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ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 2010

First and foremost, a huge thank you to everyone. We greatly appreciate your support and interest!

Who We Are:

- Tracy Thoennes, Curator/Director, full time contractor
- Kathleen Daly, Museum Technician, full time contractor
- Roy Myers retired in January.
- We welcomed Jo Ellen Legg in September as our new Director of Development. She is currently a three-quarter time contractor.
- We welcomed Penny Werner in June as our new PSU intern, replacing Kirsten Keith.
- The Oregon Army National Guard Museum Detachment currently has three members: SGT Dave Wilson, SPC Bob Frasco, and SPC Carolyn Hyland. Officer in Charge, CW2 Robert Ryan is currently deployed to Afghanistan, and SSG Randy McPherson and SSG Mark Stevens both retired.
- We are so fortunate to have a fabulous and dedicated volunteer corps. A estimated total of 2,852 volunteer hours were donated in 2010! This equates to a donation of \$59,464 for in-kind services provided, at this year's philanthropic hourly rate of \$20.85 per hour. These are the top three hourly volunteers: Steve Greenberg, Mark Stevens, and Phil Richart.

What We Did:

- Fundraising planning and development strategies became our top priority in the final quarter of the year. Toward that goal, capital campaign research was accomplished, and planning and fundraising materials are being drafted.
- 86 research requests via visitors, phone calls, and mail were assisted.
- An HVAC design proposal was completed.
- On May 15th, Living History Day at Camp Withycombe



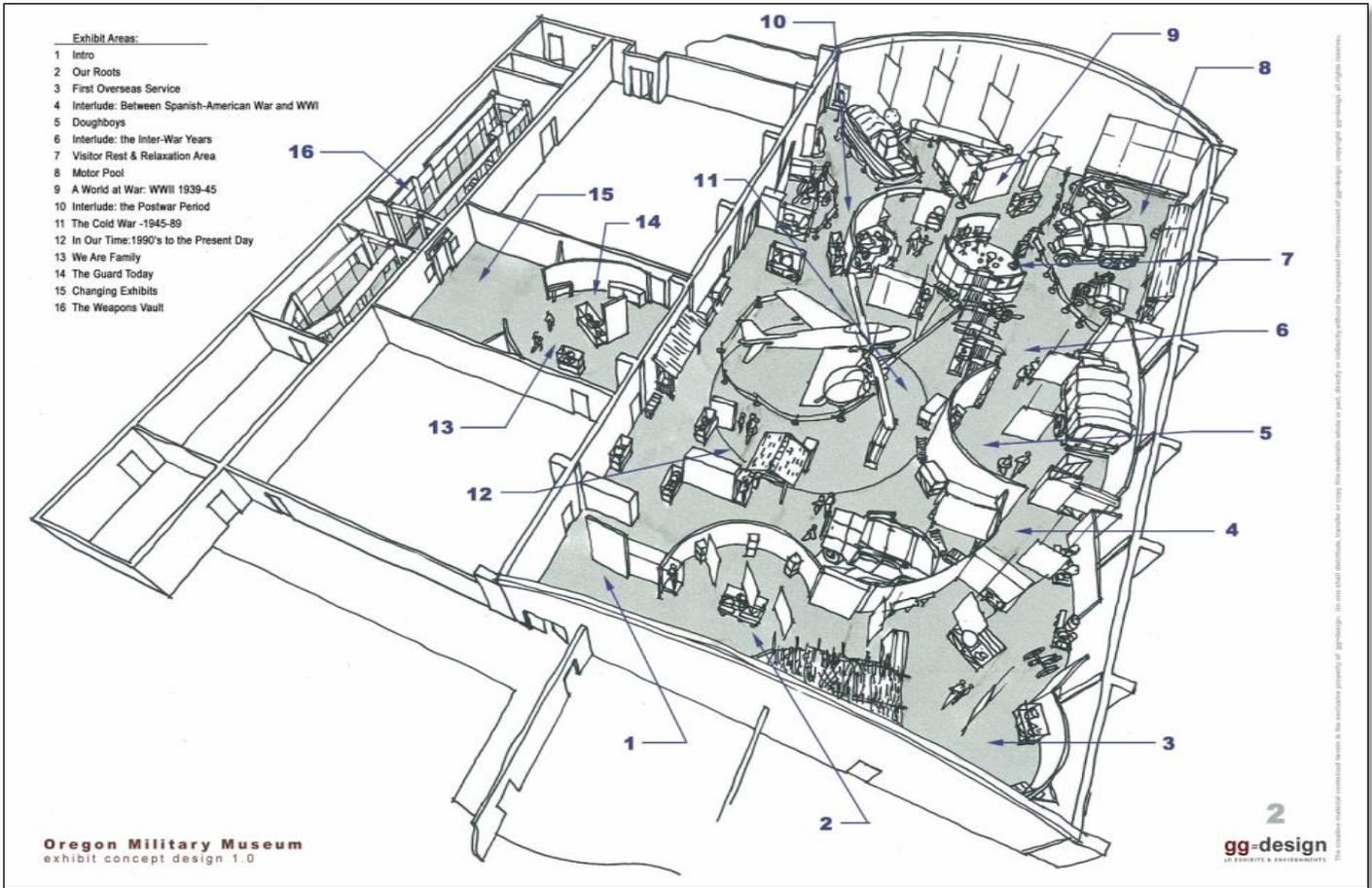
was a success with 600 to 650 visitors who enjoyed 54 military vehicles on display and 7 re-enactor groups. At left is an M75 demonstration at the event. ←

- Began rehousing of garments in the collection that were on thin wire hangers with padded, archival hangers to lessen fiber damage. Approximately 3/5th complete.
- Began to acquire archival housing and metal cabinets for the huge upcoming job of unpacking the collection and the library.



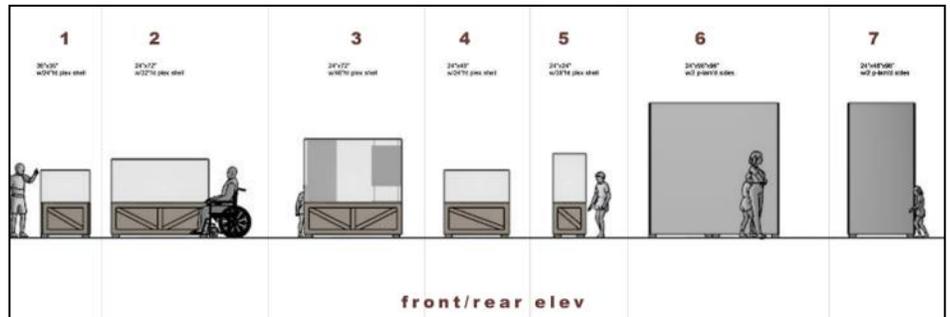
...This is a 1926 photo. Second from the left is Oregonian Mel Blanc, famed voice of many cartoon characters such as Bugs Bunny...My questions are: is this in fact an Oregon National Guard photo, and if so, is this some sort of training exercise? Is there any way of knowing who the other people are?....

- The U.S. M4A3 Sherman tank and the Japanese type 95 Ha-Go tank are nearly restored in preparation for their new homes in front of the 41st Infantry Division Armed Forces Reserve Center.
- Policies and regulations regarding access and key control were reviewed. A key control assessment and inventory were completed, with no discrepancies. A policy was drafted for DSCOPS approval.



- Concept drawings of future exhibits and basic Museum wall/cabinet/casework concepts were completed.

- Revisions to regulation ORARNGR 870-1 /ORANG 210-4 were drafted that clarify job titles, roles, and the Museum's mission, and activates a Museum Support Council.



- Pest management established, including weekly inspection of all traps and monthly inspections by Orkin.
- The Cessna L-19 Bird dog is now on display in the Charles L. Deibert Operations Facility in Salem. The Museum also created a display of Mr. Deibert's donated artifacts and personal papers.
- Kathleen Daly became the Museum's EPOC, completing all necessary training.
- Fire alarm procedures and fire exit maps were created and posted throughout the Museum.
- Computer migration to Vista was completed.
- Datalogging of temperature and relative humidity shows that the vaults are the only areas that somewhat maintain museum standards for environmental control.

- Policies and SOPs for potentially live ordnance were drafted for Post Command approval as a result of a researcher who wanted the Museum to determine if the grenades and rounds he had in his car were “safe.”
- The conservation of the circa 1866 Portland Light Battery Guidon was completed by textile conservator Mary Frederickson of Texas.



Participated in 13 Community Events:
(talk* / table display** / vehicles display***)

- Jan 26-28 Ag Show, Portland Convention Center ***
- Apr 3 Shriners Luncheon, Salem Chapter *
- May 13 State Capitol Armed Forces Day ***
- May 14 Senior Enlisted Conference **
- May 15 Living History Day (Armed Forces Day) at Camp Withycombe
- May 29-31 Portland Rose Festival ***
- May 31 Memorial Day Willamette Cemetery ***
- July 4 General Canby Day***
- Jul 31-Aug1 Great Oregon Steam-Up in Brooks ***
- Sept 24 ORNG Senior Leadership Conference **
- Nov 5 The Bomber Veterans’ Coffee*
- Nov 11 2010 Veterans Parade Albany, Oregon ***
- Dec 7 Pearl Harbor Day at the Museum of the Oregon Territory **



Donations of Artifacts, Library, and Archives

- In 2010, 141 library books were added to the catalogue, and 64 artifact donations were accepted, with approximately 366* artifacts. (This figure* includes 111 artifacts and document sets donated in 2009, but due to the Museum's move, these could not be processed until 2010).
- And, processing of all 2010 donations is not yet complete. Processing a donation requires approximately one hour per object. Addressing any conservation or extensive research needs requires additional time.
- 111 objects and document sets, dating from the Philippine Insurrection from Jack Saling, grandson of Corporal Arthur Lambert, Company A, 2nd Oregon U.S. Volunteer Infantry, who served from 1898-1899. This donation was made in honor of Jack's son Gene P. Saling, and in memory of his two deceased sons, Benjamin L. and Erik O. Saling. →
- Uniform from World War II and ORNG veteran John A. Brown, for whom the recently dedicated Ontario Armory is named.
- R. E. Carruthers' Company M Service Medal, from the State of Oregon for service in 2nd REGT. U.S.V. Engineers, Philippine Insurrection. The State issued the same style of medal to the Oregon National Guard's 2nd Oregon U.S. Volunteer Infantry Regiment.
- World War I collections:
 - Diary (very humorous), photographs, and newspaper clippings of Corpsman LeRoy Andrews, Base Hospital 46, France
 - Notebook, transcripts of letters, and insignia of Purple Heart recipient Percy Armstrong, USMC Military Police in France.
- WWII ambulance driver Royce Eubanks of the 70th Infantry Division artifacts (trained at Camp Adair), from a Battle of the Bulge.
- Personal papers and panoramic photo relating to Raymond Olson, Oregon National Guard, Company E, 162nd Infantry Regiment, 1927, Camp Clatsop.



Philippine Insurrection pass, dated Aug 5, 1898, allowing 2nd Ore. soldiers to go get water.



- Hundreds of objects, photos and stories have come in relating to the 41st Infantry Division. These were actively solicited for the new Armed Forces Reserve Center exhibits that are under development.
- ← Personal papers and objects from Vietnam War veteran, ORNG Army Aviator, and Distinguished Service Cross recipient Charles "Larry" Deibert. The newly dedicated Salem Deibert Operations Facility is named in his honor.
- Uniforms and personal papers from Alisha Hamel's Persian Gulf War deployment in the 206th Air Terminal Movement Control Detachment, the first ORARNG unit deployed since World War II.
- Korean War era M37 three-quarter ton cargo truck. ↓



- Portland, Oregon Air Warning Service veteran Lillian Addis's insignia and WWII home front items. Mrs. Addis participated in every Red Cross blood drive, and served thousands of hours as a long-time volunteer at the AWS Portland "Filter Center," which tracked every aircraft that flew overhead during World War II.
- Artifacts, photos and personal papers of Carl V. Shoemaker II. Carl and his father Carl Senior, a well known marksman, both served in the 41st in WWII, and were both long-time Oregon National Guardsmen. (Small world note, in the collection was a U.S. Army Officer's Phone Directory from Brisbane, Australia in 1944. Volunteer Mark Steven's father is listed in it!)
- Received many loose photos from Public Affairs, including the 41st in combat in the South Pacific. When we received the photos, we had no way of identifying the "who, what, where." Months later, as luck would have it, we recognized some of these images in an old copy of *AZUWUR* (the Oregon National Guard newsletter) that was also given by LTC Shoemaker, and they were captioned!
- Iraqi-made Tariq 9mm semi-auto pistol from the 41st IBCT at Victory Base Complex, Baghdad, Iraq.
- An M1905 Ross Rifle Mark I bayonet with scabbard.



- A Second Model 1859 Maynard carbine, sometimes referred to as a "Model 1863." This .50 caliber carbine is one of the earlier models to use a separately primed metallic cartridge, replacing the tape priming system used in the early model. ↑
- Nine Gray and Swindley paintings that have come into the Museum's possession since relocation were catalogued.
- Earl Withycombe, grandson to Governor Withycombe for whom Camp Withycombe is named, donated his father's WWI uniform and toured through the Museum.
- Since the Museum has acquired a scanner, additional time is now required now to process photograph donations, or even the loan of them: Most recently, two outstanding WWII-era photo albums arrived at the Museum - one for donation and one for scanning, only. To us, a photo is indeed worth a thousand words. Just need the staff time to devote to these worthy kinds of projects.



The Collection Statistics:

- 14099 catalogued library books, manuals and periodicals. With 14,000 [+/-] awaiting processing from backlog.
- 13,631 catalogued objects through Dec 31, 2010. With 1,000 [+/-] awaiting processing from inherited backlog.
- 10,078 title headings on file folders in our Archives.
- 343 loan records, both incoming and outgoing. All loans renewals for 2010 were completed.

POW coat from Forest Grove native Eugene Evers is on loan to the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force for their 60th anniversary of the Korean War exhibit. After 18 months in captivity with a single uniform, Evers got this new one on day he was repatriated and walked across the Freedom Bridge.

- 160 pallets and custom crates of artifacts and library materials will need to be unpacked and rehoused once the heating system and duct work is renovated, and air conditioning is added to the Armory building.
- 26 sets of catalogued photographs. (Plus tens of thousands [+/-] awaiting processing in backlog.)

Facilities Improvements of 2010 –

A Fire, a Flood and Rain on the Inside:

- More than 40 work requests were completed. THANK YOU State Shop!
- The Picnic Shelter flooded and required relocating all macroartifacts housed there.
- A replacement downspout was installed after the original had been destroyed by fire caused from an outdoor cigarette butt receptacle.
- All interior wall and roof leaks appear to finally be fixed. (Attempts to stop water coming in at doorways was partially resolved. And “waterfalls” over the gutters are yet to be resolved.)
- The Barn and QHut have heat again. The Barn’s required additional work due to a gas leak.
- Outdoor lighting around the Museum was greatly enhanced by the installation of lights to two dark exterior corners of the building and repair of non-functioning lights.
- Replaced and/or painted all ceiling tiles that had water stains; any new leaks can now be detected.
- Repaired the women’s restroom ceiling that caved in as a result of an ice storm and subsequent roof leaks.
- We removed the drop ceiling (thank you volunteers!) and re-suspended the lights in the main collection storage room, in preparation for future museum-quality storage cabinets.
- The Drill Floor windows were professionally blacked out.
- Though reoccurring, numerous heating issues were resolved, with the replacement of pumps, adjusting settings, and restricting flow on some hot water pipes.
- A squirrel was very close to successfully chewing his way into our classroom.



Training Attended (One or More Museum Staff in attendance):

- Annual U.S. Army Museum Training Course, U.S. Army Museum of Transportation, and the U.S. Army Casemate Museum, at Fort Eustis, Virginia.
- National Guard Museum Annual Training Course at the World War I Memorial and Museum in Kansas City, Missouri.
- Western Museums Association Conference, Portland, Oregon, (Kathleen Daly was awarded a scholarship in order to attend.)
- Museum Advisory Council meeting at National Guard Bureau, Washington DC.
- World Forestry Center's workshop on the regulatory and legal requirements of serving food, alcohol and/or performing gaming/gambling at a museum or other non-profit.
- Oregon Heritage Commission's Heritage Round-Up one day workshop.
- Oregon State Archives one day workshop.
- Travel Oregon 101 half day workshop.
- Oregon Military Dept's Human Resources two hour course "Employee Behavior Guide."



Toured VIPs, and conducted various interviews:

- Joe Bello, the last person to fly the L-19 Bird dog "Triple Trey."
- Numerous ORNG 41st veterans, such as Carl Shoemaker II and Herb Forster of the 41st Infantry Division Band.
- Owen "Curly" Gotchall shared his wonderful photo collection and stories of Oregon Army Aviation's initial and early aircraft. This information aided in the creation of displays for the new Deibert Operations Facility.

Some of OMM's Newest Library Titles Include:

- The Collectable '03, U.S. Military Arms Field Guides
- Collecting the M1 Carbine III (With Cartouche Template)
- U.S. Pistols & Revolvers 1909 – 1945
- P-17 The American Enfield
- Harrison's Notebook: U.S. Military Arms: From Doughboy to Dogface Individual Weapons 1903 – 1955
- U.S. Military Markings: 1900 to 1965
- Oregon Military Department, 150 Years Through Time – Yearbook for 2009
- The Complete History of WWII, Armed Forces Memorial Edition
- Oregon Military Department - Annual Report, 1991
- Oregon Air National Guard - Annual Report, 1975
- The Fort Lewis Sentinel (periodical magazine dated March, 1941)



Staff and volunteers took several hours on a Saturday to carefully (and painstakingly) remove dried protective paper from six very large display cases.