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FRONT LINES

The Oregon Military Museum Monthly Report

April 1- May 3, 2012

UPCOMING EVENTS, PLEASE JOIN US!

★ **May 17, 2012 ~ Armed Forces Day at the State Capitol**

Free public event showcasing the Oregon National Guard and celebrating Armed Force Day.

★ **May 18, 2012 ~ All-Star Salute to the Oregon Military**

Dinner and auction fundraiser to benefit the Oregon Military Museum's Capital Campaign at the Oregon Golf Club, West Linn, Oregon. Sponsored by the Historical Outreach Foundation. Alisha Hamel, Executive Director, 503-705-5965

Email: HistoricOutreach@aol.com website: www.historicaloutreach.com

For more information on the event, please visit: <http://allstarsalute.com>

(Individual tickets are now sold out, however table sponsorship is still available!)

★ **MAY 19, 2012 ~ 16th Annual Living History Day at Camp Withycombe**

America's military history comes alive through living historians and displays of military vehicles! Honoring all U.S. Veterans on Armed Forces Day. Sponsored by the Military Vehicle Collectors Club of Oregon & Oregon Military Museum. This is a FREE public event, hours are 9am to 5pm.

★ **JUNE 2, 2012 ~ Bowling Fundraiser for the Museum**

Hosted by the Oregon State Defense Force and the Historical Outreach Foundation. Cost is \$25.00 per bowler for three hours of bowling, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Doors open at 12:30 pm. Door Prizes. Location: AMF Pro 300 Lanes, 3031 Southeast Powell Boulevard, Portland, OR 97202.

To register a group of four or learn more, please e-mail: orsdfbowling@gmail.com

RECENT HAPPENINGS:

- **First and foremost, a huge thank you for all the support and interest in the Oregon Military Museum!**
- The Museum is getting a new name! The new Museum will be named in honor of Retired Brigadier General James B. Thayer, Sr., one of Oregon's finest military and civic leaders. General Thayer joined the U.S. Army in 1942, earning the Silver and Bronze Stars while serving in the European Theater during World War II. Thayer's anti-tank mine platoon discovered and liberated the Nazi concentration camp, Gunskirchen Lager, near Wels, Austria. For more details, please see the link below.
- Our sincere thanks to Mike Francis for his great article in the April 22nd Sunday Oregonian about General James Thayer and the Oregon Military Museum: http://blog.oregonlive.com/oregonatwar/2012/04/united_by_a_historic_horror.html
- A new tentative soft opening date of May 20, 2013 has been established. This is the anniversary of the enactment of the 1887 Summers Act that established the Oregon National Guard.



- In preparation for HVAC renovations to begin in the North Wing, the majority of the 14,000 artifacts in the collection were safely moved to different areas in the building over the course of the last three weeks. After rearranging assets on the drill floor and in offices, and weather permitting, we relocated 1,000 uniforms, the art collection, and all of the pallets of artifacts in the main collections storage room. Then everything was covered in copious amounts of plastic to protect it from any dust and debris from the project. The



contents of one last collections storage room remains to be cleared, and must wait for a space to become available. **A debt of sincere gratitude goes to all the staff and volunteers who helped with this major accomplishment!!!**



Above and at right, ↗ the art storage area before, during, and after being emptied. Below, ↓ the main collections storage room is emptied, with its contents moved to other locations. Even office space is being temporarily filled to house the uniform collection. ↓



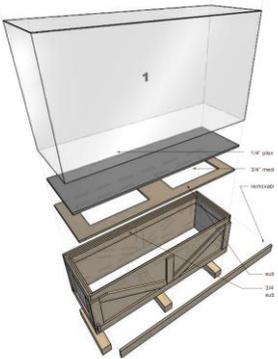
- This month, we interviewed four individuals and chose Portland State University junior, Lou Miller III as our new intern. Lou has been a volunteer at the Museum since his junior year of High School, and is a straight A student! He is a History Major, is interested in a museum career, and is proficient in German. Welcome Lou!
- **Our sincere thanks to the State Shop folks for their ingenuity** in coming up with a fix for our boiler when it stopped working again! They were able to cobble together the part that broke by using similar parts from other armories. This has allowed us to keep the Museum's heater working these last few months of Spring before the boiler is finally permanently decommissioned.
- Museum staff, ORNG historian Warren Aney, and HOF fundraiser Helen Gundlach met with a Tribal Elder to discuss ways we can partner with the nine Confederated Tribes of Oregon for the new exhibits.
- Assisted the Historical Outreach Foundation in preparing a National Endowment for the Humanities grant. Our special thanks to those folks who wrote the nicest support letters!



- Met with Air Guard's 142nd Explosive Ordnance Disposal team regarding the disposition of their collections of ordnance examples and manuals.
- The Museum's Liberty Truck, DUKW, M20 Armored Car, M151A2 Jeep, and a newly restored Japanese artillery piece were displayed at the grand opening of the new Camp Withycombe Post Exchange on April 13. ↘



- Ms. Daly was a presenter at the Collections Management workshop at the April 26-28 Northwest Archivists and Oregon Heritage Joint Conference.
- Last month, our website exceeded more than 1,000 individual computer visits, with close to 2,000 individual page visits. Visitors have come from every continent except Antarctica!
 - ↘ Prepared and submitted a grant request to the Oregon Heritage Commission for a matching grant for exhibit furniture, as designed by Greg Garrett.

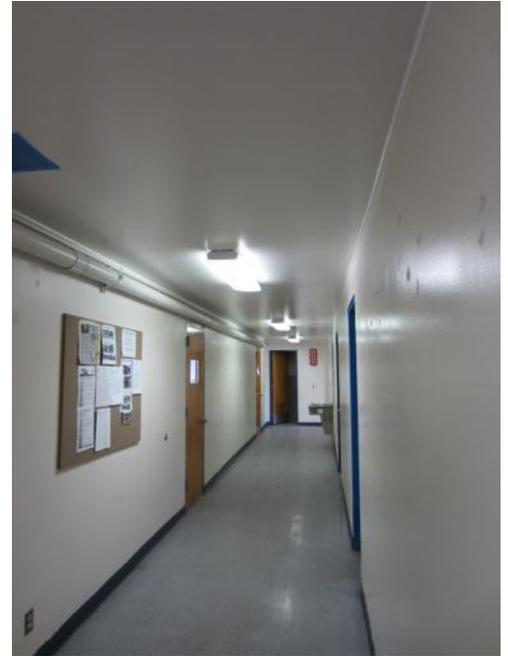


- Installed a new display case in the BG Owen Summers Building (Military Department Headquarters) featuring a M1896 Krag-Jorgenson rifle of the type used by the Second Oregon U.S. Volunteer Infantry during their Philippine Insurrection tour 1898-1899. Images of Summers and Second Oregon troops were also added to the case. →



HVAC PROJECT UPDATE:

- HVAC renovations are nearing completion in the south wing of the Museum. New ceilings are completed in the office hallway, as seen below.



- Below, the new support wall, ducting, electrical work, and drop ceiling are completed in the Classroom and look great.



- Below and at right, work continues in the main entry lobby with concrete drilling for ductwork, and in the Drill Floor Women's Restroom where roof framing is done between rain storms.



- Below, north wing hallway contents were moved to the old mess hall and covered with plastic. (You can see old water damage on the main support beam.) Below right, work begins for two new support walls and the addition of new massive roof support beams in the old rifle range.



- All museum assets and “stuff” will be moved at least one more time, when the old boiler system is able to be shut off and demolished, and duct balancing takes place!

PENDING HAPPENINGS:

- Preparing for the upcoming events on May 10, 17, 18, 19, and June 2 and 14.
- Details on two new events, please join us!
 - Free: On Thursday May 10, the Heritage Programs division of the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department is hosting the **PRESERVATION MONTH FAIR** at the State Capitol State Park in Salem. May is National Historic Preservation Month, and for Oregon communities throughout the state it’s an opportunity to reflect on significant places, artifacts, and collections that help tell the stories of our past. Community organizations from around the area and several state agencies will provide information about how they preserve Oregon’s history. The event will be held from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. on the grounds of the State Capitol.
 - The Oregon State Defense Force (ORSDF) is holding a **BOWLING FUNDRAISER FOR THE MUSEUM** at the AMF Pro 300 Lanes in Portland, June 2, from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. The cost is \$25.00 per person for three hours of bowling. To learn more, please contact SSG (ORSDF) Glenn Rogers at orsdfbowling@gmail.com.
- DLA Document Services (formerly DAPS) has moved out of the Museum building, relocating to the State Shop’s building. This 2,900 square foot space is now slated to become the new Museum Library and Archives. The area that was earmarked for the Library can now become additional exhibit space. In the coming weeks, we will be transforming this new 2,900 s.f. space into temporary storage for museum assets.
- Preparing for delivery of 19 new collections storage cabinets on May 4.
- Museum staff is currently working on an SOP for collecting, cataloguing and maintaining the large amounts of digital materials recently acquired.

2012 CALENDAR / UPCOMING EVENTS:

- May 2 Deadline for submission of National Endowment for the Humanities grant
- May 3 Tour of AFRC and Museum
- May 4 19 new collections storage cabinets slated to arrive
- May 7 41st Infantry Division veterans luncheon
- May 10 Oregon State Parks’ 4th Annual Historic Preservation Month, State Capitol, table display
- May 17 ORNG Armed Forces Day at State Capitol
- May 18 All Star Salute to the Oregon Military - Historical Outreach Foundation fundraiser event
- May 19 16th Annual Living History Day at Camp Withycombe

- May 24 Portland Area curators and registrars meet at the Portland Police Museum for brown bag lunch
- May 28 Museum vehicle Display at Willamette National Cemetery
- June 2 Oregon State Defense Force Bowling for the Museum Fundraiser
- June 14 Oregon National Guard event at Portland Air Base
- Aug 20-24 NG Museum Training, Rapid City, SD, Mrs. Thoennes presenting

JUST BY THE NUMBERS:

- Total artifact donations since January 1, 2012: 12
- Number of objects processed so far in these donations: 28
- Total Library and Archives donations since January 1, 2012: 6
- Research Requests this period: 10

RECENT COLLECTIONS HIGHLIGHTS:

We greatly appreciate all offers of donations, and ask that you hold onto your items until we are able to properly review and accept them. We have a temporary moratorium in place for new donations due to the renovation's dust and dirt. The project has created a lack of space and access to the resources needed to properly process donations.

DATA LOGGERS:

PERIOD: March 30, 2012 – May 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 during the time period listed, by being off goal (too hot or cold, too high or low RH).
- Outside Temperature – High 82, Low 31

Quick Look:

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

Collections:	6 of 31 days	Uncatalogued:	-----	Vault 6101-2:	0 of 31 days
Art Storage:	5 of 31 days	Drill Floor Stage:	29 of 31 days	Vault 6410:	0 of 31 days
Garment Storage:	8 of 31 days	Vault 6101-1:	1 of 31 days		

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LOGGER NO.	LOGGER LOC.	HIGH TEMP	LOW TEMP	AV TEMP	HIGH RH	LOW RH	AV RH
2307219	Collections	77.57	64.83	72.53	42.70	30.49	36.74
2307220	Art Storage	76.01	65.68	72.00	45.41	31.24	37.61
2307221	Garment Storage	74.96	61.74	67.93	50.59	34.32	43.11
2307222	Uncatalogued*	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
2307223	Drill Floor Stage	83.40	60.88	71.34	49.33	24.29	37.59
2307224	Vault 6101-1	71.00	64.31	67.66	47.88	41.01	45.28
2307225	Vault 6101-2	70.82	65.51	68.16	44.08	36.35	39.85
2307226	Vault 6410	69.28	62.94	65.57	48.59	46.52	47.41

*Uncatalogued Storage is now empty and under construction.