

Community News

Military Museum hosts special Iwo Jima anniversary display

The Oregon Coast Military Museum (OCMM) will feature a special display to honor the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Iwo Jima

on Wednesday, Feb. 19. "This was a turning point battle in the Second World War and the military museum recognizes the impor-

tance that battle played in final victory over Japan in the War," said Geoff Cannon, Operations Manager of the OCMM.

In 1945, U.S. forces bounded forward in the central Pacific as combat reached ever-bloodier crescendos. A strategic air base was located on the island of Iwo Jima, between the Mariana Islands and Japan, and the Japanese had carved out a network of underground fortifications aimed at turning the small volcanic island into a death trap for invading U.S. Marines.

When the Marines divisions invaded Iwo Jima on Feb. 19, 1945, planners expected a brief campaign. But for more than five weeks, Japanese forces mounted a fierce defense. The Japanese had to be rooted out of caves and other strongholds

in merciless close-quarter assaults.

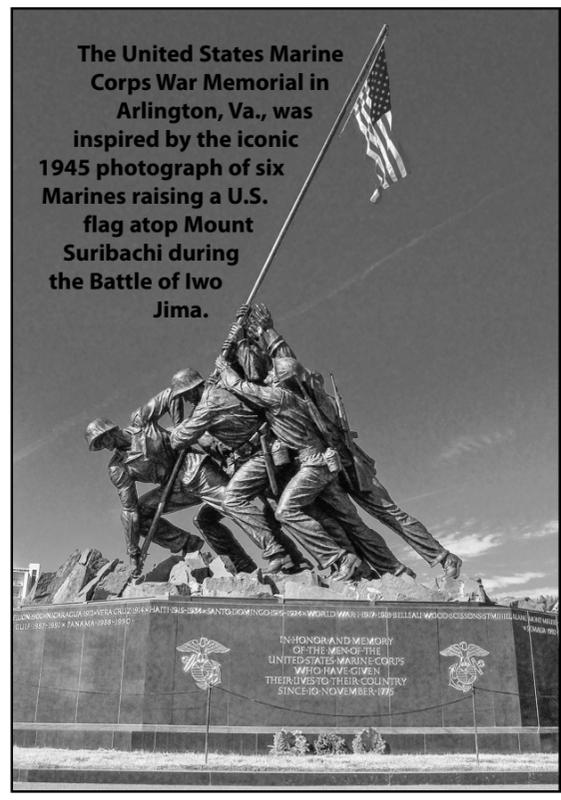
The bloodbath horrified Allied military planners and American citizens, who feared a far greater slaughter during an invasion of Japan's home islands.

The exhibit honors those involved in the crucial victory and those who participated in that ferocious battle.

The museum, open Wednesday through Sunday from noon to 4 p.m., is located on Kingwood Street in Florence.

Cannon, who is also OCMM board president, said that he "hoped people will take time to come see the display, and to honor the veterans of this historic battle."

Visit the museum online at www.oregoncoastmilitarymuseum.com.



The United States Marine Corps War Memorial in Arlington, Va., was inspired by the iconic 1945 photograph of six Marines raising a U.S. flag atop Mount Suribachi during the Battle of Iwo Jima.

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LCOG names Wobbe 'Outstanding Citizen'

After being nominated by Heceta Water PUD, Lane Council of Governments (LCOG) recently selected Cindy Wobbe of Florence as the Outstanding Citizen of Lane County.

Many citizens in Florence are aware of Wobbe's work with the Pounding for Florence Food Share that happens every year just before Thanksgiving. Wobbe started that event in 2001



Outstanding Citizen of Lane County
Cindy Wobbe

and it continues to grow, with this year's event garnering more than 24,000 pounds of food that was then matched by an anonymous donor.

Wobbe has been involved with many other local organizations as well.

When she first moved to Florence, she was a Girl Scout leader where she was introduced to Delight Fisher, the initia-

tor of Florence Food Share.

In addition, Wobbe has worked on the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and was an advocate for the chamber for many years. She also helped direct the Rhododendron Court showcase for four years.

According to Wobbe, her passion is to "help at the point of need." To that end, she has set up The Good Deed Project, which is a nonprofit organization that is privately funded. Wobbe said she feels that she is the connector between those who are in need and those who are able to help.

"I've learned that my tal-

ent is to tell people's stories and knowing who to tell those stories to," she said.

Wobbe and her husband, Gene, are the parents of four, grandparents to eight and great-grandparents to one little girl.

"I'm just flipping lucky," Wobbe said.

The public is invited to attend the LCOG Annual Appreciation Dinner where Wobbe will be given the award for Outstanding Citizen. The dinner will be Friday, Feb. 28, at Lane Community College in Eugene. Tickets are available until Feb. 21.

For more information, call 541-682-4283 or email lcampbell@lcoog.org.

'Love Gone Wrong' poetry contest Feb. 21

Florence Regional Arts Alliance's (FRAA) Big Wave Spoken Word invites poets and community members to its fifth-annual "Love Gone Wrong" Spoken Word Contest on Friday, Feb. 21, beginning at 7 p.m.

Share an original poem, story or song or come as an audience member to listen to the many ways contestants express their journeys of the heart.

Past contestants have had the audience laughing, crying and laughing again.

FRAA will award \$100 for first place and gift certificates for second and third places for best original poem, song or story.

Entries must be four minutes or less.

The contest will be held at the FRAA Gallery, 120 Maple St., in Historic Old Town Florence. Tickets are \$10 at the door with proceeds benefitting Big Wave Spoken Word events.

Rhody Society hears about preserved rhododendron species Feb. 18

The Siuslaw Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 18. Socializing begins at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting starts at 7 at the Presbyterian Church of the Siuslaw, 3996 Highway 101.

The speaker will be Bob Zimmerman, who fell in love with rhododendrons over 40 years ago. He began cultivating them on his kitchen stove and now grows species of rhodies in the greenhouses of Chimacum Woods on the Olympic Peninsula.

Although hybrids offer beautiful flowers, the preserved rhododendron species are his primary in-

terest.

Some 300 species populate the collection in his garden, providing a reliable source of seed and cuttings. He has paid particular attention to collecting plants true to the species' description.

Zimmerman specializes in species rhododendrons from around the world, including hard to come by plants that people look for but cannot always find.

He will be bringing plants to sell as well.

For more information about the Siuslaw Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society, visit www.siuslawars.org.

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BAD BOYS FOR LIFE - R 124 MIN - "A funny, satisfying action comedy that never disappoints."	3:20 PM	4:20 PM	2:20 PM	6:20 PM	3:20 PM	3:20 PM	3:20 PM
BIRDS OF PREY - R 109 MIN "Has terrific action, humor & some of the more memorable characters we've seen in a DC movie; biggest highlight is Margot Robbie." Erik Davis	1:00 PM 3:30 PM 6:20 PM 8:50 PM	1:35 PM 3:45 PM 7:00 PM 9:00 PM	11:55 AM 2:15 PM 5:00 PM 7:30 PM	12:00 PM 2:20 PM 7:05 PM	12:00 PM 2:20 PM 7:05 PM	12:00 PM 2:20 PM 7:05 PM	12:00 PM 2:20 PM 7:05 PM
THE CALL OF THE WILD - Harrison Ford PG 105 MIN - The classic Yukon tale. Preview.							6:30 PM
COME TO DADDY - R 93 MIN - "It's smart, uncompromising, inventive and just downright hilarious." Film Threat	8:55 PM	2:10 PM 9:25 PM	7:45 PM	7:15 PM	7:15 PM	7:15 PM	7:15 PM
THE GENTLEMEN - R 113 MIN - "Plays like a tall tale, a yarn heard at the corner pub, filled with exaggerations and embellishments, where the storyteller expects you to pay his bar tab at the end. And maybe you won't mind doing so."	12:40 PM 6:10 PM 9:00 PM	11:00 AM 5:30 PM 8:00 PM	11:50 AM 4:50 PM 7:25 PM	12:40 PM 4:45 PM	4:45 PM	12:40 PM 4:45 PM	12:40 PM 4:45 PM
A HIDDEN LIFE - PG-13 173 MIN - "Less a story than an experience, a spiritual journey made accessible through light and sound. Malick doesn't transcend cinema. He sanctifies it."	3:10 PM	2:00 PM	2:00 PM	3:10 PM	11:50 AM	3:00 PM	3:00 PM
PARASITE - Winner - Oscar, Best Picture R 132 MIN - "A flawless ensemble cast."	12:20 PM 6:00 PM	11:20 AM 6:10 PM	11:30 AM 4:40 PM	12:20 PM 3:20 PM	12:10 PM 6:20 PM	12:10 PM 6:20 PM	12:10 PM
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG PG 98 MIN - Jim Carrey... as the brilliant nemesis, Dr. Robotnik, returns to form. He's goofy and inimitable.	12:50 PM 3:40 PM 6:40 PM 8:40 PM	11:10 AM 1:30 PM 4:00 PM 6:15 PM 8:30 PM	11:45 AM 2:25 PM 5:30 PM 7:20 PM	12:10 PM 2:30 PM 4:45 PM 6:40 PM			

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