

Honoring the heroes in our midst

Joe Reeves



Lance Corporal, U.S. Marine Corps, 1987-89 Fort Sill, Okla., U.S. Artillery School, Okinawa. Expert Rifle Medal, Overseas Medal

Fred C. Rentz

U.S. Army E-4 Oct. 1970 to Oct. 1973 Ft. Lewis, WA, Fort Rucker, Ala., Vin Long and Can Tho Vietnam, Ft. Campbell, KY Crew Chief on Huey with 101st Airborne



Bob Ritcher

Army-Airborne

Jeramy Wynn Ritter

Army Corporal 2004-2006 Baghdad, Iraq Army Infantry, 3rd Infantry Squad designated marksman and machine gunner. Worked alongside Navy Seal Rangers and other special units. Was in 50 caliber gunner missions and 220 missions.



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Navy Coast Guard 1945-1950 New York

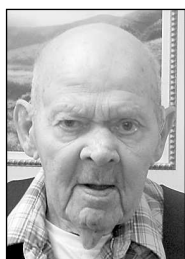
Walt Scott



Army Sergeant April 1968 to Dec. 1969 15 months in Vietnam Served in 25th Infantry Division and USARV Special Troops Detachment. Earned Combat Infantry Badge and Purple Heart

Rex Seals

Sergeant, U.S. Army, World War II, Pacific theater



Ken Sears

E-5, US Navy 1956-1960 Hawaii, Washington Electronics Technician



Marie Sexton

SK2 (Petty officer 2nd class E-5), US Navy 1984-1994 Boot camp Orlando Fl.; MCAS Iwakuni Japan; NSD Yokosuka Japan; FDGP NAB Coronado



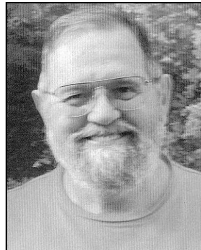
Arthur Shaw

U.S. Navy, World War II Six-year veteran



Henry Standefur

U.S. Army



John Stephens

Army Sergeant October, 1942-Jan. 1946 Served in U.S., England, Belgium, Germany, Austria Battle of the Ardenne Wood (Bastogne) Battle of Central Europe Headquarters Troop, 41st Cavalry, 11th Armored Division, Third Army



Dennis R. Stevenson

Sergeant, US Army April 12, 1967 to April 5, 1969 Fort Lewis, Mo., transferred to US Army Reserve

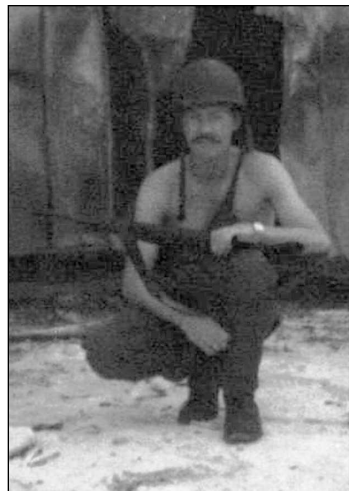


Al Stovall

Navy/Air Force Aviation Radioman Nov. 1942 to Jan. 1946 South Pacific, New Mexico, Hawaii, Fort (Yneme) CA Received: Asiatic Pacific Ribbon, American Area Ribbon, Victory Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal.



Peter Szekely



Navy April 1967-April 1970 San Diego, USS Washburn — Naval Support Activities — DaNang, Vietnam, Camp Tien Sha

Joel Turpin

US Navy Feb. 1969 to Feb. 1973 Long Beach, Cal., Vietnam, Bremerton, Wash.

VETERANS DAY EVENTS

Cottage Grove VFW ceremony

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3473 will present a Veterans Day ceremony on Wednesday, Nov. 11 at 11 a.m. at the Cottage Grove Armory. Featured speakers will include state Representative Cedric Hayden, South Lane County Fire and Rescue Chief John Wooten and more.

Film Screening – ‘Shepherds of Helmand’

The Springfield Museum announces a special Veterans Day presentation on Wednesday, Nov. 11 at 6 p.m. of the documentary film “Shepherds of Helmand,” an amazing look into the war in Afghanistan as fought by the Oregon National Guard. In 2008, a group of 17 soldiers from the Oregon National Guard volunteered to deploy to Afghanistan to train a battalion of the Afghan National Army. Their mission was to conduct counter-narcotics patrols in the deadly Helmand Province, a region notorious not only for its opium production but as a Taliban stronghold. “Shepherds of Helmand” is the story of this group, one of the most decorated units in National Guard history. After the film, the film’s director and a panel of soldiers from the unit depicted in the film will take part in a Q&A session and discussion. Admission is free, but a \$10 suggested donation is appreciated. Proceeds support the South Willamette Valley Honor Flight.

Great Clips offers vets free haircuts

Across the nation, Great Clips salons and their customers are showing their appreciation to veterans and members of the military with the “You Can Thank a Veteran” promotion. On Veterans Day, Nov. 11, all customers who get a haircut at a U.S. Great Clips salon get a free haircut card they can give as a thank you to an active, inactive or retired military member of any branch, including the National Guard. Limit one card per customer, while supplies last. Veterans and active service members who come in to a Great Clips salon in their area on Nov. 11 get either a free haircut or a free haircut card to redeem with proof of military service through Dec. 31, 2015, at any U.S. Great Clips salon. Now in its third consecutive year, Great Clips’ “You Can Thank a Veteran” promotion has provided nearly half a million free haircuts for military veterans.

Free pancakes at IHOP

IHOP® restaurants will once again honor the 22 million Veterans currently living in the United States and more than 1.3 million Armed Forces members currently serving in the military by offering them a free stack of red, white and blue pancakes on Veteran’s Day. Participating IHOP restaurants throughout the United States will serve a stack of Red, White and Blue pancakes – butter-milk pancakes crowned with glazed strawberries, blueberry compote and whipped topping – free for Veterans and Active Duty Military on Veteran’s Day.

Nov. 11, from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. “Having served as an Army Ranger and infantry officer, I am proud to be part of a brand that honors the brave men and women who have dedicated their lives to keeping us safe and free,” said Darren Rebelez, President, International House of Pancakes LLC. “We are looking forward to having our nation’s heroes as guests at their local IHOP, and personally thanking them for their service.” Veterans and Active Duty Military simply show proof of military service to receive their free Red, White & Blue pancakes. Proof includes: US Uniformed Services ID Card, US Uniformed Services Retired ID Card, Current Leave and Earnings Statement (LES), veterans organization card (i.e. American Legion, VFW, etc.), photograph of yourself in US military uniform, wearing uniform, DD214, military dog tags, and citation or commendation.

Statewide ceremonies

Communities throughout Oregon will be hosting ceremonies, parades, and special gatherings to honor America’s military veterans and commemorate Veterans Day. The Oregon Department of Veterans’ Affairs will hold its annual ceremony on November 11 at 3 p.m. in Salem at the Afghan-Iraqi Freedom Memorial located on the agency’s grounds, 700 Summer St. NE. The names of 142 Oregonians killed while serving in Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom, and those with Oregon military ties, will be read aloud. This year will mark the third consecutive event since its

dedication, on Nov. 11, 2006, that names of Oregon’s fallen will not be added to the memorial. The guest speaker at the ceremony will be State Rep. Paul Evans, a U.S. Air Force veteran. Military honors will be presented by North Salem High School’s Jr. ROTC unit. Veterans Day originated as Armistice Day on Nov. 11, 1919, the first anniversary of the end of that war. A Congressional resolution in 1926 made November 11 an annual observance and in 1938 it became a national holiday. In 1954 President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a resolution that changed Armistice Day to Veterans Day so as to honor all American veterans who have served. ODVA has compiled a list of other Veterans Day events occurring statewide that can be viewed online at: www.oregondva.com.

A concert tribute to veterans

The Umpqua Community College Fine and Performing Arts Department presents “An Evening of Remembrance: A Tribute to Veterans of the US Armed Forces” on Nov. 11 at 7 p.m. in Jacoby Auditorium. The concert will be presented by the UCC Community Band, directed John Pecorilla, and the UCC Chamber Choir, directed by Jason Heald. Suggested donation is \$7 per person, \$15 per family. Admission is free for veterans. For more information, contact 541-440-4693 or Jason.heald@umpqua.edu.

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leader for both our fastest growing demographic, women veterans, and for all veterans across Oregon. While our focus is on our veterans, we also must remember the service and sacrifice of our military and veteran families. Judi Van Cleave of Portland was elected as the National President of Gold Star Wives of America. Her late husband was a disabled Korean War veteran. Judi’s significant service for two

decades with Gold Star Wives of America continues to honor our fallen and their families. Across our team at the Oregon Department of Veterans’ Affairs, many of us are veterans and family members, and we continue to be inspired by our current service members, veterans and their families. We are honored and privileged to serve them – not just on Veterans’ Day, but throughout the year. It is their individual stories that make up

the incredible fabric of our community. No matter the branch of service, no matter the era, no matter who we are, or where we live; we stand proudly together. We are Oregon veterans.

Cameron Smith served three tours in Iraq as a U.S. Marine captain and is the director of the Oregon Department of Veterans’ Affairs.

"The business of America is not business. Neither is it war. The business of America is justice and securing the blessings of liberty."

— George F. Will

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