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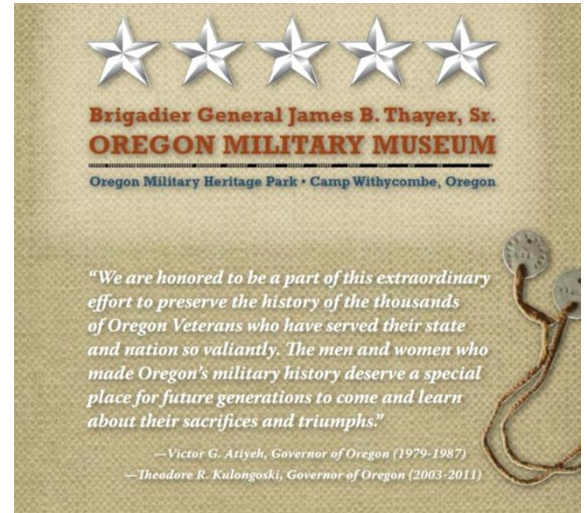
FRONT LINES

The Oregon Military Museum Monthly Report
June 6-July 5, 2012

Thank you for your support and interest in the Brigadier General James B. Thayer Oregon Military Museum!

RECENT HAPPENINGS:

- On Thursday, June 14, at the Portland Air National Guard Base, Governor John Kitzhaber and other military and civic leaders spoke at the Oregon National Guard's Executive Briefing, thanking the audience of more than 500 attendees for their continuing support of Oregon's military veterans. The event raised awareness for the \$6.5 million capital campaign for the renovation of the new Oregon Military Museum, and recognized the support of area employers of Oregon National Guard members. To learn more about the capital campaign, please visit:
http://www.oregonmilitarymuseum.org/files/capital_campaign/OMM%20Capital%20Campaign%20brochure.pdf
- This month we did a lot of catching up from the extremely busy month of May. More pallets and objects were moved out of HVAC work zone spaces. Fifty archives file cabinets and more uniforms were moved to the future Library area that we are using as temporary storage. We also re-inventoried all the pallets, and updated our pallet finding aid, since we have re-arranged the majority of them in the past two months.
- A radiological survey began for artifacts on loan from the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force. TSgt Mark Johnson, the Oregon Air National Guard Installation Radiation Safety officer completed the first of several on-site visits to help us ensure we are in compliance with the Air Force's requirements.
- On June 20, an expert from National Guard Bureau's Electronic Security System (ESS) visited and did a walk-through with our in-house ESS staff, to help us determine our future needs and the challenges we face.
- On June 26, the Curator spoke at the local chapter luncheon of the Korean War Veterans Association.
- We updated our "Museum and Historical Information Resources" list, in order to better aid researchers and people looking for a repository for their artifacts.
- We also updated our "Important Legal and Operating Documents" binder, which contains standards operating policies, Army and National Guard regulations, and memoranda of understanding. After updating, we provided copies to the Command Group.
- Met and toured with Tom and Kathy Withycombe. Tom is the grandson of Oregon's World War I-era Governor Earl Withycombe, for whom Camp Withycombe is named.
- We have updated our letterhead and all of the Museum's forms to reflect the Museum's new name. We are still working on updating the website, the brochures and other published media.
- We provided assistance to eight research requests this month.
- We want to say "Thank You!" to the many volunteers that have been helping us to escort contractors in secure Museum areas! Since there is no computer access in these areas, we greatly appreciate our time being freed up to work at our desks, while knowing that artifacts, library, and archives materials remain safe.

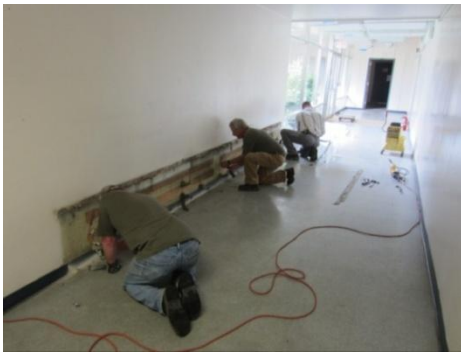


HVAC PROJECT UPDATE:

- Three more HVAC units have been brought online - the future weapons vault, the future temporary exhibit space, and the combined areas of the future gift store, lobby, and public restrooms. Now a total of six, out the nine new climate zones, have heating ability. For one unit, the first-time startup set off the fire alarm system due to the “burn-off” smell. The activation of these units includes completion of running all the gas pipes and the initial set up of the controls.
- Ceilings were removed in collections storage areas and exhibits prep. →
- Ductwork was installed in all the collection storage areas and the north wing administration areas.



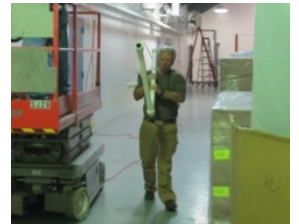
- Throughout the entire 32,000 square feet, all of the old radiators, heaters and 90% of the hydronic system (hot water pipes) have been drained and demoed. ↓



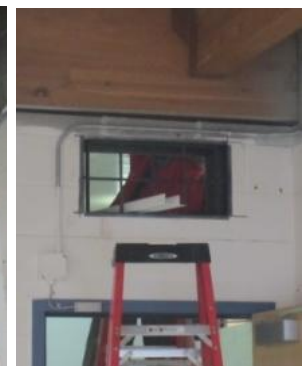
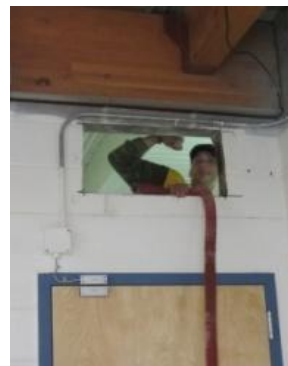
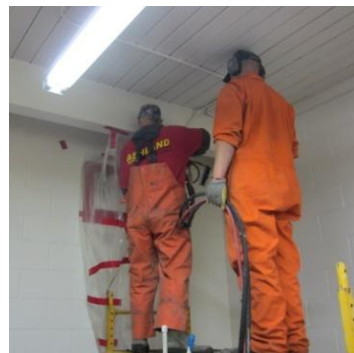
- Approximately half of the walls have now been repaired from the old heating system removal. Repairs are being made to cinderblock, drywall, and brick surfaces. Below, the brick repair areas were actually “inpainted” to match by Museum staff. ↓



- The old heating units and pipes on the Drill Floor (future main exhibits area) were carefully drained due to their proximity to stored artifacts, library materials, and other Museum assets. The units and pipes were then removed.



- All concrete cutting jobs have now been completed. Wet-cutting holes in cinderblock and concrete walls was both messy and noisy. Below, at far right, the final step is putting bars in the holes where vents penetrate secure areas. ↓



- Demo in the boiler room continues. Perhaps the toughest chore so far was the removal of two 800 pound tanks suspended from the ceiling. ↓



PENDING and UPCOMING:

- We continue to catch up on things set aside, such as filing archives material, intern training, and our Digital Collections Policy (how to process, manage and provide access to digital materials in the Museum collections).
- We are learning new policies and procedures for documenting Ms. Daly's timesheets and contract management.
- The World War I Krupp 210mm German "Lange Mörser" (Long Mortar) was removed from outdoor display and will be getting much needed new paint. →
- We greatly appreciate the recent large quantity of donation offers (17 donation offers this month), and we continue to respectfully request that folks hold onto the items until the HVAC renovations are completed enough that we can resume normal operations for collection and library donations.
- As time permits, we continue to work on the process of cataloguing previously donated items:
 - A collection of uniforms from Major General Raymond F. Rees.
 - Artifacts from World War II 41st Infantry Division veteran and Distinguished Service Cross recipient Leonard DeWitt and his wife Joanne.
 - A circa 1928 Addressograph Graphotype (a "dog tag" maker used in World War II). The 350 pound machine is in near mint condition, and volunteers got it working the same day it arrived.
 - Personal papers, photographs, and a German Mauser Gewehr 98 rifle from the estate of Howard Ramsey, the last known U.S. World War I combat veteran, who died in 2007 at age 108. Howard was a U.S. Army corporal stationed in France. He served as a truck driver who carried water to troops on the front and returned the bodies of soldiers killed in battle. His long-standing friendship with the Museum still touches us today. →
 - World War II footlocker from Brigadier James B. Thayer, for whom the Museum is named.
 - Personal papers and photographs from the estate of Howard "Howdy" Bottemiller, a World War II 41st Infantry Division veteran.
 - A very large 2011 donation from a veteran whose service includes a 2008 deployment to Helmand Province, Afganistan.
- We will be meeting with the Historical Outreach Foundation and Peggy Sigler, Oregon Field Representative for the National Trust for Historic Preservation, to discuss historic preservation options and grant writing.
- Quarterly weapons inventory is due.
- We have begun the process of inventory and transfer of historical property at Umatilla Army Depot.
- Again, thank you for your support and interest! If you wish to join our email list to be notified when new reports have been posted online, please email us at museuminfo@oregonmilitarymuseum.org.



Early in 2007, Howard Ramsey and the Museum crew gathered in our 1918 Liberty Truck, when its restoration was completed. Howard cut the ribbon and climbed on board unaided. Just two months later, the truck carried his casket to its final resting place in Portland's Lincoln Cemetery.

2012 CALENDAR / UPCOMING EVENTS:

- July 19 Vehicle Display for Association of the US Army event.
- July 21 Providing docents for static display vehicles for 3670th BBQ.
- Aug 4 Liberty Truck will be at the Great Oregon Steam Up event in Brooks, Oregon.
- Aug 7 All Star Salute auction high bidder of "Vault Tour with the Curator" to visit.
- Aug 20-24 NG Museum Training course, Rapid City, SD. Curator to present two sessions.
- Sept 10-14 North American F-86F Sabre Jet relocation project begins.