide that support.

Please visit our website, where you can find membership applications, Memorial Gifting forms and a pledge form offering several options to share your support.

"It Doesn't Matter" which form of support you select; but it does matter that we keep our museum's doors open and our mission moving forward.

You can learn more by visiting www.oregoncoastmilitarymuseum.com or visit the museum, which is open Thursday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at 2145 Kingwood St. in Florence.

OSU Food Preservation Safety hotline now open

The Oregon State University (OSU) Extension Service's food preservation and safety hotline is now open for the summer.

The toll-free hotline at 1-800-354-7319 is available Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., through Oct. 13.

The hotline is staffed by certified Master Food Preservers in both Lane and Douglas Counties. Anyone who is going to preserve foods and has never done so before, or who has questions about recipes and methods, can call

the OSU Extension Service hotline for research-based information to assure a quality and safe product.

For more information about home food preservation and class offerings, visit the OSU Extension Service Food Preservation website at www.extension.oregonstate.edu/lane/food_safety, where there are many publications and information on food preservation topics and classes offered.

For statewide information visit www.extension.oregonstate.edu/fch/food-preservation.



2017 Relay For Life of Florence
Saturday, July 22nd
Noon to Midnight
At the Florence Events Center
Registration at 10:00 to noon
Luminaria Ceremony 9:00 p.m.

A loved one, friend or neighbor, we all know someone who has been touched by cancer. After sunset at each Relay For Life event, there are hundreds of luminaria decorated with the names of those who have battled cancer. This ceremony of light symbolizes the hope and courage with which we all continue to fight cancer. If you would like to make a donation for a luminaria at our Relay For Life, simply complete the form and mail to the address below.

Your name: _____

Phone (Day/Evening): _____

I would like a candle lit:

Name: _____

- In Honor, In Memory,
- In Support Of, Thanks to caregiver

Name: _____

- In Honor, In Memory,
- In Support Of, Thanks to caregiver

Name: _____

- In Honor, In Memory,
- In Support Of, Thanks to caregiver

Credit to Team: _____

Donation Amount: \$ _____
Requested minimum donation of \$5.00 per luminaria
Please make checks payable to: American Cancer Society
Mail to: Relay For Life of Florence % Julie Rassmann
83360 S. Cove Drive, Florence OR 97439

www.RelayForLife.org/FlorenceOR

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TRAVELS WITH WAYNE & JUDY —

Our magnificent Oregon coast



BY WAYNE AND JUDY BAYCLIFF
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The CCC was created in 1933 to provide manual labor jobs for thousands of unemployed youth during the Great Depression. They carved the American wilderness to create many of the parks we enjoy today.

The work was hard, but equally rewarding, as the young participants experienced life in convivial communal encampments — the remains of which are still visible in the forest near the sea.

These were the lucky ones during those hard times. Although most of them are now departed, their lasting legacy of trails and shelters are still in use today. We owe this "Greatest Generation" a debt of gratitude for so many things.

THE ATTRACTIONS

There are three major natural wonders within a short walk of the parking lot at the Cape Perpetua Visitors Center. Thor's Well, Spouting Horn, and Devil's Churn — the most exciting being Thor's Well.

In simple terms, Thor's Well is a collapsed underwater volcanic cave that has formed a large round hole on the surface — think very large blow hole.

The hole is about 20 feet deep, and during incoming tides and rough seas, the water rushes into the submerged cavern and erupts into a mighty blast of foaming ocean that can easily knock down curious onlookers that venture too close.

Immediately after the upward explosion, the Well dramatically inhales the ocean that it just expelled. You don't want to be on the ride back to the sea!

TRAILS

The paths adjacent to the Visitor's Center are paved for ready access by all. There are a total of 11 trails that offer 27 miles of hiking adventure in this wilderness. It's about an intermediate-level hike across the rocky shoreline and up through spruce forests to the outlooks. Do it if you can! Happy travels!

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PHOTO BY JUDY BAYCLIFF

Surf fills the opening of Thor's Well.

Much of our Oregon coast is made up of miles of desolate sandy beaches, and for some the flat seashore is the perfect place to relax. However, if you crave something a little more exciting, check out the 40 miles of shoreline that begins in Waldport in the north and pushes south along twisting Highway 101.

It's here that nature created Oregon's most scenic headlands. Lofty volcanic outcroppings that plunge precipitously to the crashing Pacific several hundred feet below.

The best of the stretch is at Cape Perpetua, where the views are so outstanding that the area has been designated a National Scenic Area by the federal government.

LOCAL HISTORY

Captain James Cook discovered and named Cape Perpetua in 1778. The rugged territory remained virtually unreachable until it became part of the Siuslaw National Forest in 1908.

In 1914, the U.S. Forest Service carved a rough road around the Cape and joined the two small neighboring towns of Yachats and Florence by constructing a wooden bridge across the Yachats River.

By 1930, the road was improved and became part of historic Highway 101 that stretches 1,500 miles from Port Angeles, Wash., to Los Angeles, Calif.

THANK YOU CCC

Thanks to the Civilian Conservation Corps, Cape Perpetua has become an important travel destination for outdoor enthusiasts.

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Thursday, April 19, 2018

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