



OREGON MILITARY MUSEUM
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May 31 – July 5, 2011

CURATOR'S REPORT from TRACY THOENNES

Please note: The Museum's address, and all of Camp Withycombe, changes effective July 5, 2011. Please update our contact information:

Oregon Military Museum
15300 SE Industrial Way
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Clackamas, OR 97015



COMPLETED:

- The U.S. M4A3 Sherman medium tank and the Japanese Type 95 Ha-Go light tank have new permanent locations in front of the 41st Infantry Division Armed Forces Reserve Center. The 32-ton Sherman took several hours and numerous maneuvers



using different equipment to place, compared to the 7-ton Japanese Ha-Go tank that could be transported by just one very large forklift. A big **Thank You** goes to Museum volunteers and Oregon Sustained Maintenance Shop crews for all of their work, restoration, and safety efforts!



- Volunteer SSG (Ret.) Mark Stevens, along with Oregon Sustained Maintenance Shop staff, treated a Boy Scout troop to a special viewing of the Sherman and Ha-Go tanks, before their move. While here, the boys and their families were also shown other Museum macro artifacts.
- The Museum had zero findings during this year's IPAS (Environmental) inspection.
- The well attended exhibit opening of *Tools of Survival: Oregon's Past as Told by the Weapons that Witnessed Its History*, at the Willamette Heritage Center at Mission Mill Museum, Salem, was held on June 23rd. The Museum currently has artifacts on loan for display in this exhibit.



- Kathleen Daly and ORNG Historian Warren Aney visited with a local Portland man who loaned the Museum photographs of Corporal William Gadsby, Commander of Company G, 2nd Oregon U.S. Volunteers. Left: Company G prior to departure to the Philippines in May, 1889. Center: Company G on the *USS Missouri* en route to Manila in July 1889. Right: tent scene with O.N.G. label on tent.



- The State Shop continues to work hard to keep us operational. Most recently completed work requests: a three-way switch was installed next to the front door of the barn (no more tripping in the dark), GFIs were installed on the two water fountains, the north wing bathroom fans were repaired, and falling conduit was reattached to the Q-Hut's ceiling. We continue to battle the drill floor heater, which has repeatedly started blowing cold air. Thank you for all of your hard work, State Shop!
- The Museum was able to provide a Purple Heart medal to replace one stolen from a local museum. The original Purple Heart belonged to the first Gresham resident to be killed in action in World War II, on Dec. 8, 1941 in the Philippines. Our thanks to OMD's Ms. Wendy Yoder for providing the medal to us. To see the article published in the Portland Tribune and the Gresham Outlook, please visit: http://www.portlandtribune.com/news/story.php?story_id=130835817989484700
- Curator completed compliance training for Dept. of Defense computer use and Defense Travel System.

9-11 FUNDRAISER BENEFITS MUSEUM.

Enjoy a night of honor, tribute, music, and special programming at the 9-11 Dinner and Fundraiser Saturday, September 10, 2011 at the Oregon Convention Center. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Historical Outreach Foundation on behalf of the Oregon National Guard's Military Museum. Five sponsorship levels ranging from \$911 to \$20,911 are available.

For more information, please contact the Museum at 503-557-5359.

PENDING:

- Top priority is exhibit development for the 41st Infantry Division Armed Forces Reserve Center. We have completed the exhibit design concept review and are now at the 90% review of graphic panels layout and artifact placement. We have completed research through the National Archives and other sources, and have places all photograph orders. Figuring out photo credits is yet to be completed.
- State Shop is doing what they can to resolve our heaters working “overtime” in all collections storage areas. Thermostats are set for 68 degrees but the areas are staying near or above 80 degrees!
- We are still only able to access our Museum database PastPerfect on a limited basis. Helpdesk continues to troubleshoot. In the meantime, numerous donations remain in queue for processing.
- We have completed our quarterly weapons inventory, but cannot make the updates in our database yet.
- Compiled and submitted travel and supply budgets per fiscal year.
- One vault required a new dehumidifier. We have acquired and installed it, and are now monitoring operation to try to meet relative humidity requirements.
- Compiled and submitted year-end request for Museum-quality storage cabinets as well as other materials, equipment and supplies.
- Regional artist Ron Weil has created a painting of the 41st Infantry Division and the tank battle at Biak in 1944. Mr. Weil is generously donating the painting to the Museum for display at the new Armed Forces Reserve Center. The painting will be presented to the Adjutant General at a 41st Association Reunion event in September.
- We will be moving massive metal cabinets into place next week, with the help of 6 to eight strong backs.
- The M38A1 has been moved to the Drill Floor, and the artillery that was formerly in the barn has been reinstalled there. Some rearranging still needs to take place, signs made, and outdoor sign installed.
- The Museum will begin to address 2011 safety inspection issues.
- The Walker Bulldog is undergoing restoration.
- The Museum (and all of Camp Withycombe) will be getting new phone numbers, probably around September. In all cases the prefix 557 will become 683. 503-683-XXXX.
- A maintenance schedule needs to be created for Museum macro artifacts that are on display throughout the State.
- DSCOPS is working on replacements for Museum Detachment positions.

JUST BY THE NUMBERS:

Research Requests this period:	7 requests, not including AFRC exhibits
Total donations since January 1, 2011:	42 donations
Processed donations:	23 donations / 293 objects catalogued (Approximately 50 objects this month)
Pending donations to be processed:	19 donations – several hundred objects / library materials
Scrapbooks/photo albums on loan for scanning:	14 with 3 album left to scan!

Artifact Highlights include:

ORNG 1249th Engineers collection from their current deployment. Thank you Mr. Ryan!

Uniform from one of the “Shepherds of Helmand” soldiers, from the 2008 deployment of 17 ORNG volunteers. They were sent to train the Afghanistan National Army, and saw a tremendous amount of combat.

WWI collection including hand-knitted wool cap made by soldier’s mother and camera purchased overseas.

WAC collection of uniforms.

Collection from two 1960s ORNG Army Aviators, who flew L-19s, including Triple Trey, the Museum Cessna L-19.

CALENDAR/IMPORTANT DATES 2011:

- July 5 Theodore Kulongowski Gate dedication (vehicle request)
- August 6 Canby Vietnam Memorial
- August 8-12 National Guard Museum Training Course, Springfield, Illinois
- August 29 Installation begins on AFRC exhibits, through September 15, 2011.
- Sept 10 9-11 Dinner and Fundraiser
- Sept 16 41st Infantry Division AFRC building dedication
- Sept ? Oregon National Guard Senior Leadership Conference, Camp Rilea

DATA LOGGERS:

PERIOD: May 31, 2011 – June 30, 2011

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 86, Low 46

Quick Look:

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

Collections:	2 of 31 days	Uncatalogued:	0 of 31 days	Vault 6101-2:	0 of 31 days
Art Storage:	7 of 31 days	Drill Floor Stage:	29 of 31 days	Vault 6410:	0 of 31days
Garment Storage:	8 of 31 days	Vault 6101-1:	0 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	81.80	71.86	77.51	40.62	33.49	37.72
2307220	Art Storage	80.03	72.72	77.03	44.12	34.56	38.72
2307221	Garment Storage	80.91	69.62	75.66	45.61	35.55	40.52
2307222	Uncatalogued	79.50	72.89	76.85	43.18	37.28	39.99
2307223	Drill Floor Stage	80.74	62.60	72.44	54.30	29.62	43.18
2307224	Vault 6101-1	72.20	65.80	70.22	41.63	38.28	39.89
2307225	Vault 6101-2	79.68	73.93	77.31	31.46	26.63	27.54
2307226	Vault 6410	74.79	65.00	69.24	45.38	42.35	43.48