



**OREGON MILITARY MUSEUM
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FRONT LINES

The Oregon Military Museum Monthly Report

December 6, 2011-January 31, 2012

COMPLETED:

- We are very pleased to announce that a large donation was received by the Historical Outreach Foundation to kick start the capital campaign for the Oregon Military Museum. To learn more about the campaign, schedule a visit, or to make a contribution, please contact the Museum directly, or the Historical Outreach Foundation:

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★ Save the Date - MAY 18, 2012 – for the
ALL STAR SALUTE TO THE OREGON MILITARY
★ Fundraiser to benefit the Oregon Military Museum
at the Oregon Golf Club, West Linn, Oregon ★

- Tracy Thoennes attended the National Guard Bureau's Museum Advisory Council (MAC) meeting at Jackson Barracks. The recovery efforts from Hurricane Katrina have allowed the Louisiana National Guard to build a new \$11M Museum to replace the one that was completely destroyed.
 - The Council developed this year's NG Museums training sessions, which will take place at Rapid City August 20-24, 2012. Thoennes has been invited to participate in two sessions.
 - We reviewed a draft of the revised Army regulation 870-20, expected to be adopted by the Center of Military History in 2013. It will spell out how National Guard Museums will be recognized (as a Museum, Provisional Museum, Museum Activity, or Historical Holding). It also allows, for the first time, NG Museums to apply for Army Museum certification (validating that a Museum as meets excellence standards akin national accreditation).
 - We reviewed the information paper for "VMUS" funding (federal funding) that will be support the federal budget submission process for Fiscal Years 2014-2018.

Jackson Barracks images: new front courtyard, downstairs gallery, upstairs gallery, spacesaver collections storage system



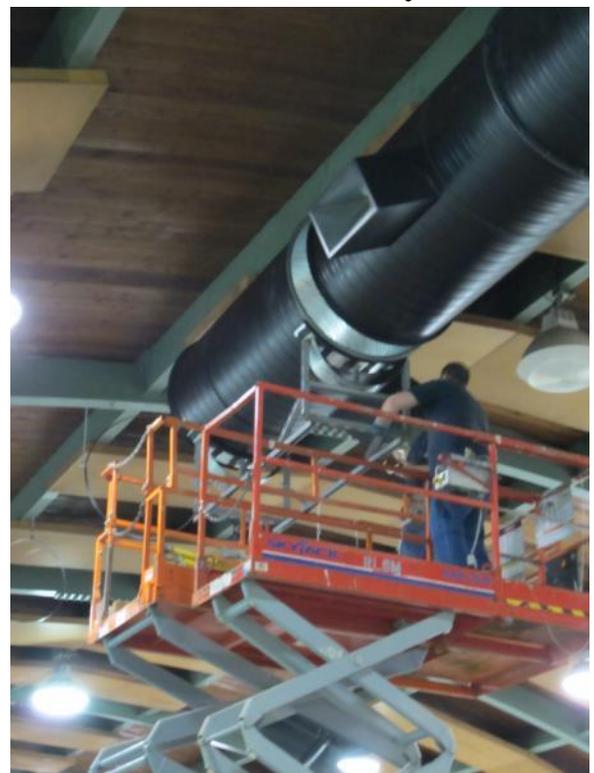
- Digital phone conversion is complete. We are no longer able to receive phone calls via the old "557" prefix. Please use the new number 503-683-5359. Voice mail is yet to be activated, and we apologize for any inconvenience.
- Kathleen Daly and Joanne Manson, ORNG Master Planner, met with the West Point Society of Oregon during their monthly luncheon. They discussed recent changes at Camp Withycombe, as well as the future of the Museum and its Historic District.

- The Historical Outreach Foundation had a table display at the Clackamas County Historical Society's Pearl Harbor Day event.
- Ms. Daly presented a powerpoint briefing at the ORNG Association and Pacific Northwest Defense Coalition's briefing and holiday gathering.
- The M42A3 Duster has been painted and is now in its new home in the Historical Area. Our thanks to all involved! →
- A full-color, 65-page pamphlet titled the *National Guard Museum Directory* is now available. It is published by the National Guard Bureau's Historical Service Division, which also plans to launch an accompanying website.
- The Center of Military History's website has been updated to include National Guard Museums listings.
- Attended oral history interview of Carl V. Shoemaker II, a 41st Infantry Division veteran and later aide to BG Thomas Rilea through the 1950s. Shoemaker began his military career in the 1920s at the "mascot" for the unit his father commanded, Company B, 186th Infantry Regiment. His father, Carl V. Shoemaker Sr. was also a distinguished marksman for the Oregon National Guard.
- Four outdated cameras were turned in as excess, and taken off the Museum's books.
- Kathleen Daly returned to contractor status, as of January 1, 2012.
- A project started by a high school volunteer in May 2011 is finally complete. More than 8,000 35mm negatives have been individually cut from negative strips and filed with their corresponding contact sheet-sized photograph. These are images of the first 8,000+ artifacts acquired by the Museum. The project was often worked on by staff and volunteers when escorting contractors in high-security artifact storage areas.
- Worked with Installations folks regarding the electrical power shutdown for one of the Museum's vault, as part of the new Post Exchange remodel.
- Discovered that the tampion (aka muzzle cover) on the M60 tank in front of the Museum disappeared, so volunteers fabricated one from archival closed-cell polyethylene.
- 100% of all 2011 donations now processed.
- Process to get authorization from the Center of Military History for volunteers to support our work with federal artifacts completed. A very nice note was included from the Center of Military History's NG Museum Liaison Mark Whitlock, "**The staff of the Oregon Military Museum leads the way in professionalism and initiative and serve as a fine example for other museums in the Army Museum System to follow. Your state and command can be very proud of the fine job they are doing.**" Thanks Mark!



PENDING:

- 50% of ductwork installed on the Drill Floor (future Main Gallery). Significant structural challenges for supporting weights of roof-top heating/air conditioning units identified and being resolved.





- ← New ductwork arrives for the rifle range (future vault). Ceilings removed.
- ↓ Future registration and cataloguing rooms' contents packed and emptied. Old drop ceilings have now been removed, revealing beautiful wood and giving us several additional feet of vertical space.

- Exhibit planning and artifact identification of macroartifacts begins for proposed December 2012 soft opening.
- Scanning 41st veteran Bob Lenneville's photo album. Due to the huge increase in the acquisition of digital files by the Museum, we are working on policies and procedures for processing all digital-based materials.
- Compound D cleanup continues.
- Nine National Guard units with Museum historical property on loan remain to complete their renewals.
- A new roof leak has us baffled, since it is in the middle of the old mess hall (future library). A second leak in a vent that will be removed is also being monitored.
- Researching correct color for the German Model 1910 210mm Krupp Lange Mörser (long mortar) that will be painted soon.
- Accepting Portland State University student applications for a 20-hour a week museum/library internship.
- Submitted proposal about the Clackamas Range cleanup to the National Museum of the U.S. Army for possible inclusion in their future "Army and Society" exhibit.
- Prepping materials for a new Owen Summers-related display case that will go in the upstairs conference room in the Summers Building, Oregon Military Department.
- Working toward compliance of AR870-20 for weapons reporting via the Department of Defense Small Arms Serialization Program.
- Quarterly weapons inventory is due this month.
- Shop volunteers are restoring our Japanese Type 91 105mm howitzer. Made in 1939, it was discovered that this example certainly saw combat, when volunteers found a bullet hole in the brake hand wheel under the seat.



2012 CALENDAR / UPCOMING EVENTS:

Feb 20	Museum closed – Washington's Birthday
Feb 23	Tenant's meeting
Apr 16-20	EPAS (External environmental review at Camp Withycombe and all tenants)
May 10	Oregon State Parks' 4th Annual Historic Preservation Month Fair, State Capitol, table display
Mid-May	19 new collections storage cabinets slated to arrive
May 17	ORNG Armed Forces Day at State Capitol?
May 18	SAVE THE DATE – Historical Outreach Foundation fundraiser special event
May 19	15 th Annual Living History Day at Camp Withycombe
Aug 20-24	NG Museum Training, Rapid City, SD

JUST BY THE NUMBERS:

Artifact Donations since January 1, 2012: 3
 Library and Archives Donations: 1
 Research Requests since January 1, 2012: 8

We appreciated getting a nice note of thanks from Boston author Jon Gawne regarding research and photographs we provided for his upcoming publication on the M1941 field jacket aka "Ike" jacket: "I have to say I have NEVER EVER had such service from any Govt related organization in many years of researching this stuff.... I really have to thank you for such fine work."

NEW DONATION HIGHLIGHTS

(with our deep gratitude):

- Met with Mr. Ed Hardt, son of Oregon National Guard CWO Ed Hardt. CWO Hardt was a 41st Infantry Division combat veteran and a distinguished marksman who participated in the National Matches from the 1920s through his retirement in 1963. Hardt scored 195 out of 200 in the 1955 carbine matches, a record that was never beat. (His carbine is in the Museum's collection.) On temporary loan are all of Hardt's medals and marksmanship awards. Donated items include Hardt's WWII photo album, personal papers, and additional photos. At right are his National Matches medals.
- Received pamphlet *The Third Oregon Infantry on the Mexican Border*. Donor also included candid digital images of his great-grandfather Archie Henry Thomas, who served in the Oregon National Guard from about 1905 to 1925. The image below is of the 3rd Oregon circa 1916.



DATA LOGGERS: November 30, 2011 – January 3, 2012

Museum Standards:

- Stable temperature and relative humidity are needed to preserve historic artifacts, photos & documents.
- The goal is to maintain 68° F and 50% relative humidity (RH), except vaults' RH should be at 40%. Temperature and/or RH should not swing more than +/-5 within a 24 hour period, since these swings are what cause major deterioration.
- Green highlights indicate when and where **standards were met**. Yellow highlights indicate **violations** of standards listed, by being off goal (too hot or cold, too high or low RH).
- Outside Temperature – High 57, Low 24

Quick Look:

Fluctuations of more than 5° or 5% occurred within a 24 hour period this many times:

Collections:	2 of 34 days	Uncatalogued:	4 of 34 days	Vault 6101-2:	0 of 34 days
Art Storage:	9 of 34 days	Drill Floor Stage:	8 of 34 days	Vault 6410:	1 of 34 days
Garment Storage:	9 of 34 days	Vault 6101-1:	1 of 34 days		

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LOGGER NO.	LOGGER LOC.	HIGH TEMP	LOW TEMP	AV TEMP	HIGH RH	LOW RH	AV RH
2307219	Collections	73.75	68.25	70.51	38.13	23.89	31.43
2307220	Art Storage	70.65	66.20	68.32	43.47	26.39	33.18
2307221	Garment Storage	74.80	60.02	63.47	48.30	29.45	39.28
2307222	Uncatalogued	75.31	71.34	73.11	41.92	20.47	29.07
2307223	Drill Floor Stage	68.10	60.88	65.13	56.09	25.35	37.53
2307224	Vault 6101-1	66.71	62.77	64.14	45.27	35.82	42.79
2307225	Vault 6101-2	69.12	66.88	67.91	41.20	30.88	35.54
2307226	Vault 6410	67.22	60.20	64.22	48.14	40.45	46.46