

Benton County

Genealogical Society

NEWSLETTER

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From President George

Hello fellow members. I do hope that you are well as we move into spring. Enjoy your spring projects, cleaning, yard work, etc.
May your flowers greet you with smiles.



Oregon Genealogical Society

Thanks to member Nancy De Bois, I learned something interesting. If your ancestors lived in Oregon **prior to October 31, 1872**, you can qualify for the Oregon Pioneer Certificate.

If your family settled in Oregon **after October 31, 1872 but prior to December 31, 1900**, you would qualify for the Early Settler Certificate.

The Oregon Genealogical Society is in Eugene, Oregon. If you are interested, you can go to the following for more information: <https://oregons/index.php> There is good information about their Society also. Since I arrived here in 1982, I don't qualify but it would have been great to own a certificate. Sue Van Laere



Library News!

The Library is open in the annex after our monthly meetings.

You can browse, have some refreshments, and talk to your heart's desire. Members are there to help you find something or have questions about our library.

You can have access on other days also. If that works better for you, contact Lois Courtney by text or phone : 541-760-0405.

"Musical Genealogy: Entertainment by Rare Vintage Instruments."



Saturday's musical Genealogy program [**April 8**] with Brent Bunker was fabulous. I loved the history stories he told for each instrument, and he made a great entertainer that knows how to play each of his huge variety of instruments. Great job Kathryn and George for arranging and setting up this wonderful program!

From Linda Olsen





Music produces a kind of
pleasure that human nature
cannot do without.

Confucius



Thank you, Brent. We'll be
talking about your program
for a long time!



Artists and crafters, history buffs, and fashionistas have long collected historical sewing buttons as a way to feel personally connected to the fabulous art and trends of the past. Please visit our website to find a club meeting near you, get to know nice people, begin to learn about, and enjoy all things button !

www.oregonbuttonssociety.org



May 6, 2023

10 AM–2 PM

Camp Adair Memorial Park,
E.E. Wilson Wildlife Area
29555 Camp Adair Road
Monmouth, OR 97361

Free and Open to the Public

Free Parking



(Compliments of Oregon
Department of Fish and Wildlife)



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Walking on Sacred Ground: An Introduction to Camp Adair's Four Infantry Units



104th Infantry
Division:
Timberwolf



70th Infantry
Division:
Trailblazer



96th Infantry
Division:
Deadeye



91st Infantry
Division:
Powder River

104th Infantry Division: Timberwolf

Presented by Mary Jamieson, Daughter of Wm. V Jamieson (dec.), 104th
Timberwolf veteran; ALH Board Member

96th Infantry Division: Deadeye

Matt Helget, grandson of SSGT. Alfred Helget (dec.)
K co. 383rd regiment 96th Infantry Division
Historian and former ALH Board Member

91st Infantry Division: Powder River

Dennis Emerson, ALH Treasurer and Board Member

70th Infantry Division: Trailblazer

Dave Dickson, ALH Secretary and Board Member

Outdoor informational presentations will occur at the
Camp Adair Memorial Garden in the E. E. Wilson Wildlife Area
north of Adair Village, rain or shine

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My Uncle and The 91st Infantry Division In WW II – Italy.

This fir tree is the uniform patch worn on the shoulder. It was first used in WW I. Sue Van Laere

Theater: Mediterranean

Days of combat: 271

Campaigns:

- Rome-Arno (22 Jan 44 – 9 Sep 44)
- North Apennines (10 Sep 44 – 4 April 45)
- Po Valley (5 Apr 45 – 8 May 45)

Casualties^[14]

- Total battle casualties: 8,744
- Killed in action: 1,400
- Wounded in action: 6,748
- Missing in action: 262
- Prisoner of war: 334

The 91st trained at Camp White (near Medford, OR) and in November 1943 moved to Camp Adair, north of Corvallis because the terrain was similar to Italy's. The soldiers left the US on April 1, 1944 and arrived in North Africa on April 19, 1944, staying there for six weeks, and then they went to war.

The Allies had taken Rome on June 5, 1944, so the 91st was ordered to take Livorno, a town that was the way to the Arno River. This would be the first introduction to combat as a complete fighting unit.

From there, it was going to be a long time until they were able to see their families again. Some never did. Just look at the number of casualties.

My Uncle Claude Winkler was in all of the major campaigns through to May 2, 1945 when Germany surrendered. He finally came home in September 1945.



Rome



Claude O. Winkler



His face tells it all. "Zella is his wife"

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Newsletter: Sue Van Laere

Linda Olsen was going through one of the older newsletters the other day and found an interesting bit of information that most of us probably don't know. I didn't have the pleasure of knowing **Damaris** but she's still helping with her knowledge. Thank Damaris and thank Linda for finding the information!

You can read newsletters to your heart's desire at our home site: <http://www.bcgs-oregon.org>

SEE BELOW

BEWARE! In colonial times, the term "Junior" or "Jr" designated the younger of two men of the same surname in a list, perhaps an uncle and nephew, not necessarily a father and son. An even younger man, perhaps a distant relative, might be called the "3rd". Only very recently has the term implied a father and son relationship. A misunderstanding of this term can lead to errors in tracing a line.

From Mayflower Quarterly, Nov. 1985
by way of Damaris Reynolds.

Thanks to Payton for volunteering to take care of our Facebook page!

My biggest genealogy challenge are the many endless generations with the same names!

pinterest.com/genealogybank/genealogy-family-quotes/