

Local air guard members deploy to S.E. Asia

More than 100 members of Oregon Air National Guard's 116th Air Control Squadron mobilized for a six-month deployment to Southeast Asia in support of Operation Inherent Resolve and Operation Resolute Support.

The 116th is based at Camp Rilea in Warrenton and is a subordinate unit of the 142nd Fighter Wing in Portland.

It will provide tactical command and control in three areas spanning more than 850,000 square miles. It is the Oregon Air National Guard's most deployed unit.

"I'm so proud of our team and their opportunity to represent Oregon and the Air National Guard," said Maj. Ashley Nowak, 116th ACS commander. "The Air Force is lucky to have such a skilled

and ready team of airmen."

A deployment ceremony

was held at Astoria High School earlier this month.



John Hughel/Air National Guard

Members of the 116th Air Control Squadron gather for group photos from friends and family following the formal mobilization ceremony for the unit at Astoria High School earlier this month. The unit is activating more than 100 service members for deployment in Southeast Asia.



Mayor Henry Balensifer gives retiring Library Director Nettie-Lee Calog a plaque in recognition of her 11 years of service to the city.

State delays commercial Dungeness crab season

The opening of the commercial Dungeness crab season will be delayed from Dec. 1 until at least Dec. 16 along the entire Oregon coast as testing shows crabs are too low in meat yield.

The target opening of the ocean commercial Dungeness crab season is Dec. 1, but is frequently delayed to ensure a high-quality product and avoid waste of the resource.

Crab that was tested for quality in early November showed that none of the test areas met the meat yield criteria for a Dec. 1 opening. The delayed opening will allow crabs to fill with more meat.

A second round of crab quality testing will occur in late November or early December.

Commercial Dungeness crab is Oregon's most valuable fishery.

Nominations requested for region's top citizens

The Astoria-Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce is accepting nominations for two volunteer service awards

The annual George Award and Richard Ford Distinguished Service Award are two of the most sought-after awards in Astoria and Warrenton, chamber officials

said. The recipients are often humble, yet strong leaders who work behind the scenes to make their community better.

Award winners will be announced during the chamber's annual meeting and banquet on Jan. 25.

The awards honor citizens who give extraordinary ser-

vice, the people who make things happen, often without being asked.

Nominations will be accepted until 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 30. More information and nomination forms are available at the chamber office on Marine Drive and at Warrenton City Hall.

Bridge crash injures 3

A crash on the Youngs Bay Bridge last week caused serious injuries to a child and injured both drivers, according to a police report.

The case has been referred to the District Attorney's Office after one of the drivers allegedly gave false information to police and witnesses and the investigation revealed he was driving recklessly.

Todd A. O'Malley, 48, of Hammond and his passenger, Antony D. O'Malley, 6, of Astoria, were trapped inside the 2013 Ford Fiesta and had to be removed with a Jaws of Life extraction

tool. Both were taken to Columbia Memorial Hospital for treatment and the child later was taken by helicopter to a Portland-area hospital.

Matthew F. Hipple, 26, of Astoria is believed to have crossed the center divider and struck O'Malley's vehicle head-on shortly after 11 a.m. Nov. 7, according to a police report. He initially told the investigating officer the other driver had crossed into his lane, but roadway evidence indicated otherwise, Sgt. Jim Pierce wrote in a report.

Hipple declined medical treatment.

Public help sought to enforce vape ban

Gov. Kate Brown's executive order to enact a temporary ban on the sale of flavored tobacco and cannabis vaping products took effect last month, requiring all retailers to stop selling the products.

Oregon Health Authority, Oregon Liquor Control Commission and local public health authorities are working together to enforce

the ban, including an undercover "secret shopper" program, Clatsop County officials said.

Members of the public who see a violation of the executive order should contact the Oregon Health Authority at 971-673-0984 for tobacco products or the Liquor Control Commission at 503-872-5000 for cannabis products.

COMMITTEE VACANCIES

The CITY OF WARRENTON is seeking interested persons to apply for vacancies on the City's various committees. We have vacancies on the following boards:

- Warrenton Budget Committee - 2 positions (3 year term)
- Warrenton Planning Commission - 2 positions (4 year term)
- Warrenton Community Center Board - 1 position (4 year term)
- Warrenton Community Center Board - 1 position (1 year term)
- Warrenton Parks Advisory Board - 1 position (3 year term)
- Warrenton Parks Advisory Board - 1 position (2 year term)
- Warrenton Business Association - 3 positions (3 year term)
- Warrenton Business Association - 1 position (2 year term)
- Warrenton Urban Renewal Advisory Board - 4 positions (2 year term)
- Community Library Board - 3 Positions (4 year term)

Applications are due by November 27, 2019.

This is an excellent opportunity to participate in the important decisions affecting your community.

For more information and appointment qualifications go to the City's website at www.ci.warrenton.or.us, (click on the "Community" tab at top of the page and then "Citizen Involvement" from the drop down menu). If you need additional information, please contact Lindsay Duarte, Deputy City Recorder, at 503- 861-2233 ext. 102 or via e-mail: Lduarte@ci.warrenton.or.us.