

Honored Times
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Snake River Veterans Association

“Our Salute”

By Calvin McCloud

The Salute is the Military’s highest form of Honor and Respect; as the Snake River Veterans Association stood and presented “Our Salute” to Superintendent Mr. Nooth, Assistant Superintendent Mr. Bell and Transitional Supervisor Mr. Doman, not only for their support and contributions to the SRVA but also for the 1st Veterans Day Celebration at Snake River Correctional Institute. “Our Salute” was absolutely appropriate as any words would have fallen far short.

The Veterans started arriving at the chapel and collecting punch and cookies, complements of Mr. Doman, I was immediately struck by a very different feeling, at the time I was not able to figure out exactly what that feeling was. Compared to all the other activities I’ve been to there was something definitely different in the way the crowd was behaving. I welcomed more and more of the Veterans for coming and thanking them for their service, I was finally able to see just what the difference was.

SRVA Volunteers asked the SRCI Singers, Ms. Huff, Ms. Schuler, and Ms. Goertzen to perform as guest singers for the National Anthem, as the ladies finished singing the entire SRVA stood and offered “Our Salute” to Mr. Nooth, Mr. Bell and Mr. Doman. I finally realized exactly what that feeling was, around me, my fellow Veterans were standing just a little taller, their chins just a little higher, and their eyes were just a little brighter.

I knew at once that the Veterans beside me felt this to, “Pride and Honor”.

In my own words, I would say this; that restoring Pride and Honor to a human being is the single most priceless act another human can give. In the most unlikely of places some of life’s treasures can still be found, and I for one am thankful for the privilege to be part of the 1st Veterans’ Day Celebration here at Snake River Correctional Institute. (Tennessee)

Vets Corner

Argus Observer

By Ron Verini

VAOI met with the Snake River Veterans Association this last week, and we are excited about the continued teamwork and direction that SRVA has taken on. These men on the “hill” are all veterans with honor who have served our nation, and I, for one, am proud to team up with them and call them comrades. A special shout out goes to Calvin McCloud, editor, Lyle Van Gorden, co-editor, Darren Warren, secretary, and James Knox, motivational speaker, for the association’s newsletter. For only being formed a few months back, the SRVA has come a long way in veteran support with letters, art work, cards and bookmarks being produced for our wound warriors and deployed.

The Honored Few

Submitting Letters and Cards:

The SRVA would like to thank the following individuals: Drawing Golden Star-Lyle Vangorden; Picture Designs/Book Markers/Cards/Letters-Guy Ehler; Cards-Russell Thomas; Cards-Terry White; Letters-Dwight Hamman; Letters-Lloyd Eddings; Letters-Don Proetel; Letters-Justin Shelton; Poems-Milton McCarthy; Poems-Richard Young;

This Month in History

“December” (Nevada)

Submitted by James Knox

December 1, 1941-The American Civil Air Patrol (CAP), a U.S. Air Force auxiliary, was founded as Director of Civilian Defense, former New York Mayor Fiorello La Guardia, signed the formal order. The CAP currently provides aerospace education, a CAP cadet program, and emergency services such as locating missing aircraft.

December 7, 1941-The U.S. Naval base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, was attacked by nearly 200 Japanese aircraft in a raid that lasted just over one hour and left nearly 3,000 Americans dead. Attack Targets were: USS California, USS Maryland, USS Oklahoma, USS Tennessee, USS West Virginia, USS Arizona, USS Nevada, USS Pennsylvania, Ford Island NAS, and Hickam Field.

December 16, 1944-During World War II in Europe, the Battle of the Bulge began as the Germans launched a big counter-offensive in the Ardennes Forest along a 75-mile front, taking into Allied lines by the end of December. The German advance was eventually halted by Montgomery on the Meuse and Patton at Bastogne. As the weather cleared, Allied aircraft attacked German ground forces and supply lines and the counter-offensive failed.

December 24, 1943-General Dwight D. Eisenhower was appointed Supreme Commander of Allied Expeditionary Force preparing for D-Day.

What Battleships were refitted for duty after Pearl Harbor? (Find the answers in the Newsletter)



In the Works



Maryland

1. Art Auction for April
2. Education Benefits
3. Donation for Community Charity
4. USO Donations
5. Funds for the Trust Account
6. Wound Warrior Project

Education at SRCI for Vets

Treasure Valley Community College Register has Application Packets to fill out and send to the VA. You may qualify for 3 types of Benefits, the Education help that you will receive depends on: Service Type, Disable, How many years of Service and Discharge, **NOTE:** Dishonorable Discharge cannot apply for Education benefits. Students should file an application so the Regional Processing Office (TVCC) can determine if you are eligible and the conditions of your eligibility. The Packet that TVCC has the following: Letter-of – Agreement, VA Form 22-1990 and Standard form 180, and School Transcripts request. Please contact Ms. Lynch in Education for Education information.



(West Virginia)

SRVA Trust Account number is 2487. To donate money to the account send a signed CD28 and Kyte to the Business Office paid to SRVA Trust Account#2487. This money can only be used with SRVA Members approval. USO Packages cost \$10.00 each send your donations to the trust account. The USO will send a 3' x 5' American Flag. These Flags will be donated to the local schools.

If you have any questions about any Veteran issue, you can send a self addressed envelope to:

Mr. Connie Tanaka
Malheur County Veterans Service Office
316 N.E. Goodfellow Street
Ontario OR 97914

It may take several weeks to get an answer.

VA Announces Contract for New Denver VA Medical Center Department of Veterans Affairs

November 17, 2011

WASHINGTON-The Department of Veterans Affairs has awarded a \$580.2 million construction contract to build the Denver VA Medical Center (VAMC) replacement facility on the same campus as the University of Colorado Hospital complex in Aurora, site of former Fitzsimons Army Medical Center.

“This new medical center will not only help provide Veterans with the care they have earned, it will create good-paying construction jobs that invest in the local economy,” said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki.

The new 182-bed medical center will include 118 beds for surgery and mental health, a 30-bed Spinal Cord Injury/Disorder Center, a 30-bed nursing home community living center, a four-bed blind rehab facility, a research building and parking structures.

The medical center will employ approximately 2,000 people and serve approximately 82,700 veterans.

All remaining construction options totaling \$580.2 million were awarded to Kiewit-Turner Joint Venture from Englewood, Colo., on Nov. 17. The facility will be leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) silver certified, making the most of renewable energy initiatives. More than 6,300 jobs will be created during the construction of the medical center.

The completion date of the hospital is schedule for early 2015.

If you change Housing please let Ms. Dean know”

DD214 need to be sent to Records to be placed in your Hard-file and will be return to you in your Release Packet on paroling or sent out to your family.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Honor Guard to help display the flag on your Complex for Special Services or you need to obtain your DD214 send a kyte to S. Farrow or Ms. P. Dean Box C387.

If you have been missed on the Call-Outs to attend SRVA meeting, please drop a kyte to Ms. Dean in the Health Services box, so she can make sure your name is added on the list for your Complex.

Veterans that possess creative talents are encouraged to submit Poems, art, words of Wisdom or anything that can be placed in the Newsletter. The Veteran that submits an article that is used will be mentioned in the Honored Few, Section for recognition. (California)

**Next SRVA meeting for
Complexes to be announced.**



***Thank you for your Service. Merry Christmas
and Happy New Year!!***