Gone but not forgotten...

The Sentinel salutes veterans who have passed on:
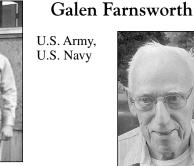
Darrel Booher

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

Donald E. Hasbargen

PFC, Army Transportation Corps 1951-53 Stationed at Fort Lawton, Wash. with trips to Pt. Barrow, Alaska on cargo ships

Galen Farnsworth

U.S. Army, U.S. Navy

Miriam Kolasinski

PFC, USMC WR Jan. 12, 1944 to Sept. 4, 1945 M.C. AD Miramar, San Diego, Cal. Boot camp at Camp LeJeuene, NC

Zada Magoun

1st Lieutenant, Army Nurse, U.S. Army, 1945-47 New Orleans, Ft. Hood, Tex.

Howard Peterson

UT1 (DV), US Navy 1961-63 Okinawa, Philippines, Vietnam

Donald Rosetta

Navy Coast Guard 1945-1950 New York

Rex Seals

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

A brief history of Veterans Day

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.

VETERANS DAY HAPPENINGS BEYOND COTTAGE GROVE

Aviation Hall of Honor induction in McMinnville

Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum will hosts the 14th annual Oregon Aviation Hall of Honor induction ceremony on Sunday, Nov. 13 at 1 p.m. in the 3D digital Theater. This year features the induction of three outstanding recipients: Colonel Ruth Forsythe, Captain Basil Smith and Denys D. Overholser.

The keynote speaker will be Brigadier General Mark Crosby of the Air National Guard. Crosby will speak on the history of the Oregon Air Guard, its ever-changing mission and his career.

First commissioned in May 1986, Crosby remained on active duty in the Air Force until 1993. Before serving in the Oregon Air National Guard, Crosby served in the California Air National Guard. During his career in the Oregon Air National Guard, Crosby has served as State Emergency Plans Officer, Deputy Director of Support, Director of Communications, and the Deputy Commander of the 102nd Civil Support Team (CST). Currently he serves as the state's commander of Joint Domestic Operations.

The Evergreen Aviation Museum -- 3D Digital Theater is located at 500 NE Capt. Michael King Smith Way, McMinnville, Ore., 97128. Cost is $10 for museum members and students and $15 for general public. An RSVP is required to jackie.saunders@evergreenmuseum.org or 503-434-4185.

LCC closed for Veterans Day

Lane Community College will be closed to the public for the Veterans Day holiday on Friday, Nov. 11. No classes will be held and no services will be available, unless otherwise announced by a department or program.
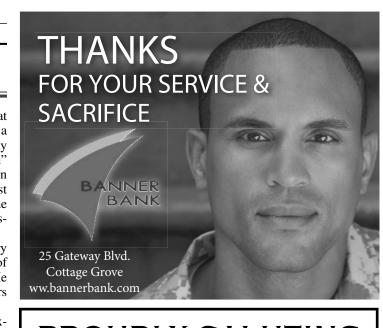
Chorus to perform at Capitol, Welch to appear

The Santiam Canyon Community Chorus (SCCC) will bring a lineup of patriotic sounds to the Capitol Rotunda on Thursday, Nov. 10 starting at noon. The Chorus will be performing The Star Spangled Banner, Tell My Father, Shine, Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy and Proud to Be an American during the two-hour tribute.

The SCCC was established in 2006 by local volunteer JoAnn Hebing. Hebing is a trained choral director who started her career as a music teacher and church organist in 1959. The group's director, Mark Lindsey, sings with the Willamette Master Chorus and the St. Paul's Episcopal Church Choir. Lindsey joined SCCC in September 2015.

This is the second annual Tribute to Veterans event at the Capitol. It will start at noon with the presentation of the colors, then the SCCC will perform, followed by author Bob Welch. At 1 p.m., Welch, award-winning columnist and the author of more than 20 books, including four about World War II, will be speaking. He will be available to sign his books after the talk.

Welch served as a writer and editor at The Register-Guard for 24 years and is a two-time winner of the National Society of Newspaper Columnist "Best Column" award. He won the 2010 and 2011 Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association's "Best Writing" awards. Other honors include the Seattle Times C.B. Blethen Award for Distinguished Feature Writing.

Welch has spoken to many military groups, and is a former adjunct professor of journalism at the University of Oregon. He is also the founder of the Beachside Writers Workshop.

The Capitol also has a World War II exhibit on display and will be displaying uniforms from the VFW661 Uniform Display Museum. There will be refreshments served and stick flags will be handed out while supplies last. This is a free event open to the public. Parking is metered around the Capitol.

Tribute to veterans on UCC campus

The Umpqua Community College Fine and Performing Arts Department presents "A Tribute to Veterans of the US Armed Forces" on Friday, Nov. 11 at 7 in Jacoby Auditorium. The concert will be presented by the UCC Community Band, directed by John Pecorilla, and the Roseburg Concert Chorale, directed by Jason Heald. Suggested donation is $7 per person, $15 per family. Admission is free for all veterans of the armed services. For more information, contact 541-440-4691 or Marisela.pena@umpqua.edu.