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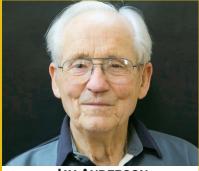
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#### The veterans service organization AMVETS remains committed

The veterans service organization AM-VETS remains committed to helping veterans and their families more than 75 years after its creation.

Post 10, the South Coast chapter of the organization meets the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Coos Bay Eagles Lodge.

AMVETS was formed in 1944 by veterans returning from World War II. Members say it is the most inclusive Congressionally-chartered veterans' service organization, open to representing the interests of 20 million veterans and their families.

AMVETS has made a long-term economic impact by providing assistance, jobs and services to veterans and their families for more than 70 years. The organization also is known for its annual Silver Helmet Awards, which recognize excellence and achievement in Americanism, defense, rehabilitation, congressional services and other fields. Sometimes also called the "Veterans Oscar," the award is shaped like a silver WWII helmet. Many famous Americans have been recipients of the award through the years.

The volunteer-led organization annually elects or appoints officers at the national, district, department and post levels. Representatives attend the national convention to make decisions on issues affecting veterans and their families.

The AMVETS organization has grown and evolved over the years to best serve each new generation of veterans and their families. The group has taken on numerous challenges of advocacy for veterans in healthcare, housing, national policy, employment and career development and many other avenues.

AMVETS also works on the forefront to recognize the contributions of women veterans who have for large parts of military history gone unrecognized, bringing to light the individual stories of highlighted servicewomen in their monthly newsletter.

AMVETS is also active in support of veterans transitioning and reintegrating from military to civilian life. For the American Veteran, returning from a structured military life to an unstructured civilian life can be unsettling. AMVETS Warrior Transition Workshops are post-deployment training programs for service members and veterans, with a focus on those struggling with combat stress (PTS) and readjustment issues resulting from one or more deployments. These workshops are three-day hands-on reintegration training programs offered at no cost to the veteran in need.

As the organization moves further into the 21st century, it does so with the conviction that its focus on preserving freedom, supporting America's defenders and serving her communities remains a clear blueprint for continued service to God and country.

For more information, contact Post 10 Commander Ronnie Long, who also is the Adutant & Executive Director of AMVETS for the Department of Oregon, at 541-294-1452 or visit the organization's website,

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#### Veterans show off their skills in art show

JOHN GUNTHER The World

NORTH BEND — The foot traffic has been slower than normal, but the quality is as good as ever in the annual veterans craft show at Pony Village Mall.

The show, which continues through Nov. 14, is in a vacant storefront across from the Joann Fabrics in the mall, includes 45 vendors— all veterans or family members. The displays include a variety of woodwork, paintings, pictures, needlecraft and more.

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The annual show serves a couple of purposes, both as a fundraiser for the artists and as a chance for the veterans from all branches of the military to get together.

"A lot of the vets make friends here," Marcov said. "They can talk about common issues. We have vets who suffer from (posttraumatic stress disorder). It gives them a chance to talk with people with similar issues.

"It's nice to be able to talk with people who

have been through what we've been through."

And there's a great variety of people to talk with.

The artists range in age from over 90 to a pair of teen-agers (one's dad is a veteran) who display a wide collection of military uniforms and supplies they have collected from a number of different eras.

"They display it because they find it very interesting — and they are extremely knowledgeable," Marcov said.

Because of the ongoing pandemic, there aren't as many people in the mall as most years. Also, fewer of the vendors stay on site, said Gevon White, who helps coordinate the event with her husband Terry they also display a variety of needlework items they create together.

"This year, especially, not a lot of the vendors are staying," said Gevon, who has been part of the show for all 10 years of its existence.

That doesn't make it any less popular among the veterans, she said.

"Everyone just loves doing this show," she said.

One veteran sitting in front of his work this week was Troy Asbury, who is 84 and served in the Army.

Asbury specializes in woodwork, including log truck lamps and various toys.

"I enjoy doing it," he said. "If it makes a kid happy, it makes me happy."

One of the 90-year-old vendors is renowned local painter Tony Adams, who has sensational scenes of animals and Native Americans.

Another is Gerald Windsor, who was an aviation engineer in the Army and works with wood — his favorite piece is of geese landing in water.

Windsor also creates a seal animal puzzle of small individual pieces he forms with a scroll saw. They include a tiny crab and other pieces carefully crafted from a variety of wood types.

"I have a little pile of wood on the floor and I pick a piece of wood I like and make the pieces," Windsor said, adding that the puzzle, which comes with the solution, was designed by his son, Tim.

Near Windsor is Navy veteran Robert, who burns designs in wood with a pyrography tool. His wife, Pat, crochets shawls. Derek Alix, another Navy veteran, builds birdhouses and picture frames, while his wife of 63 years, Janice, makes purses and quilts and is among a number of crafters this year who are making facemasks.

Across the room, Navy veteran Mike Holiman sells wood boxes he has built.

"I like making boxes," Holiman said. "Not that I'm good at it — I'm getting better at it."

He has been coming to the show for five or six years.

"I think it's absolutely wonderful for the veterans and their families," he said.

Robert Wilson and his wife Sandy, both former Marines, display a wide variety of wood vehicles he has made, ranging from military types — tanks, transports and ambulances — to logging vehicles to recreational vehicles.

"Just about everything you see has been made form a picture," he said.

Some of the vehicles also serve as banks. His favorite is a excavator with moving parts.

He's made more than normal this year because he and Sandy weren't able to do



John Gunther, The World A variety of historic uniforms are on display at the veterans craft show at Pony Village Mall.



Robert Wilson displays his favorite woodworking project on display at the Veterans Art Show, a tractor with moveable parts.

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their regular work as camp park hosts for the Oregon State Parks Department for part of the year when campgrounds were closed.

"I enjoy it," he said of the woodworking. "It's fun."

Among the visitors to the craft show Wednesday was Simon Alonzo, the marketing manager for the mall.

"I'm excited," he said. "This is an event they've done for many years.

"They just put in a lot of time and effort. They're all so passionate about what they do - it's neat to see."

The mall provides the space for the craft show for free.

"We're just happy they chose us to host it," Alonzo said.

And they are happy the mall welcomes them each year.

"I love this," said Marylou Howland, a 70-year-old former Army map maker.

Howland displays a variety of items, many Christmas themed, including beaded pictures, needlework, folded books and crosses made from matchsticks. Her favorite works, she said, are dreamcatchers.

As much as she loves creating, she also loves the social aspect of the event, talking with the other vendors.

"There's a story behind every one of us," she said.

Among the more unique displays is a collection of artwork drawn by soldiers on the canvas bunks they slept in during wars.

Craig Spotts, a Navy veteran, said he has collected some 150 of the canvases over the years. His wife, Corinne, sells shell art, including wreaths and little plant holders for succulents.

Spotts hopes people come by in the next few weeks to see the work of his fellow veterans.

"It's really good stuff," he said. "There's a lot of Christmas presents down here."



A collection of wood boxes built by Mike Holiman.



Art Show in Pony Village Mall.



Troy Asbury has a variety of woodworking toys that he has created.

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A collection of wood boxes built by Mike Holiman.

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The display of Marylou Howland includes a variety of Christmas crafts.

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## The annual Florence Festival of Trees

A benefit for the Oregon Coast Military Museum, will be held in a virtual format this year.

The event, which organizers say has blossomed into one of the most exciting events of the holiday season, will be held on Saturday, Nov. 28, beginning at 5 p.m.

"We have been extremely lucky to have amazing support from the businesses and community, but this year we need your help more than ever," organizers said in a press release. "Due to the pandemic, we are holding this event with your safety in mind. Trees will be placed around the community for viewing, you can bid for your favorite tree on line or with the help of a museum staff member.

"Then a live streamed video event will be held, where we will announce the winners of those trees as well as auctioning the six real, designer-decorated trees."

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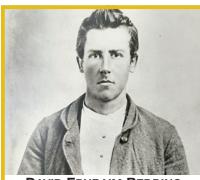
REEDSPORT —Umpqua Discovery Center in Reedsport will provide free admission for veterans on Veterans Day.

Veterans will have free admission to the center's exhibits from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The center is located at 409 Riverfront Way, along the Umpqua River, in Reedsport.



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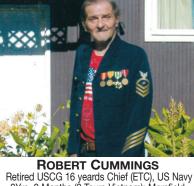
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Retired USCG 16 yeards Chief (ETC), US Navy 9Yrs, 9 Months (2 Tours Vietnam); Marsfield Pirate (1963) (26 years total service, disabled)

#### **The American Legion**

The American Legion is a nonprofit, volunteer, veteran-run organization that was founded in 1919 by war-weary World War I veterans. At that time, there were no real resources, programs or advocates for veterans.

Today, the American Legion is the nation's largest veterans service organization, committed to mentoring youth and sponsorship of wholesome programs in our communities, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting strong national security and continued devotion to fellow service members and veterans.

Members say it was the American Legion that wrote the GI Bill and fought to get it passed — it was an unpopular idea at the time.

American Legion Bay Area Post 34 meets the first Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at the North Bend post.

For more information, contact Commander Tyler Nickel at 541-808-1306. Nickel is a veteran from the Marine Corps.

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The Patriot Guard Riders is a 100-percent volunteer non-profit organization that ensures dignity and respect at memorial services honoring fallen military heroes, first responders and honorably discharged veterans.

The group's main mission is to attend the funeral services of fallen American heroes as invited guests of the family. Each mission, the group has two basic objectives: First, show sincere respect for the heroes, their families and their communities; and second shield the mourning family and friends from interruptions created by any protester or group of protesters, through strictly legal and nonviolent means. To request a mission by the Patriot Guard Riders to participate in a funeral or memorial, visit patriotguard.org, which includes a form to be submitted online.

To learn more about the group on the South Coast, visit Oregon South Coast Ride Co-Captains Bob Kramer (phone 541-808-8085, email bobkramer12@gmail.com) or Jim Bellay (phone 541-396-2960, email jbellay@aol.com). Both are Vietnam veterans, Kramer in the Navy and Bellay in the Air Force.

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SEAN MILLER U.S. Marine Corp July 1993-Aug. 2004 Iraq/Kuwait



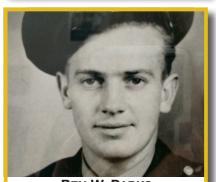
JOHN MOIR U.S. Army April 1964, Volunteered for Vietnam. Proudly served in battalion recon platoon, 1st/28th, 1st infantry division March 1966



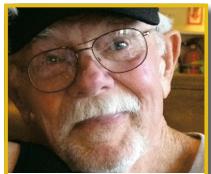
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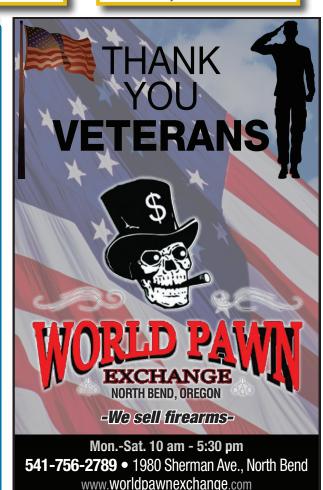


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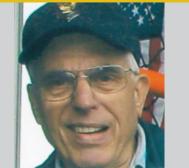


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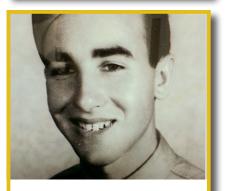




WALLACE "WALLY" PARRISH U. S. ARMY - WWII



DEAN PFAENDER US Coast Guard 1960-1968, Duty Stations: Coos Bay; Groton CT, San Pedro CA, Cutters: McLane, Triton, Basswood, Vietnam 1967



EDGAR PILETTE US Army 1941-1945



EDGAR POWELL 1943 – 1972 Master Sergeant U.S. Army



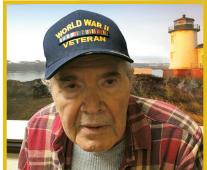
DAREN PFAENDER US Navy & Oregon National Guard 1984-2008, Iraq 2003-2004 – Hurricane Katrina 2005, Retired 2008



AUBREY PIERCE US Army 1999-2014 E5, Iraq 2006, Uzbekistan 2011



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RAYMOND E. SMITH U.S. Army, March 1943-December 1945, 15th Air Force/Europeon Theatre, North Africa & Italy WWII



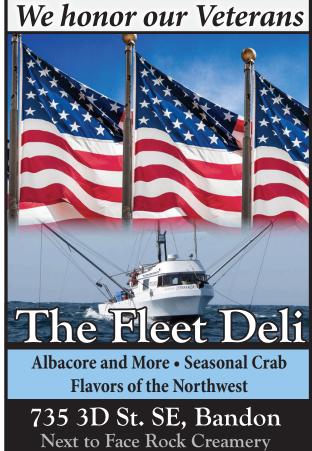
GEORGE W. SNODGRASS JR. Born in Philippines, moved to Coos Bay, 1945 U.S. Army 1953-1955 7th Infantry Div. Korea



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Although fishing is in the group's name, FVA provides a variety of outdoor recreational activities and career placement programs through its community partners. FVA is looking to connect with veterans in the community, fishing for many different outdoor opportunities, and working with other veteran nonprofit groups focused on veteran-toveteran services.

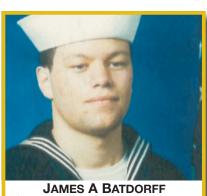
"FVA strives for excellence in veteran peer-to-peer outreach," the group's information sheet reads. "We appreciate that many veterans are led to serve both each other and the larger community. FVA plans to foster community connections to train and hire veterans in the commercial fishing industry, creating unique adventure opportunities between veterans, children and the physically limited as they share

appreciation for the outdoor lifestyle.

"We believe these opportunities and relationships will strengthen our veterans' sense of belonging and pride in their community, while building strong kinship with their fellow vets."

FVA is always looking for ideas, donations and volunteers to aid its cause.

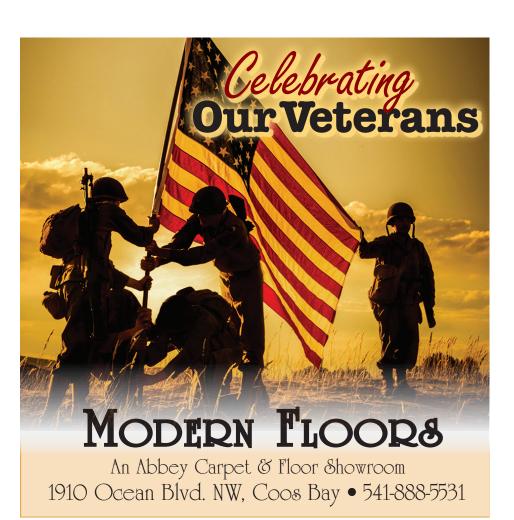
For more information on the organization on the South Coast, contact Travis Bainum at 541-751-3439. Bainum is a veteran from the Marine Corps.



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RUSSELL E. DAY Gunner's Mate First Class, U.S. Navy - 1939-1945. He is a veteran of WWII and a Pearl Harbor survivor. Awarded bronze star and 13 battle stars.



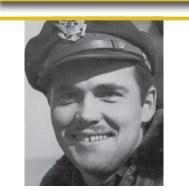
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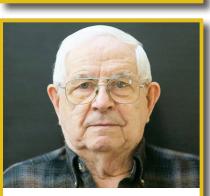
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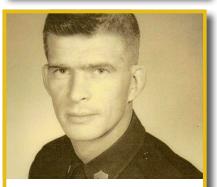
SFC GARY DELONG SR. 20 + yrs in the US Army, joining in 1974, during the Vietnam War. He served many commands in the USA, Germany and South Korea.



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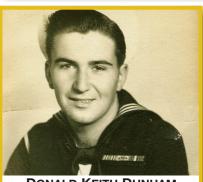


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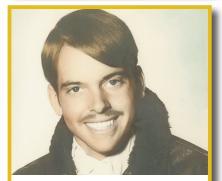


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DAVID EDMINISTER US Navy 1968-1971 RM3 (Radioman), Vietnam – Mekong River



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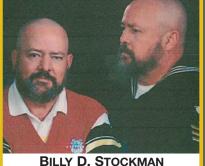
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