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Needed World War II Pictures!

Salem - The Spirit of '45 Day, (www.spiritof45.org), a new annual national day of remembrance and national renewal, needs your pictures and stories of World War II (WWII) by July 31, 2013. A banner with pictures of Oregonians who served in WWII whether it was on the front lines or on the home front will be proudly displayed at Oregon's first Spirit of '45 Day. The event will be held on August 11, 2013 in Willson Park on the Capitol grounds where the new WWII Memorial will be placed in Salem, Oregon at 5pm.

The Spirit of '45 Day in Oregon, the third state in the nation to legislate the day with Senate Bill 832 , *designates the 2nd Sunday of every August to honor the achievements of the men and women of the WWII generation so that their example of courage, self-sacrifice, can-do spirit, unity and service will forever inspire future generations of Americans.*

Photos of those who served in WWII (photo, name and hometown) from Oregon are needed. Photos of those who served on the home front are also needed. The Spirit of '45, Oregon WWII Memorial Foundation and the Historical Outreach Foundation are partnering in creating the 50 foot banner that will be on display at Oregon's first Spirit of '45 day at the Capitol in Salem near where the WWII Memorial will be erected by next spring (<http://oregonwwiimemorial.com/>). The banner can hold up to 800 pictures and will be displayed at this event and many other events around Oregon that will honor our WWII veterans. This first Spirit of '45 Day event program will conclude with a wreath-laying and echo Taps ceremony.

Please email your WWII photos to spirit45@thehistoryengine.com. If you need the picture scanned, let us know by email or call 503-705-5965. We have a Willamette University intern who can scan your picture for you; all photos need to be scanned at 300dpi or higher. Please include name of the person in the photo, their Oregon home town and any other information you want included about your WWII hero.

The Historical Outreach Foundation www.historicaloutreach.com is creating a Veteran's database where these pictures and more information on any veteran of any era can be uploaded. This supports educating our youth on the values of this generation and allows history buffs and your family members, today and in the future, to find out more about our veteran contributions that promotes the legacy in forms such as books, term papers, and documentaries.

According to the Oregon Department of Veteran's Affairs approximately 152,000 Oregonians served in WWII. Over 3,700 service members were killed in action and around 24,000 WWII veterans are still living in Oregon today.

For more information on the Spirit of '45 go to their national website at www.spiritof45.org or email at OregonSpiritof45@gmail.com. For information on the Oregon WWII Memorial Foundation go to <http://oregonwwiimemorial.com/> and for information on the Historical Outreach Foundation, the 501(c)(3) non-profit associated with the Brig. Gen. James B. Thayer Oregon Military Museum go to www.historicaloutreach.com or call 503-705-5965.