



Veteran Advocates of  
Ore-Ida  
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Aug 2011

## Car & Bike Show held 23 July 2011

Working on the VAOI Treasure Valley Car & Bike Show was Troup 400 of the Boy Scouts of Ontario: Mike Snyder, Ethan Snyder, Raymond Kelly, Jeff Cunningham, Jeff Kovach, Any Kovach, Eli Galan, Sam Galan, Esteban Galan, Tyler Snyder, and spearheaded by Charles Oakes. Also, from Fruitland was Cub Scout Troop 300: Brice Scotto, Josh Uriu, Nathan Conell, Kylan Connell, who were led by Ron & Kathy Scotto. They pitched in rising and lowering the tents, participated in the Color Guard, policed the grounds, helped with our veterans and did a great job being scouts and a great asset to our community.

The Ontario Lions brought 35 U.S. flags to the party and the 47 volunteers of VAOI made the event the biggest success of veteran and active duty support in Treasure Valley history. Cars & bikes from A&W, Cruise Idaho and as far away as Baker City, Boise, and Mountain Home filled the park and are ready to come back next year.

"We live in the land  
of the  
FREE...because of  
the BRAVE." McArthur



## Upcoming Events

Sept 8th

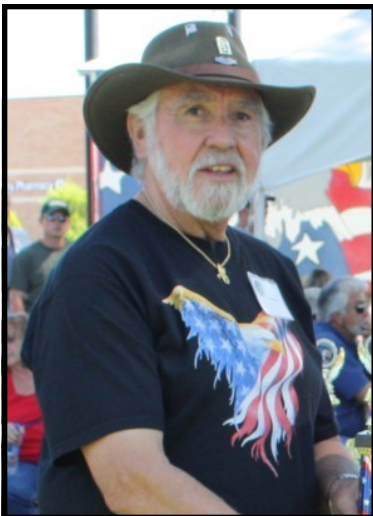
Ontario's Farmers Market  
Dedicated to all Veterans  
in honor of Sept 11th

## Reminders

The Mobile Vet Center  
Van - a fully functional  
mobile counseling center -  
will be located at the:  
Joshua Brennan Memorial  
Hall ~ 110 N 3rd St,  
Nyssa, OR ~ (Located be-  
hind the Eagles Lodge)  
Aug 23rd, Sept 6th &  
20th. To make an appt  
call 208-342-3612

## Top 10 Items needed for the Troops:

1. Pencils
2. Notebooks
3. Beef Jerky
4. Hard Candy
5. Crayons
6. Pencil Sharpeners
7. Cookies
8. Crackers
9. Drink Mix (singles)
10. Erasers



Phil Jacques  
Volunteer of the Month

### Volunteer of the Month: Phil Jacques

Phil was in the U.S. Army Special Forces as an advisor to train and conduct combat operation during Vietnam. He lives in Ontario with his wife Jan & his mother-in-law June. Not long after Veteran Advocates moved into their first office, Phil stopped by to see what we were about. He is quiet, has a wonderful smile, & good word for all. Phil, Jan, & June were a big part of our Christmas for the troops & our grand opening. From that point on, Phil has been a major volunteer for the organization.

Phil has done an outstanding job of ordering & keeping track of the military items we sell in the office. Because he has done such a good job, he was asked to be on our advisory committee, which he took on without any complaints. He came up with the idea to have a "Change Day" collecting left over change in the parking lots of local stores in which we have raised over a \$1,000 for VAOI.

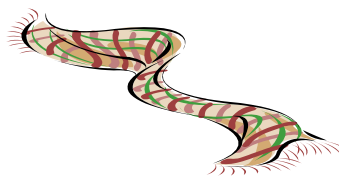
When it came time for the car & bike show, Phil stepped up to the plate to be head of the committee. He pounded the pavement to get sponsors & gifts for the raffles and kept track of all the documentation for the fundraiser. He also writes most of our "Thank You" notes. Phil has helped with many of our presentations. It is easy to see how he was part of the Special Forces. Phil is a real team player, with a tremendous sense of duty. Both Phil & his wife Jan are a remarkable couple & our organization is so lucky to have them as volunteers!!!

### Family Fun Night

On Thursday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, many children and parents from the 116<sup>th</sup>, Charlie Company met at the Armory for a night of family fun. The children were able to make decorated pillow cases for their deployed parents, decorate homemade back packs, decorate cookies, and read stories about their parents coming home. Miss Daisy, VAOI's Clown, was there to make balloon animals and the kids enjoyed bouncy houses. It was a great night for all!!! A BIG thanks to Tara Howie and "Military Kids" for sponsoring and hosting the event.



### Calling all Sewers



### Help!!! Help!!! Help!!!

Veteran Advocates of Ore-Ida has been asked to send many, many "Cool Ties" to our troops. It is extremely hot in Iraq & Afghanistan and these help to keep our soldiers cool. They are very easy to make. If you're interested in helping make a few of these, please contact Charlene at 541-889-1978 and she can email or give you the directions.