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Next Meeting is on May 7th

6:00 PM (1800 Hours)
Whistler's Restaurant
Tonasket WA

Legacy Plaque Sales Surpass 150

Have you purchased yours or one for a family member?

We now have samples available that are exactly like the plaques that will go on the legacy wall.
If you would like to see one in person, please contact us.

Legacy Float and Booth in Upcoming Oroville May Day Parade Saturday, May 10th

If you can help with either, please contact George Frank, Virgil Palmer or Doc Maycumber.

The booth will be next to the Oroville school where food is being served. Be sure and stop by.

Help Spread the Word

If you're reading this newsletter, you can help. Please send the web addresses of our sites on to people you know who may be interested in learning more about the Legacy Project.. Many of their questions and required forms are available on the web. The addresses are:

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If you would like email updates about the Legacy Project, please send your email address to: usafip@comcast.net



Serving Our Nation



The Legacy recognizes not only men and women who have served our country honorably, but also those that currently stand in defense of our freedoms and way of life. Accordingly, we would like to acknowledge service members who are currently serving. If you know someone that you would like to be recognized in the newsletter, please email a photo along with background and current assignment info to usafip@comcast.net. We will publish and let you know when it is available for viewing on the web.



LCPL Chadwick R. Olson



Parents: Mike and Mava Olson

LCPL Chad Olson was born on June 2, 1988 in Republic WA. He has one younger brother, Nicholas. His older brother and family are Joshua, sister-in-law, Auriel and his niece, Erin.

He started wrestling when he was only 5 years old and this helped him become a good wrestler in high school. He went to state as a junior and placed 5th in the 1A/B League. He also qualified for state in his senior year. He helped start the Curlew Little Guys Wrestling program and was a coach for two years.

A 2006 Republic High School graduate, LCPL Olson joined the US Marine Corp that June and went off to boot camp. He is currently serving in Iraq and is a Crew Chief on a CH-53 helicopter.

LCPL Olson also loves to ride motorbikes and did some racing while in North Carolina for his Crew Chief training. He enjoys spending time with his family and friends whenever possible.

SPC Kimberly D. Schoonover

Parents: David and Cynthia Schoonover

SPC Schoonover was born and raised in Mandan, ND. She is the wife of SPC Joshua Evans, who is also currently serving in Iraq.

Her current assignment is as an Explosive Ordnance Disposal Technician (EOD Tech). She is stationed with the 722nd EOD Co at forward operating base Marez, Iraq.

Kim describes her job as one that can be "one of the most dangerous but also one of the safest". Her primary duty is taking care of roadside bombs. While they try to use robots, sometimes they must go "face to face with the device" to disarm it. SPC Schoonover believes that "every time we take care of an IED, one more soldier can go home to their family at the end of their tour." EOD Techs make up less than 1% of the soldiers in the US Army. They are truly the unsung heroes as many people don't realize the Army "Bomb Squad" is out there everyday disarming explosive devices.

SPC Schoonover will return to Ft. Bragg NC in May of 2009 upon completion of her current tour.

SPC Joshua J. Evans

**Parents: Jollie Evans - Tonasket, WA
Tom Evans - Riverside, WA**

Married and Serving in Iraq



SPC Evans is a graduate of Tonasket High School and is currently serving his 2nd tour of duty in Iraq. He is married to SPC Kimberly Schoonover who is also currently serving in Iraq.

He is assigned to a battalion of the 82nd Airborne Division in the forward operating base of Adder, Iraq. Adder is located near the ancient city of Ur. It is the oldest city in the world and the birthplace of Abraham.

SPC Evans primary duty is Civil Military Operations (CMO). He interfaces with local Iraqi officials and civilians, helping to rebuild local government infrastructures and gain local support against the insurgency by using indirect means. This can include doing humanitarian aid missions, supervising the building of roads, schools and hospitals. He also conducts foot patrols in the local area as a way to meet locals.

SPC Evans "feels lucky" to have been selected for CMO duty. It is a highly visible position and requires interaction with not only high ranking US military and civilian officials, but also Iraqi civilian and military leaders.

SPC Evans will return to Ft. Bragg NC



At Ease: Cartoon Time



Women Veterans in WA State honored during Red, White and Blue Night with the Seattle Storm

Olympia – On May 20, 2008, Women Military Veterans in Washington State will be honored during “Red, White and Blue Night” with the Seattle Storm. In addition to discounted tickets, the first group of 100 veterans (including families) will receive an exclusive post-game autograph session with Storm players. Start time for the ESPN2 televised game against the Sacramento Monarchs is 7:30 pm, with pre-game activities offering Women Veterans an opportunity to receive information about benefits they have earned by serving their country. In addition, all branches of the Military will be recognized throughout the game, with special StormVision big screen testimonials from veterans. “Women Veterans are very dedicated, special people,” said Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs deputy director Alfie Alvarado, “and they deserve special recognition, as do all Veterans who have served our country.” This is the first time the WNBA will recognize Women Veterans at an event, with plans to replicate this event in other states. To purchase discounted tickets for this event, contact Dan Ferguson at 206-272-2526 or email dferguson@sonics-storm.com. Orders are available on a first-come, first served basis with no service charge. www.storm.wnba.com. (**More articles from the WA State VA office can be found on our [Links & Videos](#) page**)

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