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### Sochi 2014 Olympics MEDAL COUNT

U.S. medals (as of Monday)

- Gold: 5
- Silver: 4
- Bronze: 9

## Perfect pair for U.S.

### Gold medal: Ice dancers win event for the first time

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# Local vet honored



Ducks (amphibious trucks) and a half-track follow foot soldiers ashore during the World War II opening invasion of France on a 100-mile front along the Normandy coast by Allied forces on June 6, 1944.

*'There were men in the thousands lying out there in the water ... the ocean turned red from the blood of all these men.'*

John Boehm, World War II veteran of Klamath Falls

## John Boehm now the oldest veteran at the Klamath Falls VFW post

By TRISTAN HIEGLER  
H&N staff reporter

John Boehm survived five battles in two theaters of World War II, right in the thick of some of the fiercest fighting in Europe. In many ways, he's lucky to be alive and residing in Klamath Falls at all.

His tank destroyer was shelled on a French beach, wounding him. He had to deal with African ants and extreme temperatures while recovering. His tank destroyer-battalion crossed the Rhine River into Germany before becoming surrounded by German troops and fighting free for three days and nights of nonstop combat.

After all that, Boehm has been honored with the Non-Commissioned Officers Association (NCOA) World War II Veterans Medallion, which is presented to noncommissioned officers for valor, service and fidelity. Boehm said he was touched by the award, which he plans on proudly displaying at the next Veterans of Foreign Wars event he attends.



John Boehm

"I thought it was something great, you know," he said of the medallion. "I was so surprised to hear that I was going to get one."

At 92, Boehm said he's the oldest veteran at the local VFW post, and one of the oldest in Klamath County.

Kathy Pierce, veterans service officer for Klamath County Vet-

erans Service Office, said Boehm was presented with the medallion Jan. 10 by a local representative of the NCOA. She said several other local veterans have been recognized as well.

On Dec. 13, 2013, Ward Friedman was presented with the World War II Veterans Medallion. On Jan. 3, Charles McElheny, Leslie Mitchell, Leroy Cummins and Keith Gentry were recognized.

### Hot, wet and cold

Boehm served with the 601st Tank Destroyer Battalion, which participated in actions in North Africa, Italy and the surrounding islands, the invasion of France and the land war in Germany itself. The 601st was attached to the 3rd Infantry Division in Italy, part of the command of Gen. George S. Patton.

He described driving a tank destroyer as quite a different experience from driving the average automobile. One of the models could only get up to 15 mph, but had an incredibly loud engine that Boehm cites as the source of his hearing loss in later years.

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# Mallams fires back at sheriff over budget

## Commissioner 'surprised by' Skrah's numbers

By SAMANTHA TIPLER  
H&N Staff Reporter

Klamath County Commissioner Tom Mallams says he was caught off-guard by the announcements Sheriff Frank Skrah made Friday, when Skrah declared he would have to lay off half the jail staff and half his deputies to meet budget cuts set by the county.

"We were rather blindsided by it," Mallams said in an interview Monday.



Mallams

The county had yet to receive numbers or predictions on how the sheriff's department would implement \$1.8 million in cuts for the 2014-15 fiscal year, Mallams said. County treasurer and chief financial officer Jason Link puts the cuts at \$1.8 million, but Skrah said with increasing internal costs it is closer to \$1.96 million.

"We were asking for those numbers for months," Mallams said. "We had not received anything until after the news conference."

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# New president takes helm at Jeld-Wen

## Former CEO to stay with company

By HOLLY DILLEMUTH  
H&N Staff Reporter

Jeld-Wen is under new leadership. The door and window frame manufacturing company, that has offices and plants in Klamath Falls, has appointed Kirk Hachigian as the new president and chief executive officer, according to a press release Monday.

Hachigian, who served as president of the Jeld-Wen board of directors, succeeds Philip Orsino. Orsino retires in March from position and the board of directors, but will remain as a corporate vice-chairman, continuing to provide leadership in strategy, technology and commercial operations, according to the release.



Hachigian

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### DAILY BRIEFING

#### Tulelake remembers WWII internment camps

What some people claim is one of the United States' greatest failures related to constitutional and civil liberties will be remembered Wednesday at the Tule Lake Unit of the World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument. See page A2.

#### Health clinic offered free dental services

Klamath Open Door's Presidents Day offer of free dental services filled the lobby of the clinic Monday morning, drawing a long line before the doors opened. More than 90 people took advantage of the special offer. See page A2.

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**HEALTHY Klamath**

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Community Partners Seeking Better Health

**41.9** deaths occur due to diabetes per 100,000 population in Klamath County

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