This newsletter was created for the intent of keeping you informed of the Military and VA Communities. This newsletter is also a tool to communicate events and resources both at OSU and the community at large. The opinions and viewpoints expressed in the articles are not those of the Oregon State University Veterans Advisor Office or its counterparts.

VA/Military Updates:

Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs U.S. Department of Labor Services for Women Veterans

Throughout our 100-year history, the Labor Department has stood with our service women, and provided the reintegration services they needed upon returning home. While all veterans and their families deserve our utmost care and attention, women are the fastest-growing demographic within the veterans community and they often face unique challenges in the labor market. Even though women veterans are more likely to have completed some college, a bachelor’s degree or an advanced degree than men, they’re also more likely to have a service-connected disability rating, less likely to be insured and more likely to have no earnings or income – factors that can lead to poverty and homelessness.

The department’s Veterans’ Employment and Training Service administers a number of services and programs, with input from the Women’s Bureau, that provide transition assistance to veterans seeking rewarding careers in the civilian workforce. One tool, My Next Move for Veterans, is an online resource that allows veterans to enter their military occupation code and discover civilian occupations for which they are well qualified. Gulf War II-era veterans also can download the Gold Card, which entitles them to enhanced services – including six months of personalized case management, assessments and counseling – at the roughly 2,800 American Job Centers located across the country. Additionally, the Women’s Bureau is the federal agency leading the charge to tackle women veteran homelessness. Through “stand downs” with women veterans and ongoing research, the bureau developed the Trauma-Informed Care for Women Veterans Experiencing Homelessness: A Guide for Service Providers to help address this issue.

Women veterans are not only warriors and pioneers, but also mothers, caregivers, wives and daughters with urgent economic needs and challenges. They are our sisters-in-arms, and we owe them not only our gratitude, but our unwavering support.
Keith Kelly is the assistant secretary of the Veterans’ Employment and Training Service and Latifa Lyles is the acting director of the department’s Women’s Bureau.

**New Joint Services Education Transcript**
The Sailor Marine Corps American Council on Education Registry Transcript (SMART), the Army American Council on Education Registry Transcript System (AARTS) and the Coast Guard Institute (CGI) have been aligned to implement one collaborative transcript program called the Joint Services Transcript (JST). The JST is now the official transcript tool for Army, Marine Corps, Navy and Coast Guard personnel. Servicemembers can join upcoming webinar sessions on the new JST by registering. For more information on the JST, contact Laurine Anderson, JST Program Manager at (850) 452-1001, Ext. 1097. For information about the Military Evaluations Program through ACE, contact Sandra Winborne at (850) 452-1111 Ext 3213. For information on DANTES, visit the DANTES website.

**Employment Opportunities:**

**The Malheur National Forest is currently conducting outreach for an Archaeologist, GS-193-9. The position will be filled as PERMANENT FULL TIME. Only one position will be filled.**

**Duties:** Serves as a member of interdisciplinary teams providing professional and technical assessments during the planning and implementation of projects (site identification, management, and protection). Recommends appropriate mitigation to ensure for the adequate protection of heritage resources. Identifies opportunities for the integration of heritage resource goals and management activities with other Forest Service resource programs during planning efforts. Conducts and/or supervises archeological surveys, site recording, and site monitoring. Assists with the planning and implementing of projects for protecting or managing significant cultural sites in support of Forest-wide Section 110 program objectives. Assists in the preparation of NEPA documents, work plans and budgets. Performs the administrative and human resource management functions for up to twelve temporary employees.

For further information on this position, and or to express your interest in this position, please contact Kay Shelnutt @ (541)820-3891. Individuals who are interested in this position are asked to complete and send the attached Outreach Reply form to: kshelnutt@fs.fed.us by April 5, 2013.

**Supervisory Forestry Technician, GS-0462-06/07 (Engine Captain) Willamette National Forest Detroit Ranger District/Sweet Home Ranger District Detroit, Oregon**
The Detroit Ranger District may soon be filling one permanent seasonal (20/6), full-time, Supervisory Forestry Technician, GS-0462-06/07 (Engine Captain). The duty station is Detroit Ranger District in Detroit Oregon. Approved for Primary/Rigorous firefighter coverage. This position has been approved by USDA for CSRS and FERS primary firefighter coverage under the provisions of 5 U.S.C 8336 (c) and U.S.C 8412 (d). PLEASE NOTE: The purpose of this Outreach Notice is to determine the potential applicant pool for this position. Response received from this outreach notice will be relied upon to make this determination. Applicants for this position SHOULD NOW APPLY on the OPEN CONTINUOUS RECRUITMENT through USAJOBS at: [http://www.usajobs.opm.gov](http://www.usajobs.opm.gov) using vacancy announcement:OCR-P-462-SFEO(M)-6/7G & DP with no closing date. Applicants must select Detroit, Oregon as their desired/preferred location.
All applications must be submitted by midnight April 8, 2013 to be considered for this position. The Referral List for this position will be requested by the selecting official no earlier than April 8, 2013. For information about this vacancy please contact Jerry Van Dyne, at jvandyne@fs.fed.us or (503) 854-4206.

Malheur National Forest is recruiting for a Public Affairs Specialist GS-1035-09. The incumbent will assist the Public Affairs Officer with day-to-day public affairs activities on the Malheur National Forest and performs special project assignments. This position will be responsible for gathering and disseminating information on various projects that are occurring Forest-wide. This includes but is not limited to:

- Assist with external communications including media releases, briefing papers, talking points, and presentations. Help with internal communications for Forest Supervisor and Staff.
- Research for pertinent information for answers to questions related to projects before consulting with the supervisor or a higher-grade employee.
- Supervision of the information desk at the Supervisor’s Office in John Day, OR.
- Public and internal website content manager including updates and maintenance.
- Development and distribution of a variety of publications (i.e. Forest newsletter, campground brochures, etc.)
- Preparing and delivering presentations related to work assignments.
- Utilizing social media tools such as Twitter for information dissemination.
- Attending, participating, and facilitating meetings and events with local communities and organizations.

The successful candidate will have strong communication and interpersonal skills, and self-motivation. The Malheur National Forest relies on individuals working independently as a team to accomplish a wide range of outcomes.

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS: Those who are interested in a time-limited promotion must meet the qualification requirements for the GS-1035 series. Qualifications are covered in the OPM Qualification Standards Handbook. These standards are available on the Internet at http://www.opm.gov/qualifications/index.htm.

TIME-IN-GRADE REQUIREMENT: If you are applying for a promotion opportunity, you must have 52 weeks of Federal service at the next lower grade in the normal line of progression for the position being filled. This requirement must be met within 30 days of the closing date of this announcement.

Primary Contact: Pattie Hammett, Public Affairs Officer
Phone Number: (541)575-3144
E-mail address: phammett@fs.fed.us
Closes: April 8, 2013.

Malheur National Forest, Prairie City Ranger District, GS-0482-7 Fish Biologist PSE 18/8
The Malheur National Forest, Prairie City Ranger District is currently conducting outreach for a Fish Biologist 0482-7. The position will be filled as a PSE 18/8. Only one position will be filled.

The vacancy announcement for this position, when open, will be posted at the USA Jobs website, the U.S. Government’s official site for jobs and employment information:
For further information on this position, and to express your interest in this position, please contact William Wall at 541-820-3864. Individuals who are interested in this position are asked to complete and send an Outreach Reply form to: wwall@fs.fed.us by April 10th, 2013.

Harvest Inspector GS 462-6/7 Willamette National Forest Middle Fork Ranger District Westfir, Oregon
The Middle Fork Ranger District will soon be advertising one permanent, full-time Harvest Inspector GS 462-6/7. The duty station is Middle Fork Ranger District in Westfir, Oregon. If you are interested in this position please complete the attached Outreach Response Form and return it to David Haupt, dhaupt@fs.fed.us, no later than April 15, 2013. The vacancy announcement for this position will be posted on USAJOBS, the U.S. Government’s official website for employment opportunities at www.usajobs.gov.

For more information about the Willamette National Forest, please visit their web site at: http://www.fs.usda.gov/willamette or contact David Haupt, Timber/Operations Staff, dhaupt@fs.fed.us (541)782-5344.

Biological Science Technician – Natural Resources, GS 0404-6/7 Term, Seasonal (13/13) Willamette National Forest Sweet Home Ranger District Sweet Home, Oregon
The Sweet Home Ranger District is advertising one Term, Seasonal (13-13), Biological Science Technician (Natural Resources), GS-0404-6/7 position. The duty station is Sweet Home Ranger District in Sweet Home, Oregon. The purpose of this Notice is to inform the potential applicant pool of this position. This vacancy is open to US Citizens. If you are interested in this position please complete the attached Outreach Response Form and return it to Alice Smith, District Botanist, Sweet Home Ranger District no later than April 15, 2013. Alice can be reached by email at acsmith@fs.fed.us. The vacancy announcement for this position will be posted on USAJOBS, the U.S. Government’s official website for employment opportunities at www.usajobs.gov.

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Timber Sale Administrator GS-0462-8/9/10 Willamette National Forest Headquarters Office Springfield, Oregon
The Willamette National Forest anticipates advertising a permanent, full-time Timber Sale Administrator, GS-0462-8/9/10 in April 2013. The duty station is the Forest Headquarters’ Office, Springfield, Oregon. The purpose of this Outreach Notice is to inform the potential applicant pool of the potential for this vacancy. If you are interested in this position please complete the attached Outreach Response Form and return it to James Rudisill: jamesrudisill@fs.fed.us no later than April 25, 2013.
The vacancy announcement for this position will be posted on the U.S. Government’s official website for employment opportunities at www.usajobs.gov

Wildlife Biologist Job Announcement Number: 13-0612-4028G-HMc SALARY RANGE: $68,809.00 to $89,450.00 / Per Year OPEN PERIOD: Friday, March 22, 2013 to Thursday, April 11, 2013 Duty Locations: Corvallis, OR

The vacancy announcement for this position will be posted on the U.S. Government’s official website for employment opportunities at www.usajobs.gov

Veterans Services Case Manager in Eugene, Oregon
Columbia Care Services has a temporary full time Case Manager position open in Eugene. You will be a member of a dedicated team working with homeless Veterans and their families. Our mission: to coordinate and monitor successful community living through the HUD-VASH voucher program.

Columbia Care Services is a non-profit, mental health treatment agency offering a full spectrum of behavioral health care. We specialize in providing residential treatment programs and affiliated services, suicide prevention, and Veterans case management and housing. We are more than a company. We are a team of people who are in the business of changing people’s lives. Our primary goal is to help meet the needs of individuals while expanding on their strengths to help them experience increased self-sufficiency, a sense of personal well-being, and improved mental and physical health. We deliver the highest quality services through skilled and caring staff to provide individuals the best possible chance at meeting their potential in the community and their lives in general.

Columbia Care is looking for a person who: Shares the goals and philosophy of the company, meets or exceeds the requirements of the position, AND is interested in earning the benefits we offer such as solid employment, competitive wages and benefits, state-of-the-art training, and opportunities for advancement.

Requirements
Master’s degree preferred, Bachelors degree required in Human Services or related field Ability to pass an extensive background check Valid driver license and good driving record Travel (mostly with-in the community) is required

Qualifications
5 years of community experience working with a population similar to the HUD-VASH veterans Knowledge in the area of community resources. Experience working with homeless individuals and the public health authority. Preference will be given to Veterans. If chosen you will be required to complete the VA’s VASH orientation and training.

To Apply please go to: https://home.eease.adp.com/recruit/?id=1017671
Internship Program
The Internship Program replaces the Student Career Experience Program (SCEP) and Student Temporary Employment Program (STEP). This Program is designed to provide students enrolled in a wide variety of Educational institutions, from high school to graduate level, with opportunities to work in agencies and Explore Federal careers while still in school and while getting paid for the work performed. Students who successfully complete the program may be eligible for conversion to a permanent job in the civil service.

Additional information about the Internship Program can be found in the March 25, 2013 Pathways for Students & Recent Graduates to Federal Careers Handout.

Upcoming Events:

April 9, 2013 Staff Veterans Connections Resource Day.

In the Memorial Union, Room 109, there will be several State and Federal VA Providers and on campus providers to answer your questions about VA benefits, programs, and available resources. The Oregon State University Veteran Services Team and ASOSU Veterans Taskforce combined efforts to provide a tabling event open to all of the OSU community from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Please come, utilize, and seek help from these available resources.

Veterans Resources:

OSU Veterans on Facebook
http://www.facebook.com/VeteransAtOregonStateUniversity.

OSU Veterans Website:
http://oregonstate.edu/veterans/home/

Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs Website:
http://www.oregon.gov/odva/Pages/index.aspx

Oregon Department of Employment Veteran Representatives:
http://www.oregon.gov/EMPLOY/Pages/index.aspx

OSU Veterans and Family Student Association Facebook page:
Thank you and have a great day.

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