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April 15-May 31, 2011

CURATOR'S REPORT from TRACY THOENNES

COMPLETED:

- Four events in the past three weeks went well – including the State Historic Preservation Office's Celebration of Heritage Month, and Armed Forces Day, both at the State Capitol Mall. We greatly appreciate the help and support of the Engineers from Company A, 41st STB and soldiers from the 3670th, without whom we could not have participated in all these events.
- For Armed Forces Living History Day, May 21st, there were several re-enactor groups and 39 military vehicles. Attendance was a bit lower than usual, estimated at 300 to 500. Our thanks to the event Chair, Steve Greenberg.



- From Willamette National Cemetery Memorial Day, May 30th:



Event photos courtesy of James Alexander, Steve Greenberg and Museum Staff.

UPCOMING FUNDRAISING EVENT BENEFITS MUSEUM:

- Planning is underway for the 9-11 Dinner and Fundraising event to be held Saturday Sept. 10, 2011 at the Oregon Convention Center. The proceeds go to four recipient organizations: The Historical Outreach Foundation on behalf of the Oregon National Guard's Military Museum, Responder Life, Citizens Crime Commission, and Public Safety Chaplaincy.
- The amount of proceeds to each recipient is determined by the number of tables sponsored by their representatives.
- The event marks the 10th anniversary of 9-11, and honors first responders and military personnel to thank them for their service.
- Companies and individuals are being asked to sponsor tables, and may choose from five sponsorship levels ranging from \$911 to \$20,911.
- Table sponsors receive two places at their table and provide seating for four first-responder couples to attend free of charge. Attendees will enjoy a night of honor, tribute, music, and special programming.
- For more information, please contact Development Director Ms. Jo Ellen Legg at 503-557-5359.

- Museum Detachment personnel are down to two, and one will be leaving in September. Numerous requests for community participation have needed to be declined. Our great volunteers and various units have filled in the gap where they can, allowing us to complete several events already this year.
- High School Senior and volunteer Autumn Van Horn spent 33 hours helping organize our artifact photo documentation negatives. Her community service project is a requirement of graduation and her help is greatly appreciated.
- Curator Thoennes was the speaker on April 15 at the semi-annual ORNG Retiree's Luncheon.
- Downloaded to disc 600 secured images for researcher use.
- Provided 1LT Vo the Museum's invitation list for the AFRC opening.
- Created an up-to-date spreadsheet of known Gray and Swindley paintings and determined property book accountability. Two more Gray and Swindleys have arrived at the OMM this week! (One from Maison Armory and one from State Shop.)
- Needed office supplies have been obtained.
- Intern Jason Ross has completed some of his training in processing Museum archives materials.
- 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.

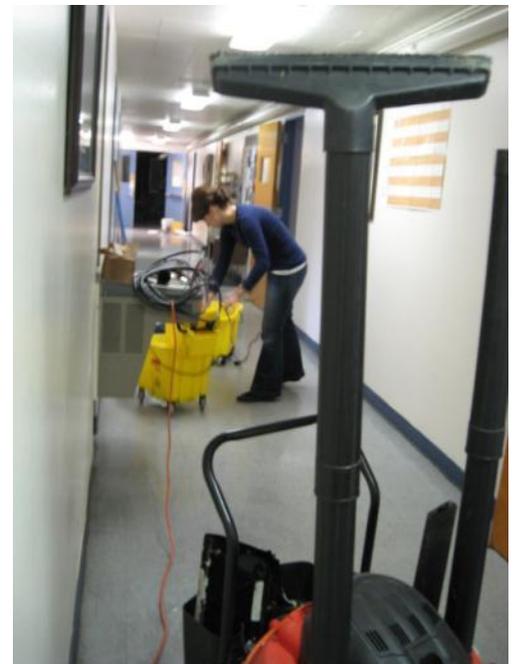
COMPLETED FACILITY ISSUES:

- A bathroom floor drain backed up and liquids flowed about 15 feet down the hall, and wet the carpeting in the classroom and curator office doorways. The mess resulted in Museum staff spending an afternoon mopping up and wet-vacuuuming 55 gallons of "water,"



two plumber visits and a camera down the pipes to try to ensure non-occurrence! It was determined that the distance from the bathroom to the main sewer line renders the newer-type, water-conserving "low flow" toilets ineffective and leads to eventual clogging. Much thanks to all who helped with cleanup and resolution!

- Four safety issues were resolved in the 1911 Artillery Horse Barn, the stair rails were adjusted, a lock was placed on the hayloft door, a screen now protects moving fan blades on the Modine heater, and the light bulbs were replaced to meet OSHA requirements for safety. More work orders have been placed to rectify remaining findings. The heater went out on the Drill Floor a few weeks ago, was repaired, and is currently out again. It seems to work for a while after draining the overhead water pipe and refilling it.
- Other completed work orders include: an outside light fixture with a massive spider hatch taken care of, a door lock was drilled out when it was discovered that it had not been re-keyed upon move in and a volunteer shut the door 😊, the women's north toilet now appears to be functioning normally (its auto-flush worked frequently even when no one was in the room).
- **Thanks so very much to the State Shop and all its crew, for all you do!**



PENDING:

- Top priority is still exhibit development for the 41st Infantry Division AFRC. We have completed the exhibit design concept review. Museum staff is spending majority of its time on photo acquisition (tracking down sources, looking for substitutes, gaining permission to use, or ensuring no intellectual property rights are being violated, and scanning and uploading the images to which we have access. Currently there are approximately 80 pages of text, labels and captions, 150 artifacts and 150 graphic images.
- Fundraising and campaign planning meetings are on-going, as well as identifying prospective sponsors for the 9-11 event. One thousand new brochures were printed and are being distributed at events. The Museum's campaign budget will be broken down into phases, and projects will begin soon that will lead us toward our objective of opening the Museum to the public as soon as possible. Our thanks to the Command Group, Public Affairs, and AGI personnel for their help!
- Director of Development Jo Ellen Legg is working on developing the Museum website.
- Current Work Requests: add light switch next to front barn door, install GFIs on the two water fountains, reattach the conduit in the Q-hut to the ceiling, and reinstall air conditioner to Q-hut.
- U.S. Marine Corps loan renewal is in process.
- Pest control is on-going – new mouse traps and monitoring stations were put in the Qhut, and where needed in the Armory building.
- Artifact processing has grown to a very large backlog, due to staff's focus on exhibits, as well as network difficulty in accessing our database.
 - Since January 1, we have had 31 donations (8 pending), with a total of 259 objects catalogued so far. One of the pending donations contains over 100 objects, and another has 5 boxes of technical manuals.
 - Access to our database is limited due to network difficulties. It now takes 5 hours to reindex and backup (usually a 30-minute process). Helpdesk has tried to resolve and is still trouble shooting the issue with the help of Serve Admin.
- We have completed our quarterly weapons inventory, but cannot make the updates in our database yet.
- Developing travel and supply budgets.
- OMM has objects on loan to Salem's Willamette Heritage Center at Mission Mill Museum for their upcoming exhibit, "Tools of Survival: Weapons of Oregon History." The opening is June 23rd at 5:30 pm.
- Computer use compliance training and DTS system training is due for several staff members.

CALENDAR/IMPORTANT DATES:

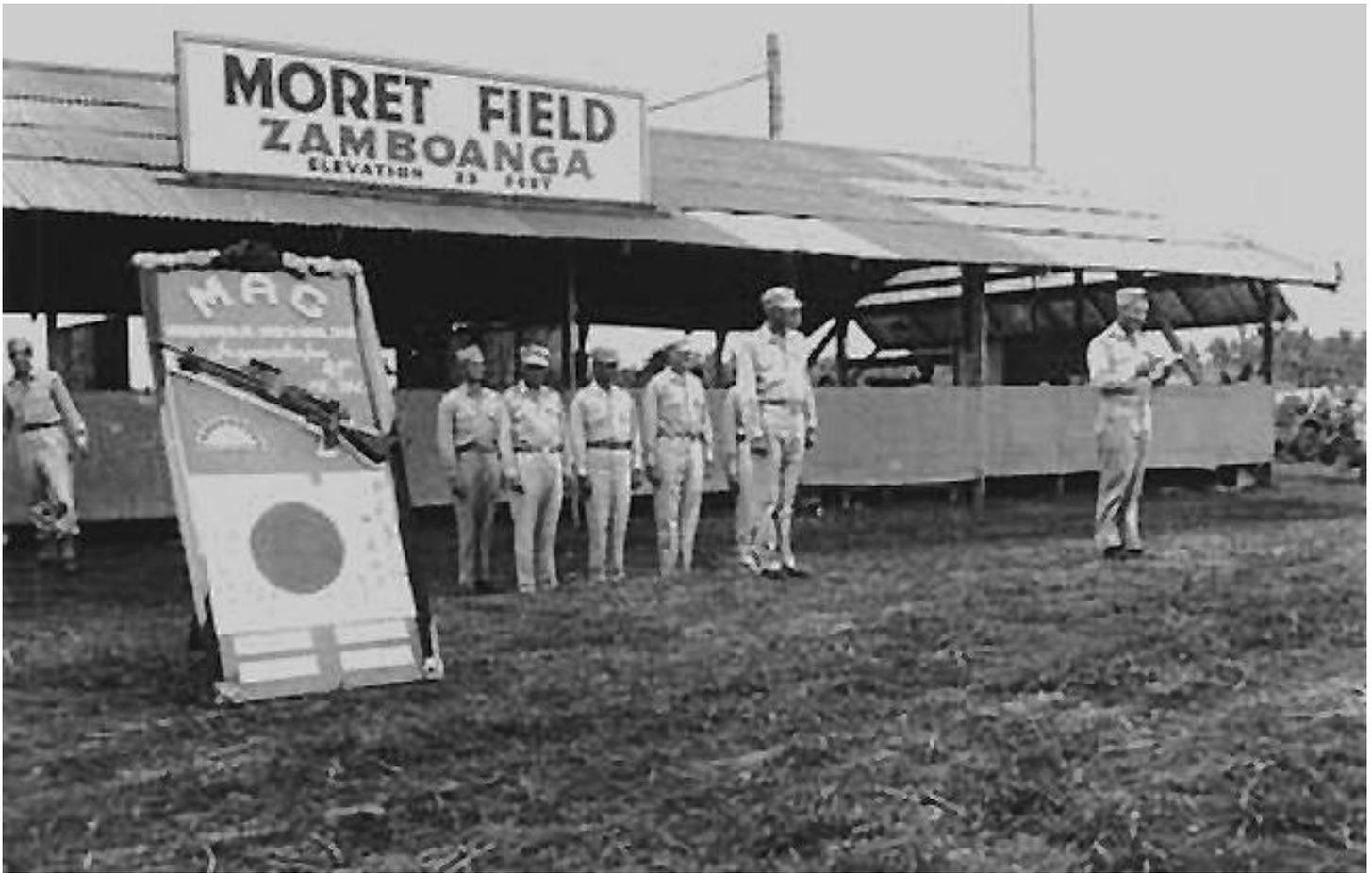
- June 6 41st Infantry Band Luncheon
- June 11? IPAS (environmental inspections)
- June 23 Exhibit opening at 5:30 pm, Willamette Heritage Center at Mission Mill Museum for their upcoming exhibit, "Tools of Survival: Weapons of Oregon History."
- ~~July 27-28 Tentative The Great Oregon Steam-Up, Antique Powerland, Brooks, Oregon~~
- August 6 Canby Vietnam Memorial
- August 8-12 National Guard Museum Training Course, Springfield Illinois
- Sept 10 9-11 Dinner and Fundraiser
- Sept 16 41st Infantry Division AFRC building dedication
- Sept ? Oregon National Guard Senior Leadership Conference, Camp Rilea

JUST BY THE NUMBERS:

Research Requests this period:	7 requests, not including AFRC exhibits
Total donations since January 1, 2011:	31 donations
Processed donations:	23 donations / 259 objects catalogued
Pending donations to be processed:	8 donations – several hundred objects and manuals
Scrapbooks/photo albums on loan for scanning:	11 completed, 1 album left to scan!

Example of exhibits research:

Below is one of many photographs and still images researched for possible use in the new exhibits at the new 41st Infantry Division AFRC that will be dedicated on Sept. 16th. This one didn't make the cut. Photo is courtesy of the National Marine Corps Museum archives, Quantico, Virginia.



Here, the 41st Infantry Division is honoring those Marines who furnished air support for the Division. The ceremony was held at Moret Field, with presentation of a plaque, commemorating operations at Zamboanga, Jolo, Basilan, and Sanga Sanga.

From <http://www.ibiblio.org/hyperwar/USMC/USMC-M-AvPhil/USMC-M-AvPhil-4.html>:

“ . . . A total of 142 close support missions were flown during the first 30 days. Marine air strikes were within 300 yards of our front lines using 500 lb. bombs; yet not one casualty resulted. Several reasons can be cited for this record:

- a. Education of the infantry units on selection of targets for close air support.
- b. Proper identification of target by attacking aircraft.
- c. Marking of friendly front lines, using panels, smoke, etc.
- d. Continuous control of aircraft by Air Liaison Party at front line positions.

Before the Marines left the Philippines, several Army ground units with whom they had worked expressed appreciation. Major General Jens A. Doe, commanding the 41st (Sunset) Division, during a combined air and ground ceremony, formally presented to Colonel Jerome and his men a plaque which commemorated the close cooperation between the Army and the Marines. On the plaque, six feet high and four feet wide, and trimmed with Japanese naval signal flags, was mounted an enemy light machine gun and a silk Japanese battle flag. Inscribed on the plaque was the legend: ‘IN APPRECIATION--41ST INFANTRY DIVISION.’ At the bottom, their combined campaigns were listed: Jolo, Sanga Sanga, Basilan, and Mindanao.

During the ceremony, General Jens Doe's message was read:

It is the desire of the commanding general, 41st Division, to present this plaque to the officers and men of Marine Air Groups, Zamboanga, in appreciation of their outstanding performance in support of operations on Mindanao, Philippine Islands. The readiness of the Marine Air Groups to engage in any mission requested of them, their skill and courage as airmen, and their splendid spirit of cooperation in aiding ground troops has given the division the most effective air support yet received in any of its operations. The effectiveness and accuracy of the support given by these groups proved a great factor in reducing casualties within the division. The work and cooperation of these groups has given the officers and men of the 41st Infantry the highest regard and respect for their courage and ability.”

DATA LOGGERS:

PERIOD: March 31, 2011 – May 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 74, Low 31

Quick Look:

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

Collections:	3 of 62 days	Uncatalogued:	6 of 62 days	Vault 6101-2:	3 of 62 days
Art Storage:	39 of 62 days	Drill Floor Stage:	45 of 62 days	Vault 6410:	0 of 62 days
Garment Storage:	32 of 62 days	Vault 6101-1:	1 of 62 days		

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LOGGER NO.	LOGGER LOC.	HIGH TEMP	LOW TEMP	AV TEMP	HIGH RH	LOW RH	AV RH	LOGGER NO.	LOGGER LOC.	HIGH TEMP	LOW TEMP	AV TEMP	HIGH RH	LOW RH	AV RH
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2307221	Garment Storage	72.20	64.65	68.38	51.67	36.50	43.60	2307221	Garment Storage	75.14	67.39	71.01	48.63	34.54	41.48
2307222	Uncatalogued	74.45	72.20	73.24	42.60	32.05	37.09	2307222	Uncatalogued	75.31	72.37	73.44	42.60	35.99	38.77
2307223	Drill Floor Stage	76.18	65.17	68.33	50.16	24.07	38.03	2307223	Drill Floor Stage	79.85	62.77	70.29	49.33	25.75	38.52
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