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## THEY'RE HOME!

Largest number of deployed soldiers since WWII returns to Northwest



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### Demob ceremonies held throughout Oregon in April

Story by Tech. Sgt. Nick Choy,  
Oregon National Guard Public Affairs Office

All over the state of Oregon, communities turned out by the thousands to welcome home Oregon National Guard members of the 41 Infantry Brigade Combat Team at demobilization ceremonies held throughout the state during two weeks in April.

A total of five official demobilization ceremonies took place around Oregon, including Portland, Forest Grove, Eugene, Medford, and Tigard. Other events to commemorate the return of Oregon's citizen-Soldiers are being planned by various communities throughout the upcoming summer.

In late March and early April, over 3,000 of Oregon's citizen-Soldiers returned from a 10-month deployment to Iraq, where they were responsible for convoy security operations from as far west as the Jordanian border, and east near the Iranian border.

The return of Oregon Guard members coincides with the "Shot Heard Around the World" on April 19, 1775 in Concord, Mass., and according to Maj. Gen. Raymond F. Rees, the Adjutant General, Oregon National Guard, is a poignant statement of the enduring tradition of the National Guard to protect homeland and freedoms abroad.

"Our National Guard is a time-honored tradition in this country," Rees said.

During many of his speeches across the state's demobilization ceremonies, Rees drew parallels between the Oregon National Guard members returning from Iraq, and the Minutemen of the Revolutionary War. He said many of the communities in Oregon are where Oregon's militia was first formed.

"We've got twentieth century heroes doing the same things that those Revolutionary War heroes were doing," he added.



Top: Community members from around Central and Southern Oregon welcome home soldiers from the Oregon Army National Guard's 1-82 Cavalry, 41 Infantry Brigade Combat Team, during a demobilization ceremony at Vince Genna Stadium in Bend, Ore., April 18, 2010. The soldiers officially returned to the state after a 400-day mobilization in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Jefferson Thompson, Oregon Military Department Public Affairs)

Above: Oregon Army National Guard Sgt. 1st Class Roland Howard greets his son Addison, after arriving at the Chiles Center on the University of Portland campus, April 21 for the demobilization ceremony for the 141st Brigade Support Battalion and 41st Special Troops Battalion, 41st Infantry Brigade Combat Team. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Nick Choy, Oregon Military Department Public Affairs)

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## COMMAND

# Oregon's communities, civic leaders welcome home 41 IBCT



**Maj. Gen. Raymond F. Rees,**  
The Adjutant General,  
Oregon National Guard

April marks not only an historic month for the Oregon National Guard, but also an amazing time for me as your Adjutant General.

This month, Oregon welcomes home the more than 2, 700 brave men and women of the 41 Infantry Brigade Combat Team, after nearly a year deployed to Iraq. The 41 IBCT showed the nation that when the National Guard is called to serve its country, we are not only trained to the highest standard, but execute our federal missions above and beyond what is expected.

Their magnificent performance may be measured in tons, miles and dollars, but the words of praise they received from Vice President Joe Biden, Gen. Raymond Odierno, and other leaders, in addition to accolades they now hear from their fellow Oregonians is the best measure. Praise from the praiseworthy is the highest honor.

The outpouring of support we've seen this year from each and every community and hometown is truly amazing. From Sisters to Bend, Oregonians lined the streets, holding flags and signs to welcome home the 1-82 Cavalry. We saw similar displays of appreci-

ation and welcome for 141 Brigade Support Battalion and 41 Special Troops Battalion in Portland.

On short notice, the community of Forest Grove assisted in a demobilization ceremony at Forest Grove High School for 2-218 Field Artillery Battalion. Ceremonies followed in Eugene for the 2-162 Infantry and 1-186 Infantry in Medford, where soldiers marched from the armory to South Medford High School. Due to delays in Kuwait, additional ceremonies were held in Tigard and in Roseburg for the final returning soldiers. Citizens from throughout Oregon turned out to welcome our soldiers home.

This is truly an historic time and cause for celebration, but it is also a time for us to ensure our returning veterans are aware of the benefits they have earned.

Oregon continues to lead the way nationally in the area of reintegration efforts for our returning soldiers. Under the leadership of retired Col. Scott McCrae, along with the generous financial support through U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden, U.S. Rep. Kurt Schrader and the Yellow Ribbon Program, our state's soldiers, airmen and other service-members have even more resources at their fingertips to receive the help they may need.

We all call Oregon home, and through this new program, fittingly titled Fort Oregon, we are able to deliver the medical, educational and employment resources from one unified front. Our active duty brethren have their close-knit support communities within the walls of their posts.

Fort Oregon provides the means to support all of our soldiers and airmen from across the state, regardless of where our veterans hang their hat.

As the sun sets on a successful tour for the members of the 41 IBCT and we remember our fallen comrades, let's look ahead to the upcoming deployments of B Co., 1 Battalion, 168 Aviation, 3 Battalion, 116 Cavalry and A Co., 641 Aviation in September and October. Soldiers with the 1249 Engineer Battalion will also deploy in December as the command and control group with subordinate units from California, Nebraska, Georgia and Mississippi. Their mission is to assist in building overall infrastructure in Afghanistan.

Let us not forget Sgt. Earl Werner and Spc. Taylor Marks, our fallen heroes. These brave men represent the courage and selfless service true to the very spirit of the Oregon National Guard and its soldiers and airmen. Memorial Day gives us the time and opportunity to reflect and share in a moment of silence for those men and women who died in support of our nation. Whether in battle or while conducting operations here at home, it is truly a time to honor these heroes.

My favorite quote from the book "The Devil's Sandbox" is, "these Volunteers... are clerks and deliveryman, bricklayers and landscapers who live anonymously among us. They have one thing in common: underneath their name tags beats a hero's heart."

Thank you for your continued dedication to service. This memorial day take the time to thank your families, friends, employers, and members living your community for their ongoing support.

I personally thank you for continuing on and keeping us Always Ready! Always There!

*Raymond F. Rees*

## Warrant Officers: 'take time to listen to returning troops'

Last month we were privileged to welcome home the "Jungleers" of the 41st Infantry Brigade Combat Team.

They are returning to a grateful state, loving families and reintegration program that is second to none.

The Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Team is dedicated to the well being of all who wear the uniform. However, I realize that once a soldier hits the ground all he or she wants to do is get on with their life. They are not interested in more formations, paperwork and sitting through required briefs.

The demobilization ceremonies are designed to both officially welcome home the soldier and put closure on their successful mission.

It is important to their families and as the soldiers look back they will appreciate the community support.

Regarding the briefs, there are plenty of educational studies that confirm that an adult will most likely retain about ten percent of an hour long presentation.

This is where we as leaders come in.

We have to lead by example plus take every opportunity to make sure our soldiers understand what benefits are available to them.

If issues occur it will usually happen after some time passes. Experience teaches us that after deployments IDT weekends become a perfect setting for soldiers to share with those who truly understand what they have both accomplished and perhaps gone through.

The squad or section can become the pseudo counseling session and support group. Leaders need to make sure it is a safe environment. Take time to listen.

In contrast to welcoming home the 41 IBCT this month we are saying farewell and Godspeed to Bravo Company, 1-168 AVN.

They are scheduled to deploy to Iraq.

The operation tempo for deploying units is not slowing down; we have 3-116 AR, 1249 EN and 1186 MP.

With the exception of 1186 MP all have quality warrant officers that will ensure that



**Chief Warrant Officer 5 Michael Zagya,**  
Command Chief Warrant Officer,  
Oregon National Guard

both the unit and commander are successful.

I met with the warrant officers of B, 1-168 They are highly trained, motivated and committed to their mission.

They are some of the finest aviators in the warrant officer corps of Oregon. Their families can be proud of them.

As I visit with fellow warrants either both in a formal and informal setting I am in awe of their technical expertise and dedication to the Oregon Army National Guard.

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## Even great people must overcome adversity, challenges



**Chief Master Sgt. James Hotaling,**  
Senior Enlisted Advisor,  
Oregon Air National Guard

All great organizations have to overcome adversity from time to time.

Benedict Arnold joined the Connecticut Militia in 1775 and went on to become a decorated combat veteran. Toward the end of the Revolutionary War he decided to break away from his core values, and well... the rest is history.

The Militia (now the National Guard), prevailed, leaving us with this lesson; no one

man defines an organization. The National Guard moved on through strong leadership and belief in the greater good.

Times of adversity often give rise to unpredictability, fear, anxiety, and loss of confidence. Such circumstances call for inspirational leadership, which gives Soldiers and Airman the motivation and commitment to take advantage of the opportunities lying on the other side of what seems to be a dark curtain of misfortune.

During times of adversity, it is critical that we hold faith in our core values and move forward with focus. When a leader of an organization is the cause of the adversity it is natural for all to feel betrayed. Many are left to contemplate where they stand and what the outside perception is.

Don Shula had a 24 hour rule. Whether you won or lost, you had 24 hours to celebrate or sulk, but after that you better be focused on what is ahead of you. Keep things in perspective. Success is not forever and

failure is not fatal. We move forward with purpose, poise and professionalism.

I leave you with a quote from the movie Rocky that sums up the attitude you should have when facing adversity:

*"Let me tell you something you already know. The world ain't all sunshine and rainbows. It is a very mean and nasty place and it will beat you to your knees and keep you there permanently if you let it. You, me, or nobody is gonna hit as hard as life. But it ain't how hard you hit; it's about how hard you can get hit, and keep moving forward. How much you can take, and keep moving forward. That's how winning is done.*

*Now, if you know what you're worth, then go out and get what you're worth. But you gotta be willing to take the hit, and not pointing fingers saying you ain't where you are because of him, or her, or anybody. Cowards do that and that ain't you. You're better than that!"*

## NEWS

## Education benefits for spouses

Commentary by Sgt. 1st Class Jeffery T. Lopez, M.S.,  
82 Support Detachment (ROC)

**SALEM, Ore.** -- Our spouses are one of our most valuable assets because they play an important role in the success of any soldier or airman. Below is one way the military is recognizing their contribution to the success of its over all mission, by providing funds to assist them in obtaining their educational goals.

Many of you may have heard this program was put on hold Feb. 16. However, beginning March 13, it the program resumed. Right now more than 136,000 spouses are enrolled in a career training program. Below is the program as it was initially intended in support of spouses.

The Department of Defense has a program unofficially referred to as "Spouse Tuition Assistance," the DoD's recently expanded Military Spouse Career Advancement Accounts (MyCAA) program can provide up to \$6,000 of Financial Assistance for military spouses. Be sure to contact Military OneSource at (800) 342-9647 for assistance.

The MyCAA program provides up to \$6,000 of Financial Assistance for military spouses who are pursuing degree programs, licenses or credentials leading to employment in portable career fields. Spouses of active-duty service members of the DoDs and activated members of the National Guard and Reserve components are eligible.

The period of eligibility for spouses of Guard and Reserve members is from the date of the alert or warning order for military recall or mobilization, through activation and deployment until 180 days following demobilization. Spouses of the severely injured, ill, wounded, killed in action (KIA), prisoners of war (POW) or missing in action (MIA) are also eligible.

Note: Military spouses who are legally separated by state law or court order are ineligible as well as spouses currently serving on active duty or activated Guard or Reserve. Public Law 110-417 Sec 582 also does not include Coast Guard spouses.

MyCAA Financial Assistance (FA) pays for education and training programs, tuition, and licensing or credentialing fees.

This includes degree programs including associates, bachelors, masters, doctoral and post doctoral, continuing education classes including those offered through professional associations, bar, CPA and other similar exams, and state certifications for teachers, medical professionals and other licensed occupations.

If the cost of a course includes books, supplies or equipment necessary for the performance of the spouse's chosen occupation for example cosmetology or masonry tools, electrician operations manual, MyCAA will pay the costs if not billed separately.

Spouses must demonstrate that referrals are not available to free, federally funded English As A Second Language (ESL), High School completion programs and GED Classes/Tests, in order to receive MyCAA Financial Assistance to cover these important, baseline education expenses.

Costs associated with these programs must also be reasonable. MyCAA does not pay for education and training programs that include computers (CPUs or laptops); application, graduation or membership fees; student activity cards; child care; parking; transportation; or medical services.

If a spouse enrolls in a course without an approved MyCAA Financial Assistance (FA) document, the spouse will be responsible for paying course costs.

MyCAA does not provide reimbursements of any kind to spouses for any reason.

A military spouse can apply for MyCAA Financial Assistance (FA) after creating a MyCAA Career and Training Plan.

A Career and Training Plan includes the spouse's chosen career field, name of school and course information (course titles, codes, costs and start/end dates).

Eligible spouses can establish a MyCAA Account by visiting the MyCAA website at: <https://aiportal.acc.af.mil/mycaa>

Setup is easy. Once spouse profile information is provided, MyCAA will verify spouse eligibility.

If there are eligibility problems, MyCAA will provide guidance on how to resolve related issues. Eligible spouses will be allowed to move forward to create their Career and Training Plan and request Financial Assistance (FA) when they are within 90 days of course start dates.

## April: Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Capt. Rey Agullana, Sexual Assault Response Coordinator



**SALEM, Ore.** -- April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) and the Theme from the Department of Defense is "Hurts one. Affects all . . . Preventing sexual assault is everyone's duty." Posters will be distributed to each unit with this theme to post on your unit's bulletin boards in observance of SAAM.

As stated in the DoD campaign announcement, a sexual assault can reverberate throughout a unit and beyond, degrading readiness by harming the life of a victim, and the military's ability to work effectively as a team. Experts and practitioners often describe the negative consequences of sexual assault as having a ripple effect, starting with the victim and expanding outward to include families, friends, work colleagues, neighbors, and increasingly larger parts of the population. The same can be said for the effects in the military. This was confirmed with the focus groups conducted this year with commanders of all grades, Sexual Assault Response Coordinators (SARCs) and Victim Advocates (VAs). The crime of sexual assault diminishes the armed forces' ability to function proficiently at the levels of servicemember, unit, and command. Its impact is both immediate and long-lasting for individuals in the military and for the institution as a whole. Sexual assault particularly diminishes a unit's mission readiness. Mission readiness is negatively impacted in three ways.

1. The alleged perpetrators are often placed on administrative hold and therefore cannot deploy with their units.

2. Victims may not be able to fulfill their duties or may otherwise have their ability to perform the mission compromised as a result of the traumatic events.

3. The attention of the unit leadership shifts from the normal duties involved in maintaining readiness to addressing a victim's needs, investigating the alleged perpetration, and restoring the unit's cohesion and trust.

Divisiveness may exist not only within a unit but also between units if an alleged perpetrator is in one unit and the victim is in another. To aid victims of sexual assault, Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) programs have been a DoD requirement to be established in each state and territory of the United States.

Per Oregon TAG's Oregon SAPR Program SOP dated 1 OCT 2009, the SAPR Program reinforces the Oregon National Guard's commitment to eliminate incidents of sexual assault through a comprehensive policy that centers on awareness and prevention, training and education, victim advocacy, response, reporting, and accountability. The Oregon National Guard's policy promotes sensitive care and con-

idential reporting for victims of sexual assault and accountability for those who commit these crimes.

The goals of the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program are to:

1. Create a climate that minimizes the occurrence of sexual assault incidents.

2. Ensure that victims and suspects are treated according to Oregon National Guard policy.

3. Create a climate that encourages victims to report incidents of sexual assault without fear.

4. Establish sexual assault prevention training and awareness programs to educate Airmen and Soldiers.

5. Ensure sensitive and comprehensive treatment to restore victims' health and well-being.

6. Ensure leaders understand their roles and responsibilities regarding response to sexual assault victims, thoroughly investigate allegations of sexual assault and take appropriate administrative and disciplinary action.

Sexual assault is a criminal offense that has no place in the Oregon National Guard. It degrades mission readiness by disrupting the organization's ability to work effectively as a team. Every airman and soldier who is aware of a sexual assault should report incidents within 24 hours. Sexual assault is incompatible with Army and Air Force values and is punishable under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ), Oregon Code of Military Justice (OCMJ), Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) and other federal and local civilian laws.

The Oregon National Guard will use training, education and awareness to minimize sexual assault; to promote the sensitive handling of victims of sexual assault; to offer victim assistance and counseling; to hold those who commit sexual assault offenses accountable; to provide confidential avenues for reporting, and to reinforce a commitment to Army and Air Force values.

The Oregon National Guard will treat all victims of sexual assault with dignity, fairness, and respect.

The Oregon National Guard will treat every reported sexual assault incident seriously by following proper guidelines. The information and circumstances of the allegations will be disclosed on a need-to-know basis only.

If you need to report a sexual assault or have any questions about the above article please contact the JFHQ SARC, Capt. Rey Agullana at: office (503) 584-3844, cell (503) 756-5327, or email at [rey.agullana@us.army.mil](mailto:rey.agullana@us.army.mil)

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# Band meets band at Forest Grove demob

Story by Tech. Sgt. Nick Choy  
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In an unusual pairing, the Oregon Army National Guard's 234th Army Band teamed up with the Forest Grove High School Band at the demobilization ceremony for the 2nd Battalion, 218th Field Artillery at the school's football stadium, April 22.

What wasn't unusual were the thousands of family members, friends, community representatives, and well-wishers who welcomed them home, as they disembarked from the buses, which brought them from Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash., after their 10-month deployment to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Prior to the arrival of the Soldiers, families stood anxiously awaiting the arrival of the Soldiers.

Mothers and fathers craned their necks to get a better look down the street fronting the school, looking for the four white buses carrying their sons and daughters. Wives fidgeted nervously while children played at their feet.

"It's very exciting. We all have butterflies," said Judy Spraker, wife of First Sgt. Daniel Spraker, a member of the 2-218 FA, as she stood amongst her extended family members, their son and daughter at her side.

This is Spraker's ninth deployment, she said. And while the separation may have been something the Sprakers are used to, Judy was still giddy with excitement.

"I can't wait to see him," she added.

For others, it was their first deployment.

"I've never been so excited to see my husband and have him home," said Jennye Helzer, wife of Capt. Pete Helzer, Battalion Operations Officer for the 2-218 FA. "It's been a long year and I feel more complete now than I ever have."

Jennye, who is the unit's Family Support Group Representative, said she and her husband drew from the experience of other Soldiers and their families who have already deployed. She also relied on a network of extended family members, friends, and other Oregon Guard spouses.

"(This support group) ranges from your neighbor to the organizations to your family members to your best friend," she said.

"Ensuring that you have a network of people that you can rely on to help will help you sleep better."

One thing the Helzers did to prepare for the deployment was to obtain a power of attorney.

"Our electric company sent us a bill that was three times the normal amount," she said. "The power of attorney saved us."

With the sound of an Oregon State Police car siren, the crowd began screaming. Groups streamed past the two crossed Howitzer canons near the entrance to the stadium to get a better look of the buses as they approached. Cameras clicked, camcorders whirred, and hands waved, as the Soldiers entered, single-file, under two crossed Howitzer canons.

One Soldier, Spc. Evan Bruno, ran to his sister, Danielle, who threw her arms around him.

"My breath is taken away," Danielle Bruno said, as she cried on her brother's shoulder. "A huge weight is taken off my shoulders."

She said their immediate plans include meeting up with friends, and a purchase her brother has been waiting—and saving for—since his deployment began.

"We're going to go pick up his 2010 Chevy Camaro," she said, beaming.

Capt. Peter Helzer said he missed the trees and local Oregon microbrews.

"I feel great," he said. "Just ecstatic. I'm glad to be home."

Helzer didn't have to venture far for one of those microbrews. Just outside the compound, a table was set up by Rogue Brew-



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1. Members of the Oregon Army National Guard's 141 Brigade Support Battalion and 41 Special Troops Battalion, 41 Infantry Brigade Combat Team, stand in formation during their demobilization ceremony at Chiles Center on the University of Portland campus in Portland, Ore., April 21. About 600 soldiers took part in the afternoon ceremony. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Nick Choy, Oregon Military Department Public Affairs)



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2. An Oregon Department of Transportation reader board sign near Exit 304 on I-5 welcomes home soldiers from the Oregon Army National Guard's 41 Infantry Brigade Combat Team, who spent 10 months deployed to Iraq. Members of the unit numbering some 3,000, participated in demobilization ceremonies throughout Oregon in April. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Eric Rutherford, Oregon Military Department Public Affairs)



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3. Oregon Army National Guard Sgt. 1st Class Larry Schuler embraces his wife, Michelle, and daughter, Sarah, who greeted him at Roseburg High School prior to a demobilization ceremony for the 41 Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Oregon Army National Guard, on April 30, in Roseburg, Ore. Schuler, of Coos Bay, Ore., was one of nearly 100 soldiers with 1st Battalion, 186th Infantry Regiment, who returned home after a 10-month deployment to Iraq. Nearly 2,700 Oregon citizen-soldiers with the 41 IBCT deployed to Iraq to provide convoy security, force protection, and infrastructural support. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. 1st Class Kevin Hartman, Oregon Military Department, Public Affairs Office)



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4. Soldiers from the Oregon National Guard's 41 Infantry Brigade Combat Team arrive at Joint Base Lewis-McCord, Wash., following a 30-hour flight from Kuwait, Apr. 12. Almost 3,000 citizen-soldiers spent 10 months in Iraq, providing convoy and route security. The soldiers would later take part in several demobilization ceremonies throughout Oregon during the month of April. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Cory Grogan, 41 IBCT Public Affairs)



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5. Staff Sgt. Scott Young and fellow soldiers from Company B, 2nd Battalion, 162nd Infantry Regiment, 41st Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Oregon Army National Guard, wait to be released to their families at the demobilization ceremony at the Lane County Fairgrounds, in Eugene, Ore., April 23. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Kirby Rider, 115th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment)



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6. Jennifer Anderson of Rogue Ales & Spirits, hands out a bottle of Rogue "Sunset Stout" to a member of the Oregon Army National Guard 2-218 Field Artillery at the unit's demobilization ceremony, at the Forest Grove High School stadium in Forest Grove, Ore., April 22. Rogue Ales donated to each returning soldier one bottle of the commemorative beer, featuring a unique collector's label. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Eric Rutherford, Oregon Military Department Public Affairs)



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**After almost a year's deployment in Iraq, the Oregon Army National Guard's 41 Infantry Brigade Combat Team returned to the Northwest region in late-March and early April of 2010.**

**Almost 3,000 citizen-soldiers were received by their communities and countrymen as heroes.**

**Here is a pictorial essay of their homecoming and demobilization ceremonies, which took place throughout Oregon in April.**



7. Oregon Army National Guard members of the 41 IBCT arrive at Joint Base Lewis-McChord. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. 1st Class Kevin Hartman, Oregon Military Department Public Affairs)

8. Spc. Nicholas Geraghty holds his daughter, Aubrey at the Lane County Fairgrounds before the demobilization ceremony in Eugene, Ore., April 23. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Eric Rutherford, Oregon Military Department Public Affairs)

9. The Oregon Army National Guard 234 Army Band joined the Forest Grove High School band at the 2-218 FA demobilization ceremony at the Forest Grove High School, April 22. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Nick Choy, Oregon Military Department Public Affairs)

10. Staff Sgt. Roy Harper from the 1st Battalion, 186th Infantry Regiment, 41st Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Oregon Army National Guard, holds his daughter Patricia before the demobilization ceremony in Medford, Ore., April 24. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Kirby Rider, 115th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment)

11. Oregon Army National Guard members of 1-82 CAV, march into Vince Genna Stadium in Bend, Ore., prior to their demobilization ceremony, April 18. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Eric Rutherford, Oregon Military Department Public Affairs)



**Oregonians are home**

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For the family members at each of the ceremonies, a common theme was relief—relief the deployment was over—relief to have loved ones home.

“It’s definitely a relief to be back home,” said Sgt. Benjamin Case, of Alpha Co., 41 Special Troops Battalion, just outside the Chiles Center at the University of Portland campus in Portland, Ore. “It’s good to be with friends and family, and I’m happy to be back in Oregon and see the color green again.”

Spc. Scott Oslund, of HHC 41 Special Troops Battalion, said being separated from his wife and their three children wasn’t easy, but the family regularly kept in touch on the Internet.

While with the Active Duty Army, Oslund deployed a few times before. While the separation from loved ones wasn’t new, the mission was different, he said.

“We were doing sustainment, and helping people out as much as we could,” he said. “Not too much combat.”

Oslund’s wife Melissa said the reward for her husband’s safe homecoming is a planned trip to Disneyland.

“We missed him tremendously,” she said, as their daughter Jacelyn clung to Scott’s uniform. “Scott’s never been to Disneyland, so we’re going there.”

At the Portland demobilization ceremony, about 600 Soldiers of the Oregon Army National Guard’s 141 Brigade Support Battalion and 41 Special Troops Battalion, stood in two large formations inside the arena, while thousands of family members, friends, and supporters filled in the bleachers.

The afternoon ceremony was attended by Rees, Oregon Governor Ted Kulongoski, Portland Mayor Sam Adams, and Oregon State Sen. Betsy Johnson (D-Scappoose).

During his speech, the Governor reminded the assembly that the entire state of Oregon stands behind each and every one of the returning Soldiers. He directed people toward the Oregon National Guard’s reintegration website, <http://fortoregon.com>, where Soldiers and their families can find referrals and assistance for jobs, counseling, or educational benefits.

He also reminded Soldiers to take advantage of the enhanced GI Bill.

“I don’t know any time in the history of this country that we have provided as much financial aid to help soldiers go back to school,” Kulongoski said.

Kulongoski, a former Marine, and the longest-sitting Oregon governor during wartime, said he always thought of the title of commander in chief of the Oregon National Guard as a ceremonial title. But now with the nation at war, his views have changed.

“The Nation is at war,” he said. “I have a completely different view of my title and responsibility.” He called for all Americans to recognize the service and sacrifice of the men and women in the military, and issued a call to action for those not in the armed forces.

“(Sacrifice) is not just for the soldiers and their families,” he said. “I think every person in this state and nation owes them a tremendous debt of gratitude for the sacrifices they are making in order to guarantee our freedom.”

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**‘Welcome home’ 41st**

Last month Maj. Gen. Raymond F. Rees met with the Council of Chief Warrant Officers 5.

His guidance was simple and direct: senior warrants will brief general officers and selected leaders on the “State of Warrant Officer Corps” with the idea of briefing at the Oregon National Guard Senior Leaders Conference this September.

The brief will be posted on the Command Chief Warrant Officers website. With this strong command emphasis, our ranks will continue to grow.

I would like to welcome into our selected family three new aviation Warrant Officers.

Warrant Officer 1 Lars Larson, former artillery officer, joined us and was accepted to flight school, where he is now training. Chief Warrant 2 Conor Whitehead comes to us from active duty, and is heading to the 168th in Pendleton to pilot Chinooks.

In addition, we welcome Chief Warrant 2 Aaron Varland from active duty. Varland is also scheduled to join the 168th in Pendleton at the end of April.

This month Chief Warrant 4 Stewart and I will be at Fort Rucker to congratulate and pin Warrant Officer Candidate Jonathon Tygret.

Warrant Officer Candidate Ross Rappe will be heading to Warrant Officer Candidate Course, best of luck. Remember the Officer and Warrant Officer Training Workshop is scheduled for August 12-15 in Welches, Ore.

If you have a prospective warrant that you believe has what it takes to pin the warrant bar on, make sure they register for the workshop.

For the Corps!

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**Community turns out for homecoming**

ery, where company representatives handed each Soldier a complimentary bottle of beer.

The special label “Sunset Stout” commemorated the accomplishments of the 41 IBCT with a collector label design. Rogue procured enough of the special bottles to distribute one beer to every Soldier returning from the deployment, and a number of cases for later purchase.

During the ceremony, Forest Grove Mayor Peter Truax, declared April 22 as “Welcome Home Day” for the city of Forest Grove.

Rees, thinking about the sacrifices of Concord and Lexington’s Minutemen 235 years ago, said the enduring sacrifice and reputation of the National Guard will continue in the centuries to come.

“I think people will look back and say that we had great citizen soldiers in our state and in our country,” he said.

The mission was the largest single deployment of Oregon Soldiers since WWII. While in Iraq, the Soldiers conducted over 6,000 convoy missions spanning over 90,000 square miles. They provided security for over 108,000 trucks carrying more than 160 million gallons of fuel, 11.5 million cases of water, 605,000 cases of MREs, nine million rounds of ammunition, and over 23,000 individual pieces of cargo.



## NEWS

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## New veterans home set for Linn County

**SALEM, Ore.** -- The Director of the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs announced today that the agency will build a second Veterans' Home in Linn County at a site in Lebanon contingent upon local matching funds.

Originally slated to be a 250-bed facility, the site evaluation committee recommended that the second veterans' home be 100-150 beds and that a third veterans' home be built in Roseburg to cover Oregon's southwestern region. ODVA will need legislative approval to build a third veterans' home.

"The site evaluation committee did painstaking work, visiting each of the five sites and reviewing the excellent proposals that were submitted," Director Jim Willis said. "While all the sites were outstanding, Linn County's proposal rose to the top and we are excited to work with the community to build the second veterans' home."

The site evaluation committee, consisting of ODVA employees and outside experts, considered a variety of criteria for locating the new home. When reviewing Oregon's veteran population demographics, the committee recognized the need to adjust its original plan by right-sizing the second veterans' home and planning for a third in Roseburg to cover Oregon's southwestern region.

"I believe the committee's proposal is the best plan to meet veterans' needs," Willis said. "We will begin working with the Legislature immediately to gain approval for a third home."

ODVA also received proposals from Douglas County, Jackson County, Klamath County and Coquille.

"The United States Department of Veterans Affairs has told us that Oregon needs 800 skilled-nursing beds for veterans in this state. Oregon has one veterans' home in The Dalles with 151 beds," Willis explained.

"We are committed to ensuring that we meet the needs of our senior veterans and will continue to partner with the Legislature and communities for the care of Oregon veterans."

## Tricare offers mail-order pharmacy

Some say stress can make you sick and having too much to do certainly contributes to stress. If your to-do list overfloweth, consider saving yourself some time and some of your hard-earned cash by filling your prescriptions through TMOP, the TRICARE Mail Order Pharmacy.

Using the TRICARE Mail Order Pharmacy is easy, but how to get started depends on whether you're submitting a new or a refill prescription.

To order a new prescription through TMOP, do one of the following:

- Have your doctor call Express Scripts toll-free at (877) 283-3858
- Have your doctor fax your order form and your written prescription to Express Scripts at (877) 895-1900

- Complete an Order Form which are available at [www.express-scripts.com/TRICARE](http://www.express-scripts.com/TRICARE) and mail the completed form and your written prescription to:

Express Scripts, Inc  
PO Box 52150  
Phoenix, AZ 85072

To refill a prescription you already receive through TMOP, do one of the following:

- Order your refill online at [\[scripts.com/members/TRICARE/\]\(http://scripts.com/members/TRICARE/\)](http://www.express-</a></li>
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- Order your refill by phone by calling the toll-free number on your prescription bottle
- Complete and mail back the refill form that came with your current prescription

TMOP can fill and deliver prescriptions anywhere in the United States and its territories, including APO/FPO addresses.

The prescription is sent to the address of your choice. It could be your office, your home, or anywhere.

Not only is the service convenient, it will save you money. Using TMOP, you can order a 90-day supply of your medication and save up to 66 percent.

Although the TRICARE Mail Order Pharmacy is a cost-savings over retail, remember that filling prescriptions at a local military clinic pharmacy remains the least expensive option for TRICARE beneficiaries. Additionally, refrigerated medications cannot be ordered through TMOP.

TriWest does not administer the TRICARE Mail Order Pharmacy program; it is administered by Express Scripts, Inc.

For more information, contact Express Scripts, Inc. at 1-877-363-1303 or visit: [www.express-scripts.com/TRICARE](http://www.express-scripts.com/TRICARE)

## Retiree, Vets Counsel updates website

The Oregon National Guard Retirees and Veterans Council has recently upgraded their web site from a bulletin board format to a full-service site that provides a complete one-stop shopping website.

The Council's goals are to provide all current and retired members of the Oregon Guard a single point of contact with links to all available services.

Retired Lt. Col. Steve Abel and retired Chief Master Sgt. Bud Snavelly have spent the past year developing the site that was placed online at the beginning of the new year.

The Council's plan for the future is to have links to each regimental command with calendars of events and accomplishments portrayed

for all interested persons to review. We encourage your input to help us develop a useful communications tool for all retirees and veterans.

The site can be accessed by going to [www.orngetirees.info/](http://www.orngetirees.info/)

For further questions or concerns please call the Retiree Service Office at (503) 584-2891 on Tuesdays between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

## May 8: Military Family Apprec. day

**SALEM, Ore.** -- Initiated last year to raise community awareness of the sacrifices of those who serve in the military and their families, Oregon will again celebrate Military Family Appreciation Day, May 8, 2010.

Last year, 14 communities throughout Oregon held events in support of military families that included local proclamations, educational materials about military service and families, and community projects.

This year, organizers are eager to encourage more communities to participate, especially because more than 2,500 soldiers from Oregon Army National Guard's 41st Infantry Brigade Combat Team will be returning home from its Iraq deployment at about the same time.

For more information about Military Family Appreciation Day, contact Tom Mann, (503) 373-2386, or Michelle Kochosky, (503) 534-2245.

## Tricare provides HIPAA guidance

Whether you access your health care through TRICARE or a private health insurance plan, you've probably had to sign a HIPAA form every time you filled out paperwork at your doctor's office. Do you know why? What exactly is HIPAA, and what does it mean for you?

HIPAA is shorthand for the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996. HIPAA works for you by advocating four important things:

- Insurance Portability:
- HIPAA's portability requirement means you can retain access to your health insurance while changing employers or leaving the workforce. This helps avoid lapses in coverage that

could cost you benefits down the road.

- Lower Insurance Costs- According to a study by the Department of Medicine at Cambridge Hospital and Harvard Medical School, 31 percent of every health-care dollar spent in the U.S. is spent on administrative costs. HIPAA aims to reduce those costs through "Administration Simplification." Administration Simplification establishes national standards for electronic transmission of certain health information. If fully implemented, this would help control administrative costs while improving the quality and efficiency of your health care.

- Patient Privacy: HIPAA also establishes very strict rules and regulations protecting your privacy as a patient. It regulates how and to whom your information can be disclosed to make sure your protected health information stays private. You will get a copy of your HIPAA privacy rights from your doctor as part of your paperwork.

**Patient Rights:** HIPAA gives patients rights regarding their health information. Thanks to HIPAA, you have the right to access, review and copy your protected health information, request changes to it, limit who can see it or what parts they can see, and more.

Want to know more about HIPAA, including how TriWest, the West Region TRICARE program administrator, protects your personal information? Visit [www.triwest.com](http://www.triwest.com) and click "Privacy Policy" at the bottom of the page.

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## City of Bend dedicates first ever Veterans Center



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Nick Choy, Oregon Military Dept. Public Affairs

Gary Hunter, Bend Veterans Center Team Leader, (left, center), cuts the ribbon at the center's dedication ceremony in Bend, Ore., Apr. 7, 2010. U.S. Senator Ron Wyden (D-OR), and Oregon Military Department Director of Staff, Brig. Gen. Mike Caldwell also attended the event.

## NEWS

## Skills learned during deployment benefit community

Oregon soldier teaches valuable life-saving skills to soldier Clackamas County deputies

Story by Kim L. Lippert,  
Oregon Military Department  
Public Affairs Office

**SALEM, Ore.** -- An Oregon National Guard soldier is using his combat lifesaving training to potentially save lives in his civilian career.

Staff Sgt. John Zagyva, a soldier with 1st Battalion 82nd Cavalry and a patrol deputy with Clackamas County Sheriff's Department, is providing combat first aid training to the department.

"Deputy Zagyva is a seasoned, well decorated, combat veteran," said Craig Roberts, Sheriff of the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office.

"When Deputy Zagyva provides his block of instruction to coworkers about combat casualty care—they listen intently," he said. "His real world combat experiences are eloquently woven for affect into his course of instruction and serve to emphasize the value of learning how to do it right, and how to do it right under profound pressure."

Zagyva received the Bronze Star Medal with V device for Valor while serving as a scout with 1-63 Armor attached to the 173rd airborne in Iraq in 2003.

He rejoined the Oregon National Guard

in 2006.

Zagyva began training fellow deputies on combat first aid in January 2010.

"I've dealt with a lot of IED's (improvised explosive devices) and bullet wounds so I brought that over to them," he said.

Along with basic CPR, deputies are learning how to treat bullet wounds and apply tourniquets.

"I have a lot of experience in bandaging people up in the field," said Zagyva. "I don't want to see any kind of those incidents happen in law enforcement."

Zagyva said in Iraq up to 60 percent of deaths are from "bleed outs" which happen if the wound isn't treated fast enough.

"A guy dying from a bleed is ridiculous," said Zagyva.

Zagyva said many of those deaths can be prevented if the wound is treated properly, making this training all the more important.

"This level of training can extend life expectancy for several precious minutes until paramedics arrive on scene," said Roberts.

For his work, Zagyva recently received a commendation award from the Clackamas County Sheriff's department.

"Military veterans have always been considered a real asset to the Clackamas County



Photo courtesy of Clackamas County Sheriff's Department

Oregon Army National Guard Staff Sgt. John Zagyva, and two Clackamas County deputies, practice combat first aid training. Zagyva brings skills and experience learned as an Oregon Soldier to his full-time job with the Clackamas Co. Sheriff's Department.

Sheriff's Office," said Roberts. "Military experience, coupled with law-enforcement experience and training, is a potent combination," Roberts added.

According to Roberts this training will take place every other year to correspond with state standards. The next training cycle for this type of instruction will take place in 2012.

## 41 IBCT soldiers train replacements before leaving Iraq

Story and photo by  
Spc. Anita VanderMolen,

41 Infantry Brigade Combat Team Public Affairs

### CAMP ADDER, Iraq

-- The soldiers of Task Force Volunteer 2 Battalion 162 Infantry Regiment, 41 Infantry Brigade Combat Team, and their counterparts Task Force Geronimo, 2 Squadron, 108 Cavalry, 256 Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Louisiana National Guard, attend a training from an explosive ordnance disposal team March 17, at Camp Adder, Iraq.

The training was in conjunction with the relief-in-place process as the 41 IBCT prepare to redeploy and the 256 IBCT take over the mission.

The Air Force's 407 Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron EOD technicians discussed how the vehicles protect the soldiers from IED blasts.

"The up-armored Cougar MRAP [mine-resistant ambush protected] with the updated armor is absolutely wonderful," said Tech. Sgt. Vincent M. Pagano, EOD operations sergeant. The additional armor surrounding the vehicle adds layers of protection for the soldiers.

They presented their equipment and explained their role in the improvised explosive

device and explosively formed projectile disposal process. They have three ways to identify the explosive device.

"We have a robot system called the Talon, a bomb suit and a truck-mounted device," said Tech Sgt. Pagano. "We ensure the site is safe, take care of the device, make sure no one is hurt and clean the area."

To help EOD to be successful in their job, the soldiers should cover any damage to the vehicles, stay out of the blast area and not pick up anything that may be related to the explosive device.

They should also mark the area, note the distance from the device to the marked area and what side of the road the device is on. They should continue doing their job of securing the area while the EOD team does their job.



Photo courtesy of 41 IBCT Public Affairs

Tech. Sgt. Vincent Pagano, operations sergeant with the 407th ECES explosive ordnance disposal team explains the EOD mission to soldiers of Task Force Volunteer 2-162 IN Oregon National Guard and TF Geronimo, 2-108th CAV Louisiana National Guard, March 17, at Camp Adder, Iraq. The EOD team explained what their duties are at the scene of an improvised explosive device and showed the Soldiers what equipment they use to identify and dispose of the IED.

"We take samples and do chemical analyses to tie the device to other events that happen in the area," Pagano said. The collected information goes to the National Ground Intelligence Center. The Center puts the information in a database for future reference.

"The information collected will help everyone get out of here," said Staff Sgt. Bart Mat-

thews, an EOD technician with the 407th.

"IEDs are the biggest threats to keeping our trucks out on the road," said Staff Sgt. Keith Engle, a Portland, Ore. native, and platoon sergeant for C Company 2-162 IN. "This is the most important training we will have out here with our current mission."

## Veteran Service Officers given to Oregon colleges



Story courtesy,  
Oregon Department of  
Veterans' Affairs

**SALEM, Ore.** -- In an effort to help student veterans with the GI Bill and other veteran benefits, the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs has fielded five campus veteran service officers throughout the state.

Authorized by House Bill 2718 during the 2009 Legislative Session, the five veteran service officers are located regionally and travel between Oregon's universities and community colleges.

The regions include, Portland State University, Oregon State University, University of Oregon, Southern Oregon University, and Eastern Oregon University.

The intent of the program is to reach student veterans and help them with their benefits, especially the Post 9/11 GI Bill.

During the past six months, the campus veteran service officers have helped hundreds of student veterans receive their Post 9/11 GI Bill eligibility certificates and have worked closely with college and university certifying officials to ensure payment of the educational benefits.

"This program has done exactly what we thought it would do," said ODVA Director Jim Willis. "We're helping hundreds of veterans receive both education benefits and

*"We make it easy for veterans to receive the benefits they have earned."*

-ODVA Director Jim Willis

other VA benefits, such as health care and disability compensation. By going to the campuses where they are, we make it easy for veterans to receive the benefits they have earned."

With the success of the program, there is interest in expanding it during the next legislative session. "We originally were going to ask for a VSO on every university and community college campus; however, budget restrictions made that impossible," Willis explained. "But, we are interested in expanding so that every student veteran has the advantage of having a trained accredited VSO helping them with their benefits."

For more information about the Campus VSO Program, the Post 9/11 GI Bill or other educational benefits, please contact ODVA, (503) 373-2186.

## Commissary Case-Lot Sale Returns to Klamath Falls On-Site Case Lot Sale

May 14 & 15, 2010  
9 a.m.- 5 p.m.

Kingsley Field, Klamath Falls, Ore.

Sale open to all military ID cardholders  
Active duty, National Guard, Reserve and retirees

In an effort to bring the commissary benefit to Guard and Reserve units who do not have commissary facilities nearby, DeCA is bringing the benefit to you.

Sales feature a variety of staples and dry goods including meat and vegetables. The sale is open to all veterans, active, Guard, Reservists, and retirees.

This event sponsored by Travis AFB Commissary.

## NEWS

## Citizen-Airman helps rebuild Iraqi airspace



Photo by Spc. Anita VanderMolen, 41 IBCT Public Affairs

Second from right: Oregon Air National Guard Col. Steven Gregg in Baghdad with State Command Sergeant Major Brunk Conley (far right), and Maj. Gen. Raymond F. Rees, The Adjutant General, Oregon National Guard (center). Oregon Army National Guard Col. Dan Hokanson, 41 IBCT Commander is pictured on the far left.

**Story by**  
**Tech. Sgt. Jefferson Thompson**  
Oregon Military Department  
Public Affairs Office

**BAGHDAD, Iraq** -- Prior to his recent promotion, then-Col. Steven Gregg spent nearly seven months in Iraq working with the Air Component Coordination Element, which partnered with Iraqi authorities to revamp the airway structure within the country.

Following years of no-fly zones in the north and south, airway organization was in a state of disarray.

"On Jan. 1, 2009, they got sovereignty over their airspace," however they had only four qualified air traffic controllers, far short of the 160 needed, and too little infrastructure to adequately manage air traffic. This hindered Iraq from creating flyways over their country to better facilitate heavy air traffic, Gregg said.

Gregg said the necessary "eight-lane highway" in the sky would help the country generate needed revenue and reduce costs for carriers who would no longer have to navigate around Iraq's airspace.

"We've been working to help them get contracts to rebuild their capability while we work with our side to hand off airspace to them," Gregg added.

One man in particular sticks out in Gregg's mind as he recounts this process and he says the highlight of the trip was working with Qusay Majid Chuchan Al Sheikh, a member of the Iraq Civil Aviation Authority.

"Qusay is one of the sharpest people I've ever met," Gregg said.

"We set about redesigning the air routes

and we had to have someone do all the radar automation work to re-draw the routes on the radar screens. Qusay went in and drew all the maps perfectly."

One night, with Raytheon Company literally on the phone and the U.S. Air Force poised to retake the airspace on a moments notice in the event of a system malfunction, the system was rebooted.

The precautions proved unnecessary as the new routes began functioning smoothly.

"He flipped the switch and all the screens powered up again with the routes just like Qusay had programmed them, and that was probably the best moment for me over here," Gregg said.

The new routes increase capacity and efficiency to users operating within Iraqi airspace, according to Ali Khalil Ibrahim, Iraq Civil Aviation Authority Director of Air Traffic Services.

Gregg said Ibrahim is grateful for the work that has been put into the betterment of his country.

"I would like to thank everyone who supports the ICAA, especially our colleagues and the U.S. Air Force," he said.

"They have done a great job in assisting the ICAA. We have had many successes together and I hope that in time we will get full responsibility of our air space."

Oregon's Assistant Adjutant General Air, Gregg returned to the states in March and says the deployment was an excellent experience.

"It was an honor for me to serve out here and it's been a very valuable to experience."

Gregg was promoted to the rank brigadier general on April 2.

## Gregg promoted to Brigadier General



Photo by Sgt. Eric A. Rutherford, Oregon Military Dept. Public Affairs

Tyler (l) and Will (r) Gregg, pin their father, Brig. Gen. Steven Gregg, Oregon Air National Guard, with his new rank of brigadier general, during a promotion ceremony at the Anderson Readiness Center in Salem, Ore., April 2. Gregg's wife Linda and Maj. Gen. Raymond F. Rees, The Adjutant General, Oregon National Guard, look on.

**Story by**  
**Tech. Sgt. Jefferson Thompson**  
Oregon Military Department  
Public Affairs Office

**SALEM, Ore.** -- Oregon Air National Guard added its newest general April 2, when Brig. Gen. Steven Gregg received his star.

After returning from a four-month deployment to Baghdad, Iraq (see related story "Citizen Airman helps build Iraqi airspace"), Gregg was

welcomed home and promoted during a ceremony at the Anderson Readiness Center in Salem, Ore.

The promotion followed his selection as the Assistant Adjutant General, Air, which he has held for more than two years.

Gregg previously served as the 142nd Fighter Wing Commander from 2005 to 2007.

Gregg currently works as a San Francisco-based airline pilot for United Airlines.

## Oregonians visit with an old friend at Arizona Aviation Park



Photo courtesy of CW-5 Mike Zagya, Oregon Military Department

Oregon National Guard members, both past and present, posed with another retiree, the OV-1D Mohawk aircraft, now on display at the newly-dedicated Army Intelligence Aviation Memorial Park at the U.S. Army Intelligence Center of Excellence in Fort Huachuca, Ariz. The Park is dedicated to all U.S. Army Special Electronic Mission Aircraft.

The OV-1D Mohawk, a fixed winged intelligence gathering platform which used infrared imagery and Side-Looking Airborne Radar to gather intelligence. The airframe was part of the Oregon Army National Guard's inventory from 1972 to 1992, starting with the 1042 Military Intelligence Company Ariel Surveillance, which later became the 641 Military Intelligence Battalion.

Pictured from left to right, are: retired Chief Warrant Officer-4 Tom Wisniewski, Chief Warrant Officer-5 Mike Zagya, retired Col. Dick Wolfe, retired Maj. Gen. Chuck Rosenfeld, and retired Maj. Steve Hammons.

## OFFICER / WARRANT OFFICER TRAINING WORKSHOP

AUGUST 12-15, 2010

THE RESORT AT THE MOUNTAIN, WELCHES, OR

The Recruiting and Retention Command is hosting an informative workshop for those enlisted soldiers and their spouses who are interested in becoming an officer or warrant officer. Presentations include: Avenues to Commissioning, Benefits, Civilian Education, Leadership 101, Life as an Officer/WO Candidate, and Life Cycle Management. Training will also include Area of Concentration (AOC), Military Occupation Specialty (MOS), Specific Career Opportunities and Potential Assignments. In addition, spouses will receive an introduction to the National Guard and training on pay, benefits, and Family Readiness Groups. Application packet processing will occur daily.

All interested applicants are asked to contact their respective Units/Battalion S1 for more information.

STEP FORWARD



## Southridge high school girls basketball team earns tour championship



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Everett Horvath, Recruiting and Retention Command

Col. Alaine Encabo, the recruiting and retention commander, Oregon Army National Guard, presents the MaxPreps Tour of Champions Trophy which is sponsored by the National Guard to the Southridge High School Skyhawks Girls Basketball team at an assembly at the school April 9, in Beaverton, Ore. The Tour of Champions honors the top 20 high school basketball programs from across the country. The 2010 Lady Skyhawks won the 6A state basketball title and finished the season with a 26-2 record.