



A salute to all who serve

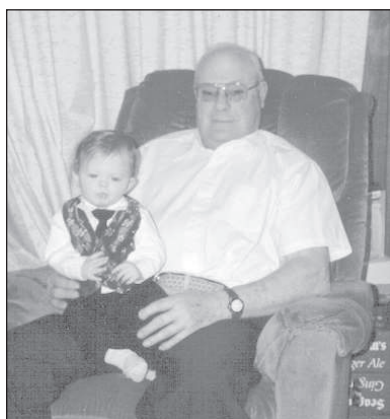
The staff of the Cottage Grove Sentinel is pleased to present this special 2015 Veterans Day edition in honor of our men and women in uniform. This publication would not be possible without the input of the servicemen and women of the Cottage Grove area and their families. We sincerely hope readers enjoy the tales of military service presented in these pages, and further hope that these stories may inspire community members to seek out the veterans in our midst, to offer thanks and lend an ear to hear their amazing stories.

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Cottage Grove area veterans

(and some information about their service)

Warren L. Anderson



Corporal, US Army Tank Corps
Dec. 1941 to Oct. 1942
Fort Hood, Tex. And Fort Polk, La.
Served 10 months and was discharged because poison gas was still used and he had asthma

Robert E. Ash



US Navy
ABE-1
Atlantic and Pacific Oceans aboard aircraft carriers
Korea and Vietnam era, USS Saipan CVL-48, USS Kitty Hawk CVA-63, USS Hornet CVS-12
On board USS Hornet for Apollo 11, Apollo 12 recovery crews, June and Nov. 1969

Bob Baysinger



QM1, US Navy and retired U.S. Coast Guard Navy – March 10, 1954 to 1962, Coast Guard 1963 to 1976
Atlantic East Coast during Cuban crisis, Atlantic staff duty, Seventh Fleet, Pacific, Wash., on one of the first Navy ships to visit Australia since WWII during the 1956 Olympic Games in Melbourne.
In Coast Guard, Officer in Charge of recruiting in Eugene, where he met many Cottage Grove men and women, traveled both the Arctic and Antarctic on ice breakers

Darrel Booher



Staff Sgt., U.S. Army Air Corps, WWII
1940-1945
Moffitt Field, California; Champagne, Illinois; Hamilton Field, California; Paine Field, Washington (new squadron was formed from here and sent to Nome, Alaska); Nome, Alaska; Baton Rouge, Louisiana (when WWII started); Winterhaven, Florida
Served as an airplane mechanic, crew chief, system flight chief

Lyle Boustead



Submarine Signalman 3rd Class, U.S. Navy
1942-46, Pacific Ocean, New London, Conn.

Glen H. Bricker



Radioman 3rd Class, US Navy
Dec. 22, 1944 to Oct. 13, 1946 in Guam, Nov. 10, 1950 to Aug. 10, 1951 on USS Los Angeles, Korean War

Patrick S. Burt



Private First Class (E-3), US Army
1986-1988
Fort Knox, Ken.

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A brief history of Veterans Day

from www.military.com

Veterans Day, originally known as Armistice Day, was originally set as a US legal holiday to honor the end of World War I, which officially took place on Nov. 11, 1918. In legislation that was passed in 1938, Nov. 11 was "dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be hereafter celebrated and known as "Armistice Day." As such, this new legal holiday honored World War I veterans.

In 1954, after having been through both World War II and the Korean War, the 83rd US Congress—at the urging of the veterans service organizations—amended the Act of 1938 by striking out the word "Armistice" and inserting the word "Veterans." With the approval of this legislation on June 1, 1954, Nov. 11 became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

In 1968, the Uniforms Holiday Bill ensured three-day weekends for federal employees by celebrating four national holidays on Mondays: Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Veterans Day and Columbus Day. Under this bill, Veterans Day was moved to the last Monday in October. Many states did not agree with this decision and continued to celebrate the holiday on its original date. The first Veterans Day under the new law was observed with much confusion on Oct. 25, 1971.

Finally, on Sept. 20, 1975, President Gerald R. Ford signed a law which returned the annual observance of Veterans Day to its original date of Nov. 11, beginning in 1978. Since then, the Veterans Day holiday has been observed on that date.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3473 of Cottage Grove will hold a celebration honoring our Veterans including those on active duty, Wednesday, November 11th at 11:00 am at the Cottage Grove Armory, 628 E Washington St.

Lincoln Middle School Choir will be performing several numbers.

Our speakers will include Mayor Tom Munroe, John Wooten, and others to be announced. All are invited to enjoy this event!

Kenneth Hunt
VFW Post 3473 Commander

"America's Veterans have served their country with the belief that democracy and freedom are ideals to be upheld around the world."

— John Doolittle

Oregon's veterans continue to serve

Veterans' Day is one day to honor the service and sacrifice of all who have raised their right hand, worn the uniform, defended our freedom, and stood guard over our peace.

Across our 70 year history, the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs has witnessed generations of service members returning home and then using their hard-earned leadership skills and experience to significantly contribute to our communities.

What many citizens may not know is that one out of every 12 Oregonians is a veteran. While our veterans gain great strength from their service, it is not sur-

prising that many can face challenges as they reintegrate home. For those impacted by their service, we must understand their tenacious spirit and resiliency. They deserve nothing less than the best in care, resources and support.

There is never a doubt, though, that our learned resilience, idealistic pride, and unwavering dedication to our families, community and each other is stronger because we served in uniform.

Take the recent examples of young returning veterans from Oregon like Alek Skarlatos and Chris Mintz. Alek captured international headlines

for thwarting a terrorist attack while travelling in France after his deployment in Afghanistan with the Oregon Army National Guard.

Similarly, Chris Mintz, an Army veteran, also chose to run toward chaos on the Umpqua Community College campus to help protect fellow students. He was shot multiple times and thankfully continues to recover for his young family and community.

These stories have made the national news, but our local veterans' community is filled with everyday examples of inspiring continued service. Bill Griffith is a former Navy Corpsman

who served in Vietnam and is continuing to serve his fellow veterans as an award-winning volunteer Long Term Care Ombudsman. He was recently recognized for his advocacy for our aging veterans at the Oregon Veterans' Home in The Dalles and other skilled nursing facilities, receiving the Governor's Volunteer Award in October.

A recent appointment to ODVA's Advisory Committee, Kim Douthit, is a Coast Guard veteran and continues to serve student veterans in her role as a veterans' coordinator at Portland Community College. She is a

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HATS OFF TO OUR VETERANS

They've served our country with courage and honor.
They've left behind loved ones to risk their lives in protecting their country.
They've defended our freedoms and ideals.
They make us proud to be Americans.

Thanks, veterans, for your brave and selfless service to our nation. We salute you on Veterans Day.

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