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**CURATOR'S REPORT from TRACY THOENNES**

**COMPLETED:**

- It's been a very busy and very fun time at the Museum, dreaming big and working hard toward our goal of reopening as a substantial regional museum, while still trying to keep up with all the small stuff! This report will be a brief one, and I apologize for the delay in its delivery.
- First of all, a hearty thank you to all who made year-end donations. These contributions make a big difference and are greatly appreciated!
- Retrieved a loaned artifact from Fort Stevens State Park, and was given a behind the scenes tour.
- Staff has undergone several hours of training to comply with contractor security requirements.
- The Museum had a vehicle display at the 42nd Annual Northwest Agricultural Show, Portland Expo Center January 25-28.
- Curator attended NGB Museum Advisory Council Meeting at Camp Shelby, at the Mississippi Armed Forces Museum January 25-28.
- Congratulations to SSGT Mark Stevens on his retirement from the Oregon National Guard! Mark has a total service time of 37 years. We wish him every success, and look forward to his continued exemplary volunteer service for the Museum.
- Due to retirements and deployments, the Museum's detachment is now manned by three personnel, two of whom have the required licensing to drive our equipment. This year's off-site display / parade schedule will be diminished.
- → The Museum's covered outdoor storage space significantly flooded last month. Thanks to the fast actions of volunteers and detachment members, objects housed in the "Picnic Shelter" have now been rescued, stored elsewhere, and the Shelter is now empty. →
- Thanks to a rain-free week and our outstanding volunteers, many of the 1911 Battery A Barn's artillery pieces have been returned there. This makes room on the Drill Floor for other macroartifact storage, which in turn will open up a small amount of space in the Museum Shop.



**PENDING:**

- The heaters stopped working on the Drill floor last week while I was TDY. This is where all the library, archives and photographs are palletized, along with 30 or so pallets/crates of artifacts. By yesterday morning, we found that the temperature had gotten down to 40 degrees. This is extremely damaging to the collection. There is a new State Shop HVAC person who is now working on it.
- The roof leaks and waterfalls over the gutters issues are going to be reviewed at a meeting today with the roof manufacturer, the roofer, and installations personnel. We continue to monitor it daily.
- All our building's restrooms are out of order today. The plumber is diagnosing the problem. (ARGH.)
- A total of 30 outgoing loan renewals were sent out in November and the loan renewal process continues. Approximately half of all borrowers responded by the suspense date of January 14. We are following up through the DCSOPS office, and with emails and phone calls.

- Top priority right now is exhibit development for the 41st Infantry Division AFRC. The goal is to find historically-significant quintessential objects and images that tell the 41<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division's story and that can withstand permanent exhibition in terms of preservation. This includes artifact identification and curation, cataloguing objects, extensive research for photos, objects, documents, and stories, then making digital versions for the designers' use, and identifying replica suppliers if needed. So far more than 100 possible objects have been identified.
- Our Portland State University internship position has been vacant for a month. We wish Penny Werner, our outgoing intern, well. A new Position Vacancy Announcement has now been publicly announced.
- We are still trying to complete processing of all the donations of objects that came in at the end of the year, with many more added through January. Literally hundreds of objects are waiting to be catalogued, and numerous new offers are pending as well. Most of these donations are a result of the needs of the new AFRC exhibits. Once completed, we will be able to publish our 2010 year in review.
- Spent a day with 41<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division veteran Jack Marsh, of the 41<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, and his family. His photo album and personal papers are now on loan to us to scan and make digital files. Additionally, we provided documentation to U.S. Representative Earl Blumenauer's office to aid in making a possible award of the Bronze Star to Mr. Marsh.
- We have begun brainstorming for a new Museum newsletter name, logo and branding-type materials. All ideas are welcomed! Please submit yours to Tracy! We value your opinion, so let us know what you think of the suggestions so far: *The Muster Call*, *The Salute*, *The Bugle Call*, *The Helmet*, and *Allegiance*.
- Fundraising planning continues. We are drafting a sustainability/business plan that will augment our other planning and fundraising materials. We are also drafting a gift acceptance policy, and working on policies and regulations regarding the Museum and private organizations' (POs) Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs).
- The M4A3 Sherman Tank's tracks are back and restoration is nearing completion!



- Working with Mission Mill Museum, and guest curator Mike Carrick, for their upcoming exhibit "Tools of Survival: Weapons of Oregon History."
- A 95% design draft of a new HVAC systems has been reviewed.
- About 300 of the 1,115 uniform garments in the collection have been hanging on thin metal-wire hangers for many years, causing damage. We have begun the big project of replacing these hangers with thickly padded, muslin-covered hangers that better support coats and shirts. Each rack now holds less uniforms than before, which means we must shuffle many items, note new locations in two databases, and may need to purchase more Z-racks. When completed, this will be another long-term goal achieved, that was identified about 6 years ago.
- We have reviewed policies and regulations regarding access and key control, and have drafted a policy for DSCOPS approval.

- Draft of Regulation ORARNGR 870-1/ORANG 210-4 has been submitted. It clarifies job titles, roles, and the Museum's mission, and activates a Museum Support Council.
- Several requests for community participation have been received and will be processed as time permits.

**BY THE NUMBERS:**

New 2010 donations processed so far: 62 donations, 248 objects and photographs, 140 library books, discs and tapes

New 2010 donations awaiting processing: 3 artifact donations

Backlogged donations processed in 2010: 9 donations, 119 objects

New incoming loans: 1 photo album/personal papers from 41<sup>st</sup> veteran Jack Marsh which we are scanning for AFRC exhibit use and our archives.

(Not including AFRC exhibit research):

Research Requests Dec 10 -31, 2010: 5

Research Requests Jan. 1 to Feb. 2: 7

**CALENDAR/IMPORTANT DATES:**

April 7-9 Oregon Heritage Conference.

April 14 Volunteer and Museum TEAM event.

May 21 Camp Withycombe Living History Day / Armed Forces Day.

May 30 Memorial Day at Willamette National Cemetery.

July 4 Tentative - General Canby Day Parade, Canby, Oregon.

July 27-28 Tentative - The Great Oregon Steam-Up, Antique Powerland, Brooks, Oregon.

August 8-12 National Guard Museum Training Course.

August 22-26 US Army Museum Training Course.

Sept 16 The 41<sup>st</sup> AFRC building dedication.

Sept ? Oregon National Guard Senior Leadership Conference, Camp Rilea.

**DATA LOGGERS:**

**PERIOD: November 30, 2010 – January 31, 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 61, Low 22

**Quick Look:**

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

Collections:	3 of 63 days	Uncatalogued:	4 of 63 days	Vault 6101-2:	2 of 63 days
Art Storage:	25 of 63 days	Drill Floor Stage:	30 of 63 days	Vault 6410:	0 of 63 days
Garment Storage:	25 of 63 days	Vault 6101-1:	2 of 63 days		

November 30, 2010 – January 3, 2011							
LOGGER NO.	LOGGER LOC.	HIGH TEMP	LOW TEMP	AV TEMP	HIGH RH	LOW RH	AV RH
2307219	Collections	72.55	66.37	69.85	42.34	26.21	36.40
2307220	Art Storage	72.20	66.37	69.59	47.57	22.65	37.72
2307221	Garment Storage	72.72	61.74	66.30	51.39	25.63	42.15
2307222	Uncatalogued	74.10	72.37	73.20	41.73	20.22	33.49
2307223	Drill Floor Stage	69.28	60.71	65.19	54.46	17.31	38.68
2307224	Vault 6101-1	66.54	62.10	64.70	46.43	36.77	40.16
2307225	Vault 6101-2	68.93	65.68	67.72	41.59	31.85	35.28
2307226	Vault 6410	67.91	65.85	66.87	42.47	38.05	40.37

January 3, 2011 – January 31, 2011							
LOGGER NO.	LOGGER LOC.	HIGH TEMP	LOW TEMP	AV TEMP	HIGH RH	LOW RH	AV RH
2307219	Collections	72.03	66.37	69.10	42.03	25.87	35.03
2307220	Art Storage	71.51	66.54	68.92	47.81	22.26	35.78
2307221	Garment Storage	81.98	61.74	66.46	50.60	15.00	38.90
2307222	Uncatalogued	73.58	71.17	72.60	40.67	20.17	31.72
2307223	Drill Floor Stage	68.25	54.50	62.97	59.43	17.93	42.54
2307224	Vault 6101-1	65.85	59.85	63.29	49.01	35.34	40.31
2307225	Vault 6101-2	69.28	66.20	68.01	41.67	31.62	35.54
2307226	Vault 6410	71.68	63.80	68.71	40.31	35.22	36.43