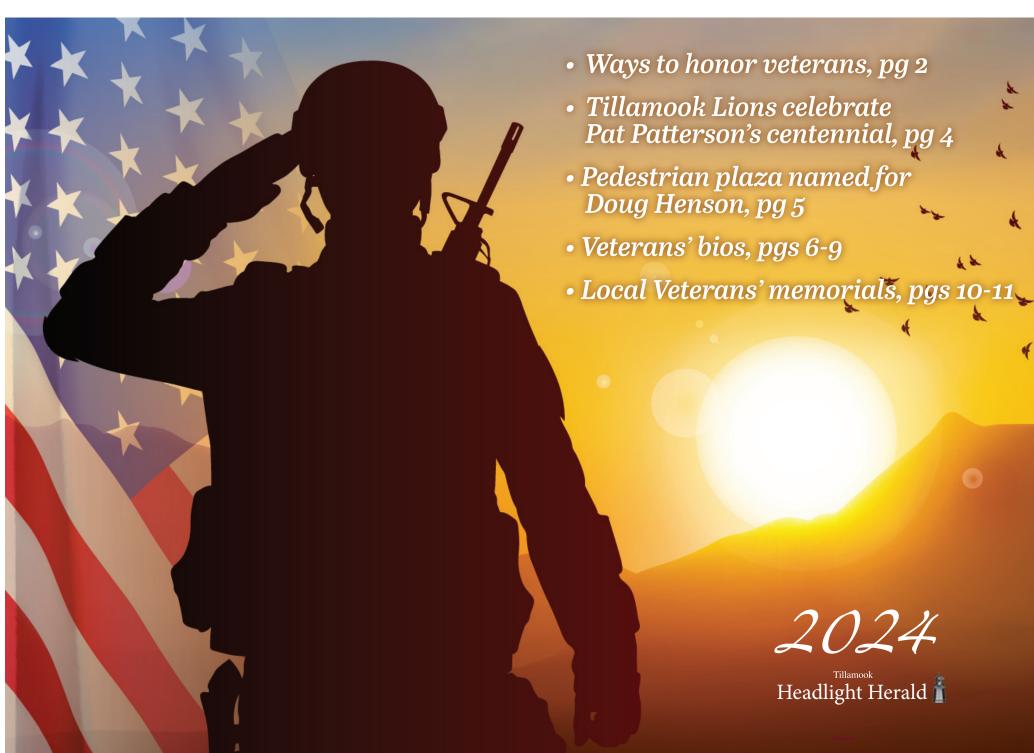
Salute to Veterans





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To Honor World War Il Veteran Frank Heyl



We Friends of Tillamook Air Museum had the privilege to meet and spend some time with world War ll Veteran Frank Heyl, 101 years old. Frank joined the US Army in 1942. He flew B-25 Bombers. The mission was to seek and destroy Japanese subs. The war ended in 1945. Frank stayed an extra year, 1942-1946.

In 1949 Frank joined the C-46 Medi vat which was part of the Air National Guard. This was during the Korean Conflict. During the Cuban missile Crisis, Kennedy was president. Frank joined the 101st Airborne. Frank retired from the military at age 62 as a lieutenant Colonel.

After the military, Frank flew C-46 for the Arctic Expedition. A mother polar bear was killed—don't know why, who or what killed her. Two cubs were left to die. Frank called Portland Zoo. They were excited to have the first polar bears in the zoo. Frank also saw a need for wild turkeys in Oregon. He found the wild turkeys and brought them to Oregon.

He also gave classes on "Tough Survival "and wrote a book about surviving. Frank honored us by attending our 80th Birthday Celebration for Hangar B and at the Tillamook County Fair. Many folks stopped by the booth to chat with Frank. Frank shared his experiences with other Vets and they told their stories, too.

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Salute to Veterans **

Veterans Day★ November 11, 2024

Ways to honor veterans

Millions of people make considerable sacrifices to protect the freedoms of their fellow citizens. According to the Pew Research Center and data from the Department of Veterans Affairs and the U.S. Census Bureau, there are currently more than 18 million living veterans in the United States.

The term "veteran" refers to a person who served in the active military, naval, air service, or space service and was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable. In the U.S., there are actually five types of protected veterans, according to the Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974. Under VEVRAA, a veteran may be classified as a disabled veteran, recently separated veteran, active duty wartime or campaign badge veteran, or Armed Forces service medal veteran.

Veterans deserve respect and admiration all year long, but also get their own holiday each November. Veterans Day celebrates veterans' patriotism and willingness to sacrifice and serve. This Veterans Day, people can consider

these eight unique ways to honor the veterans in their community.

1. Attend events. Organize or participate in local Veterans Day celebrations, such as parades and ceremonial events.

2. Get involved with veterans' affairs. Support veterans by volunteering with organizations that assist them, such as the VA, local veteran's groups, VA hospitals, or charities dedicated to veteran services.

3. Petition for veteran speakers. Reach out to schools, scout troops or other groups and arrange opportunities for veterans to share their stories and contributions. Learning about the sacrifices these men and women made can heighten individuals' appreciation for veterans.

4. Support the families of veterans. Reach out to veterans' families, who also must make sacrifices and concessions. Anything from shopping, babysitting, doing chores, or making a meal can help the families of veterans.

5. Make a donation. If finances allow, make contributions to reputable charities that provide services for veterans like those that offer mental health counseling or job placement services. If there isn't a charity that fits with your vision, begin one.

6. Hire veterans to work. If you are a business owner or hiring manager, consider hiring veterans for open positions at your company. It can be challenging to re-enter the workforce after service, so make it known that your firm welcomes veterans.

7. Offer personal acknowledgements. Take the time to speak to veterans and thank them for their service. If possible, when dining out, ask the server if you can pay for the meal of a veteran who also is dining that day.

8. Don't forget the fallen veterans. Although Memorial Day is designed to honor those who lost their lives through military service, people still can honor the fallen veterans on Veterans Day by sharing stories or placing flags at veteran cemeteries.

Veterans Day is celebrated on November 11, marking an opportunity to express one's gratitude and support for the scores of veterans who have served honorably.

Five Rivers Salutes Our Veterans

Veterans Day is always a special day here at **Prestige Senior Living** Five Rivers. We're proud to have residents who have served our country and helped preserve the freedoms we enjoy every day.

In honor of Veterans Day, we're taking this opportunity to spotlight two of our residents who are veterans, Donald Richard Caspell and Dr. Brett Hestmark.

Donald Richard Caspell

Don was born on the 24th of August 1922 on his grandparents grain growing ranch, approximately 12 miles east of Salem, Oregon.

Don was 18 months old when his family moved and became dairy farmers in the Big Nestucca Valley, near Pacific City and Cloverdale, Oregon. When not busy doing farm chores and school studies, he enjoyed fishing, hunting, swimming in the summer, and growing up in that pristine area.

Then came the Japanese military's invasion of the US Territories in the Pacific, including the bombing of Pearl Harbor, HI. The people of



Donald Richard Caspell becoming Captain



Donald Richard Caspell

Tillamook County were rightfully alarmed as the only military protection our county and open beaches had was the US Coast Guard station in Garibaldi.

Don joined the Tillamook County Gorillas, organized to provide some protection until the military could organize and move in. Don did lookout duty from the US Forest service tower on



Donald Richard Caspell early days in service

little Hebo Mountain.

By September, Don was old enough to join the US Navy and served 38 months as a gunner on various cannons, serving on 3 different ships in the South Pacific war zones.

At WWII's end, Don was discharged and

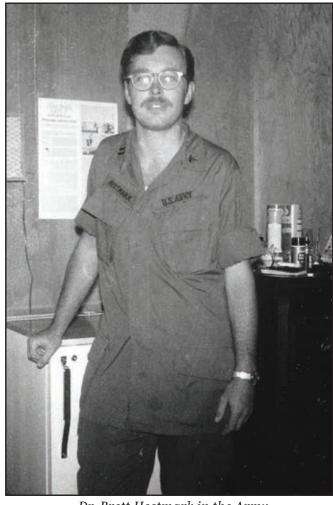
worked for 1 year falling old growth timber on Washington's Olympic Peninsula. Then while recuperating from a logging injury, Don joined the US Army, serving through the Korean conflict and the Cold War with Russia, in Germany. He then retired in 1967 as a Command Sergeant Major.

After a 10-day vacation, Donald went to work as a Federal Civil Service Logistics Officer. First with the US Army and then the US Air Force. He retired in 1977 at Homestead Air Force Base in Florida.

He returned to Bay City, Oregon, where he enjoyed hunting in the local mountains and fishing the Tillamook River from the bank of property he purchased at a Sheriff's Auction, and where he grew fruit and nut trees and had a garden including a strawberry patch.

Donald belongs to the Bay City United Methodist Church, The Tillamook Elks Lodge #1437, The Tillamook Pioneer Association, the Association of the United States Army, and the National Association of Retired Federal Employees.

Donald's close relatives include wife Joyce M. Caspell of Bay City, Oregon, Son Anthony Caspell of West Point, Mississippi and daughter-



Dr. Brett Hestmark in the Army

in-law Debra, Stepdaughter Joann Singler and husband Steve of Brookings, Oregon, Sister Ruth Hurliman of Tillamook, Oregon, Brother Wilbert Caspell of Silverton, Oregon, and sister-in-law Diane Funke of Taylorsville, Utah. Donald also has numerous nieces and nephews.

Dr. Brett Hestmark

Dr. Hestmark served in the Army from 1970-1972. He was the Dentist for the Military. His first year was in Alabama, and his second year was in Vietnam. When he got out of the army, he was a Captain. Then he was a dentist in Tillamook, Oregon for 45 years before retiring.





Tillamook Lions celebrate Pat Patterson's centennial

Staff Report

The Tillamook Lions Club gathered at St. John's United Church of Christ on December 17, 2023, to honor member and United States Coast Guard Veteran Pat Patterson on the occasion of his 100th birthday.

Club member and Blue Heron French Cheese Company Owner Denny Pastega donated sandwiches to the celebration, while an anonymous donor supplied a cake from Sarasota's.

Adventist Health Tillamook President Eric Swanson was the keynote speaker at the event and

shared stories of his history with Patterson. Swanson said that when he got his first paid job on the maintenance crew at Adventist Tillamook in the summer of 1984, Patterson had been his boss, and shared valuable lessons about the importance of quality over speed in work.

Others shared memories of Patterson and Jane **Scott Video Productions** gifted the centenarian copies of interviews she had done with him recalling his life in Tillamook.

Patterson first arrived in Garibaldi during World War II, after enlisting in the Coast Guard following

his high school graduation. During the war, he performed beach patrols to ensure compliance with war-time blackout orders to prevent Japanese attack.

After the war, Patterson became a fixture in the local community, serving as a member of the Garibaldi Lion's Club for 69 years, Port Commissioner in Bay City and leading efforts to bring Steam Engine #90 to Garibaldi, for which he earned the nickname "Mr. Train." Patterson was honored by the City of Garibaldi with the declaration of Pat Patterson Day on March 7, 2022.



Patterson giving a big thumbs up at his 100th birthday celebration at St. John's United Church of Christ. Photo by Daniel Phelps





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Pedestrian plaza named for Doug Henson

Will Chappell Headlight Editor

The Tillamook City Council unanimously voted to name the pedestrian plaza on Second Street between Pacific and Main Avenues in Downtown Tillamook Henson Plaza, in honor of longtime City Councilor Doug Henson, who passed away last month.

Council also approved a solid waste removal rate

increase, which will see the cost of trash removal go from \$20.75 to \$21.75 monthly for weekly service, and the cost of recycling go from \$7.35 to \$7.55 monthly.

The council had asked City Manager Nathan George to investigate the possibility of naming the forthcoming veterans' memorial in downtown Tillamook after Henson.

However, when George contacted Katherine

Meurer, Henson's widow, she suggested that the council consider renaming the plaza after Henson, as it was his favorite project he had helped bring to fruition.

The plaza was initially converted from a functional street into its current form in 2016, as part of a larger, \$28-million rethinking of downtown Tillamook's traffic flow with the installation of a new bridge over the

Hoguarton Slough.

Initially, the renovation, which was funded jointly by the Oregon Department of Transportation and City of Tillamook, called for the street to remain passable to vehicle traffic, only closing for special events. After closing in October 2016, work took place until May 2017, when the plaza was completed.

As work continued on other elements of the

downtown traffic refresh, the plaza remained closed the rest of 2017 and through the fall of 2018.

With business owners and residents growing increasingly chagrined at a lack of parking that fall, the city council began work on a downtown parking plan for the city. Presented in September, the plan advised that the plaza remain closed to vehicular traffic to

decrease maintenance needs.

Community members and councilors were divided over the proposal and the vote split 3-3 for and against the plan, before then-Mayor Suzanne Weber cast a tiebreaking vote in favor of the plaza's continued closure.

The name change took effect immediately and a plaque will be installed to reflect the change.



Veterans Day bio

Specialist Goff, U.S. Army

U.S. Army 1999-2005 Purple Heart Recipient Bay City Veterans of Foreign Wars [VFW] Post #2848 Commander

Donavan Goff served in the U.S. Army from 1999-2005. He joined just before his 19th birthday and completed two overseas deployment tours to Bamford. Germany where he was assigned as a human resources specialist.

During his second tour, the United States invaded Iraq. Goff was

sent to Iraq to do a command visit to one of the major logistical bases. When the unit's work was finishing up, things took a turn for the worse.

"We were doing a return trip home," Goff said. "In doing so, we passed the bomb sweeping team because the commander was in a hurry. Within a few minutes, an IED went off."

Goff and three other members in the vehicle were hit with shrapnel. All survived.

After a few days in the hospital, Goff returned to Germany and a couple months later received

his Purple Heart.

Goff, now resides in Tillamook County and heavily invests his time with the VFW Post #2848, as the Post Commander, and other veteran-centered activities. The camaraderie is what he said motivates him.

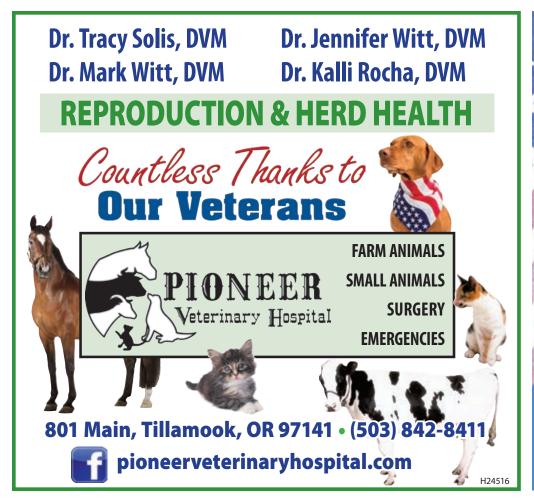
"When you're in the military, especially as a single person, you essentially spend 24 hours a day seven days a week with these people. You live in the same building, you eat, work, hang out, party, travel with each other; you're always together. So, it's trying to reassign that bond."

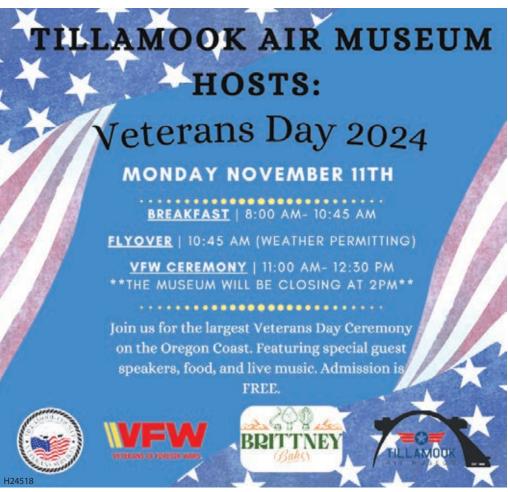
Goff also personally knows the mental health benefits of gathering with other veterans.

"Going through PTSD myself," he said, "I know that there's a lot of people who are sitting at home struggling, wanting to hold themselves down and not get out into the world because of the fear of ridicule. I try to get people the interaction that helps. This is where it's helped me."

Donavan Goff served in the U.S. Army from 1999-2005. He is now the Post **Commander for the VFW** Post #2848 out of Bay City.









Glen Boege pictured in Germany in 1979. Boege is seen holding a machine gun, which was not army issue. Boege was spending time training with the Luxembourg Army and at the firing range some soldiers swapped weapons.

Specialist 4th Class Boege, U.S. Army

U.S. Army 1979-1981 39th Infantry Regiment, Combat Support Company, Anti-Tank Platoon

Glen Boege served in the U.S. Army from 1979-1981. After feeling what he described as a need to grow up, he saw the Army as the way to do that.

"I saw all sorts of things in a different light," he said. "I had to make my bed every single day. The toughness of being in the military and not giving up when things get hard; that was a really big thing."

Boege entered the army right after the Vietnam War when the military had evolved into an all-volunteer force.

"They were having a really hard

Veterans Day bio

time getting people back, so the standards were really low and the enlistments where what they considered easy. I was able to sign up for a twoyear enlistment and I was able to go to Germany guaranteed. That sounded good to me."

Boege was trained to shoot TOW missiles from M-113 tracked vehicles.

After his two years, Boege felt he had grown up and did not reenlist. He was given the option to join the reserves for a few years and opted in.

Boege said that for those considering enlisting, to go for it.

"It was some of the best years of my life," he said. "I was young. I was able to travel, go to Europe, and see places and do things I would have never been able to do. You're in a very exclusive club; there's a lot of camaraderie about it. You get discipline and they make you do stuff you didn't think you could ever do. Later in life, you can



actually push yourself farther than you think you can."

Boege is now an active member of the American Legion Tillamook Post 47.



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Master Sergeant Lindsey, U.S. Army

U.S. Army 1994-2015 American Legion Post 47 Commander VFW 2848 Vice Commander

Kevin Lindsey served in the U.S. Army from 1994-2015: a 22-year career.

"I joined up in the infantry because both my mom's dad and dad were in the infantry," Lindsey said. "I was in the infantry for three years and then my MOS (Military

Occupational Specialty) became mechanic for the rest of my time in the military."

During his decades long service, Lindsey was stationed in Hawaii, Fort Leavenworth, Germany, Iraq, Kuwait and Afghanistan four times.

"I've seen most of the world," he said. "The first two deployments were my hardest. I was in the artillery unit in Germany, and we went over to Iraq. When we finally returned home, it was 16 months later."

Lindsey said that deployment in particular took a toll on him.

"We lost three soldiers

in that deployment," he said. "A lot of injuries from gunshots. As a mechanic, I knew what the terrorists were trying to hunt: vehicles that had a lot of antennas and anything with a big red symbol for medics."

After retiring in 2015, his service influenced his outreach work. He currently volunteers his time as American Legion Post 47 Commander and VFW Post #2848 Vice Commander; making the 40-minute drive to the area to attend meetings and support each organization.

"My heart is all for veterans," Lindsey said.

"Every morning, I come out and salute by POW flag and make a prayer. I've been doing that for about five years now."

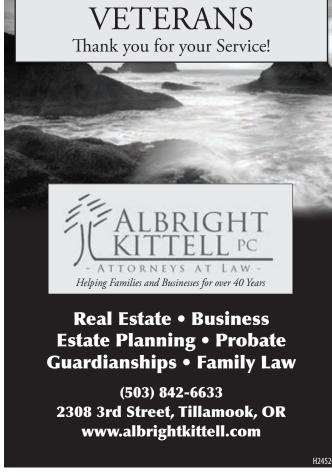
Lindsey recently completed the 2,200 Push-Up Challenge in the month of October. The campaign raises awareness for the fact that an estimated 22 veterans die by suicide every day.

"God bless all veterans and no more to 22 veteran suicides."

> **Kevin Lindsey** is currently the American Legion Post 47 Commander and VFW Post #2848 Vice Commander









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Staff Sergeant Heffernan, U.S. Air Force

U.S. Air Force 1963-1971 Weather equipment repairman

Jim Heffernan served in the U.S. Air Force from 1963-1971. He enlisted during what would have been his junior year of high school.

"It wasn't entirely my own decision," he recalled. "I was kind of a deviant teenager, and my father finally got tired and told me: join the service or move out. So, I joined the service."

Heffernan joined the Air

Force, a branch that encouraged him to finish high school and obtain his GED.

"There was no nonsensediscipline," he said.

Heffernan spent nine "rigorous" months being trained as a radar repairman.

"There were technical training programs, which gave me skills that lasted me my whole life," he said. "I didn't get anywhere close to combat and I actually got to spend three years in England on top of having a very good technical training in electronics and mechanics. So, the military was a wonderful thing for me."

Heffernan spent his time in the Air Force working on air bases with equipment alongside the runway to measure

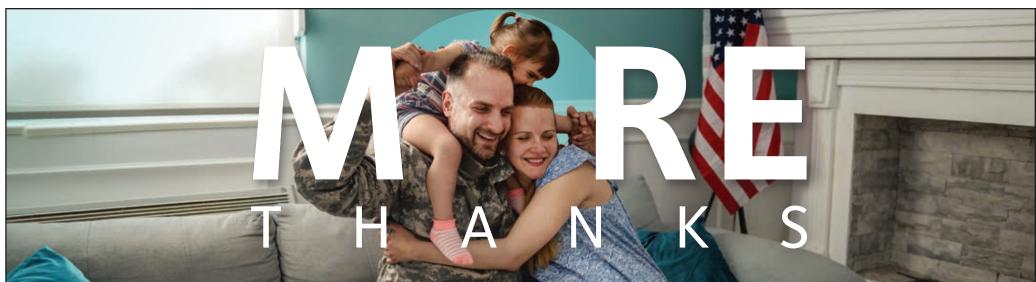
the weather.

His military training aided Heffernan in landing good factory jobs after exiting the service.

"I went to Catholic schools and the nuns told me something along the lines of: 'Jim you're very smart, but if you don't learn to apply yourself... you're going to end up working at factory," Heffernan laughed. "It was very good for me because I was one of the guys that the factory kept around to keep things going. I made better money than just about anybody else in the factory."

Heffernan worked for the Tillamook County Creamery Association for nearly 30 years.





Thank you to the brave individuals who have served and sacrificed in our armed forces to protect America's freedom. We are proud and honored to provide compassionate care to our local heroes. Happy Veterans Day!



Tillamook veterans' memorial installed

Will Chappell Headlight Editor

A new veterans' memorial was installed in downtown Tillamook on June 26, honoring veterans from World War I to the present day across the county.

The project was the brainchild of late Tillamook City Councilor Doug Henson, who raised more than \$200,000 in donations and in-kind contributions before Tillamook City Councilor Nick Torres took over for the final stages of the project when Henson became ill.

Henson told the Herald last fall that he was inspired to tackle the project when friends of a high school classmate who died in Vietnam asked him why Tillamook did not have a veterans' memorial like other communities they had visited.

When Henson found that the only commemorations for veterans in the county were two plaques at the county courthouse and post office, he sprang into action to bolster those offerings. Henson Quickly landed on the triangle



property between First Street and Pacific and Main Avenues that was previously home to a Shell as a site for a memorial and commissioned a preliminary design.

That design allowed Henson to come up with an estimated budget of \$200,000 for the project, at which point he began approaching local contractors to further dial in the cost estimate.

The contractors Henson spoke with surprised him by offering to donate materials and services to the project, allowing him to quickly complete the fundraising push after several cash donations came in to cover the \$83,000 purchase of the memorial itself.

At that point, Henson identified OM Stone in Hillsboro as the company that should engrave the memorial's plinth and affix the bald eagle statue to its top and oversaw the installation of a rebar-reinforced concrete base for the memorial in November.

Unfortunately, soon after completing those preparatory steps, Henson fell seriously ill and was forced to withdraw from public life, handing the project off to Torres, who saw it through.

The newly installed monument features engraving on all four sides of the seven-foot-tall granite plinth, in addition to the bald eagle statue on top. The side facing First Street features a POW-MIA logo

and the reverse a rifle and a helmet in honor of soldiers who died in combat.

The side facing Pacific Avenue features a thank you to the memorial's sponsors Jerry Dove, the Loren E. Parks Trust, Werner Beef Jerky, the Pastega Family Foundation, Tillamook Sporting Goods, North Coast Lawn, Tillamook Peoples' Utility District, Brian Werner Concrete, Aufdermauer Trucking & Excavation, Burden's Towing, Coast-Wide Ready Mix and the Tillamook High School Charity Drive.

The final side, facing Main Avenue, is inscribed with a dedication to the veterans in whose memory the monument was erected:

"This monument is

dedicated to the brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation during times of war. We honor their selfless service and remember their sacrifices.

"To our military personnel, past, present, and future, we offer our heartfelt gratitude. Your service and dedication to our country will always be remembered.

"To the families of those who gave their lives for our freedom, we offer our deepest sympathies. We hope that this monument will serve as a reminder that their loved ones will never be forgotten.

"May God bless our Veterans, our military personnel, and the United States of America."



A guide to local Memorials and Markers

Bay City (2)

- Plaque/Native Boulder with POW/ MIA Flag on the flagpole; Dedicated December 16, 2003; **Located Marion Barr** Library
- Vietnam Memorial; Dedicated July 4, 1992; Located Campsite between Bay City and Tillamook east of Hwy 101

Cloverdale (1)

- · Plaque; Located Nestucca Valley Cemetery off Highway 101
- · Plaque; Located west of bridge off Highway 101 in Cloverdale, directly across from the High School digital sign

Garibaldi (1)

 Coast Guard Boat Memorial; Dedicated - Unknown: Located near the marina off South 7th Street to Coast Guard Way just north of the Coast Guard facility.

Hebo (1)

· Mt. Hebo Memorial Plaque; Dedicated 1987; Former Mt. Hebo Air Force Station

Nehalem (3)

- · Nehalem Bay Veterans Memorial; Dedicated May 21, 1989; Located Nehalem Bay Cemetery: http://www.waymarking.com/waymarks/ WM13M9_Nehalem_ Bay Veterans Memorial
- Plaque (All Veterans); Dedicated - 1994; Dennis D. Schnoor **Veterans Memorial** Park located near the northwest entry to Nehalem Bridge
- Plaque/Flagpole (Veterans of All Wars); Dedicated -Unknown; Located Cemetery between Nehalem and Manzanita, Highway 101

Tillamook (7)

- · Veterans Monument located between First Street and Pacific and Main Avenues
- Plaque (Tillamook County Veterans Korean and Vietnam); Dedicated - Unknown: Located US Post Office, 2200 First Street
- Plaque (All Wars); Dedicated - Unknown; Located Courthouse, 201 Laurel Ave.

- Plaque (Country's Dead): Dedicated -Unknown: Located Odd Fellows Cemetery, across from the County Fairgrounds, 4603 E 3rd Street
- Giant Flag; Dedicated - Unknown;

Located next to Werner's Meats on East 3rd Street across from Goodspeed Park

 The Tillamook Air Museum (Wartime Memorabilia); Dedicated - Unknown; Located Highway 101

just south of Tillamook

 Pioneers Museum Exhibit of Veterans' Memorabilia; Dedicated - Unknown; **Located Pioneers** Museum, 2106 2nd Street





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The roles of the various branches of the U.S. military

Each November, people across the United States and its territories honor the brave men and women who serve and have served in the various branches of the country's military. Veterans Day is observed annually every November 11 and honors the service of all U.S. military veterans. The day should not be confused with Memorial Day, which is celebrated each year in May and honors all military personnel who have died in

Veterans Day is a great time for anyone to learn more about the various branches of the U.S. military.



Army

The U.S. Department of Defense notes that the Army is the largest and oldest service in the country's mili-

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tary. The Army provides the ground forces that protect the United States. Members of the Army are trained to defeat enemy ground forces and to seize and control enemy lands and resources. Army also are trained to control and interact with the general population in countries where members are stationed.

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Navy

The Navy protects America at sea. Despite its massive land mass, the United States is a maritime nation, which underscores how important a strong Navy is to the safety of the country and its residents. The Navy works alongside American allies and partners to keep the seas open and free.

Air Force

The Air Force has five core missions: air superiority; global strike; rapid global mobility; intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance; and command and control. The Air Force defends the country and its residents in air, space and cyberspace and is capable of delivering forces anywhere in the world within hours.

Space Force

The existence of the Space Force may come as a surprise to many Americans. Organized under the Department of the Air Force and established in 2019, this branch of the military organizes, trains and equips space forces in order to protect the interest of America and its allies in space.

Coast Guard

During peacetime, the Coast Guard is part of the Department of Homeland Security. In times of war, it operates under the Navy. The Coast Guard provides law and maritime safety enforcement as well as environmental protection. In addition to promoting national security, border security and economic prosperity in the maritime environment, the Coast Guard saves those in peril on the sea.

National Guard

The National Guard is comprised of the Army National Guard and the Air National Guard. The National Guard has a diverse array of responsibilities that range from supporting combat missions to responding during domestic emergencies to assisting in humanitarian efforts and more.

The U.S. military is made up various branches, each with its own unique missions and responsibilities. Veterans Day marks the perfect occasion to celebrate the many individuals who have served and continue to serve in the U.S. military.

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