

# Pearl Harbor Day proclamation honors veterans

True 'grit' as plaques get a refresh

Seaside Signal

The city of Seaside will honor American World War II veterans with a proclamation for Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day.

Public Works Director Dale McDowell read the proclamation before the city council at their Nov. 26 meeting. He remembered those killed and wounded after the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor, marking the nation's entry into the war on Dec. 7, 1941.

"Today we honor those who fought and died at Pearl Harbor, and we pay special tribute to the veterans of World War II," McDowell



DALE MCDOWELL

**Granite plaque remembering Pearl Harbor on the Pearl Harbor Memorial Bridge.**

read. "Those heroes hold a cherished place in our history. Through their courage, sacrifice, and selfless dedication, they saved our country and preserved freedom."



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**Pearl Harbor survivor Bill Thomas in 2013 salutes his comrades who perished in the attack. Thomas died in 2016.**

The proclamation was unanimously endorsed by members of the council.

Seaside's legacy of Pearl Harbor remembrance has deep roots.

Bill Thomas, a seaman on the USS Medusa, was "the impetus" for Seaside's Pearl Harbor remembrance, former Mayor Don Larson said in 2015.

Thomas, a Seaside High School graduate, joined the military at 17. The attack, during which he was aboard the USS Medusa, took place two months after his 20th birthday.

Later, Thomas returned to Seaside where he rallied for veterans and proposed a Pearl Harbor memorial on the First Avenue Bridge over the Necanicum River.

Thomas died in 2016. The county's last remaining survivor, Spurgeon D. Keeth, was an honored guest last year's remembrance, shortly before his death on Dec. 28.

The proclamation comes with a freshening up of the city's two plaques on the northwest end and center of the First Avenue Bridge.

The granite plaque in the center of the bridge was installed in 1991, McDowell said.

With the dedication of the bronze plaque at the bridge's northwest corner on Dec. 7, 2000, the bridge was renamed the Pearl Harbor Memorial Bridge.

Public works employee Matt Long refurbished the plaques by using a brass wire brush to remove the finish, McDowell said, using an 800-grit sandpaper to lightly sand the raised letters and numbers. Long then sprayed two coats of marine-grade clear sealer over the top.

A Pearl Harbor Day observance will be held at 9 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 7, in the main entry area of the Seaside Civic and Convention Center, with a wreath-laying ceremony and possible Coast Guard flyover at 9:55.

The event is sponsored by Seaside American Legion Post 99.

# Seaside woman is sentenced to five years in 2017 shooting

Garfias gets five years in prison

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Marta Garfias

A Seaside woman was sentenced Friday, Nov. 16, to five years in prison after a 2017 clash at a hotel over drugs ended with a shooting.

Marta Garfias, 22, entered a room at the Beachside Inn in Seaside with her boyfriend, Shaun Scarborough, 29, and Jeffrey Nathaniel Ryals, 27,

standing behind her with guns. Garfias had arranged to meet with Christopher Neaman, of Washington state, to buy

drugs.

Scarborough, with a bandanna covering his face, held a .45-caliber pistol as Ryals allegedly pointed an airsoft rifle. During the encounter, Scarborough allegedly shot Neaman.

Neaman was taken by am-

balance to a hospital, where his spleen was removed. He then was taken via Life Flight Network to Oregon Health & Science University Hospital in Portland for further treatment.

Scarborough and Garfias were arrested a week later in La Mesa, California. Ryals has not been found.

All three were charged with first-degree assault, second-degree assault, first-degree robbery and first-degree burglary. Garfias pleaded no contest Friday to the burglary charge as part of a plea deal

with the Clatsop County District Attorney's Office. The plea means she does not accept guilt but recognizes prosecutors have enough evidence for a conviction.

Scarborough also pleaded no contest to first-degree burglary in July and was sentenced to 8½ years in prison. Five years are a result of the burglary charge and 3½ years stem from a probation violation in a separate case in which he was convicted of being a felon in possession of a firearm.

At his sentencing hearing, Scarborough downplayed Garfias' role in the incident, saying he used her to "get in the door."

Garfias said that she hopes to use the prison time to kick a drug addiction and become a better mother for her two sons.

"Over the past 2½ years, three years, I've lost a lot because of my drug addiction, and now I'm losing even more by going to prison," Garfias said. "But I'm going to make the best of this."

Garfias does not have pri-

or criminal convictions, Deputy District Attorney Steven Chamberlin said. She will be eligible for alternative incarceration programs and a reduced prison sentence as part of the plea deal.

Circuit Court Judge Cindee Matyas said Garfias was saying the right things and that she hoped she would act on them.

"You're definitely, you know, young enough to make some big changes and be the mom that you want to be," Matyas said.

## POLICE LOG

**Nov. 16**  
**3:42 p.m.**, 1300 block Second Avenue: A fugitive is arrested on a warrant.

**5:27 p.m.**, 2300 block S. Downing: A woman riding a bicycle very slowly on the street is reported by a resident as suspicious. Police are unable to locate.

**8:40 p.m.**, 11th and N. Wahanna: A person is arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of intoxicants, reckless driving, and reckless endangerment.

**Nov. 17**  
**11:28 a.m.**, Avenue S and Aldermill: Transients are reported rifling through items at the recycling center. They tell police they are collecting bottles and glass for their deposit value and will be leaving shortly.

**12:52 p.m.**, Carousel Mall: A man making a nuisance of himself asking employees of the mall out on dates was notified he is trespassing.

**11:11 p.m.**, 2600 block Highway 101: Police respond to a report of gunshots; possible poaching is reported to Oregon State police after Seaside police searched the area.

**Nov. 18**  
**12:05 a.m.**, 2100 block Lewis and Clark Road: Police respond to a report of gunshots; officers responding hear gunshot and determined it was likely hunters in a wooded area east of the location. Oregon State police are notified of possible poachers in the area.

**Nov. 19**  
**3:47 p.m.**, Beach and Shilo Inn: Police assist other agencies in locating a possibly suicidal female on the beach.

**Nov. 20**  
**5:44 p.m.**, N. Marion: Seaside police assist Gearhart police with a dog found wandering. The dog is impounded for the city of Gearhart and transported to the kennel.

**Nov. 21**  
**2:08 a.m.**, N. Prom: A Dumpster diver is advised to move along.

**7:12 p.m.**, 300 block Fourth Avenue: Police are asked to conduct a welfare check on a male alleged to have said he would self harm after a romantic breakup. Police are unable to locate either in person or via phone.

**Nov. 22**  
**3:34 p.m.**, Avenue U and Columbia: An assault is reported.

**5:00 p.m.**, 1900 block Spruce: A person is arrested for DUII.

**7:54 p.m.**, 1600 block S. Columbia: Roommates unable to get along are advised of options.

**Nov. 23**  
**6:47 p.m.**, The Prom: An assault in the second degree is reported.

**Nov. 24**  
**3:39 a.m.**, Avenue A: An assault in the fourth degree is reported.

**11:09 a.m.**, Police headquarters: A person came in to register as a sex offender.

**4:39 p.m.**, Roosevelt Avenue: A

person attempting to make off with two shopping carts was apprehended and the carts returned.

**11:24 p.m.**, 13th and Roosevelt: A person reported smoke rising from the ground. Officers checking the area did not detect any fire.

**Nov. 25**  
**2:27 p.m.**, Cartwright Park: Needles found in park are retrieved for disposal by police.

**Nov. 26**  
**11:02 p.m.**, Wahanna Road and Broadway: Officer assists motorist changing a flat tire.

**Nov. 27**  
**9:27 p.m.**, Holladay and Avenue A: A fugitive is arrested on a warrant.

**Nov. 28**  
**4:42 a.m.**, 1200 block S. Roosevelt: A person is arrested for being in violation of their release agreement; they are also charged with giving false information to a police officer.

**11:40 a.m.**, 1200 block Avenue D: A caller reporting a dog died in their home asked for options. They were advised to call a vet.

**12:20 p.m.**, 800 block 13th Ave.: A caller reporting a person living in a trailer is told the trailer is on private property. No enforcement action can be taken.

**Nov. 29**  
**5:16 p.m.**, Pacific and Cottage, Gearhart: Seaside police assist Gearhart police with a disturbance.

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