



Oregon Military Department

Grants Pass attorney Greg Day was formally promoted to brigadier general in the Oregon Army National Guard, during a ceremony Sunday in Salem.

Local attorney Day named brigadier general

By Jeff Duewel
of the Daily Courier

Grants Pass attorney Gregory Day was busy over the last two summers as a colonel in the Oregon Army National Guard, overseeing responses to the solar eclipse in 2017 and wildfires as the director of operations of Joint Domestic Operations Command.

Now he's been promoted one rung higher, to brigadier general.

Day, 54, earned the rank at a ceremony on Sunday in Salem.

He has a long resume in the military, including deploying to the Sinai Peninsula in 2001 with the 1st Battalion, 186th Infantry Regiment based in Southern Oregon.

He later commanded the battalion in Iraq in 2009-2010, and was also operations officer in Afghanistan.

He also served as assistant chief of staff for Joint Force Headquarters, Oregon Army National Guard, and was brigade commander of the 82nd Brigade from June 2014 to June 2017.

He said he couldn't fulfill his military obligations without support from his partners in the law firm of Davis, Freudenberg, Day & Galli, and "the courts have been really cooperative with my military schedule."

"My motivation has always been service oriented," Day said. "That's one reason I became a lawyer, and definitely the reason I became a soldier."

As a brigadier general, Day will be responsible for planning

the response to any major disaster, such as the Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake expected in the Northwest, possibly not in the distant future.

Day said planning the government response is one thing, but people need to do some planning of their own.

He urged people to take a look at resources available from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and Oregon Office of Emergency Management.

Day began his military career in 1987 with active duty in the U.S. Army at Fort Hood, Texas, then as a tank and scout platoon leader at Fort Lewis, Washington.

He joined the Oregon Army National Guard in 1992 and has served as company executive officer, company commander, intelligence officer, battalion operations officer and battalion executive officer.

He earned his undergraduate college degree at Humboldt State University in Arcata, California, and earned his law degree at University of Oregon.

He also graduated from the U.S. Army War College in 2012 with a master's in strategic studies.

Maj. Gen. Michael Stencel, adjutant general of the Oregon Army National Guard, praised Day's service and leadership abilities.

Said Stencel, "He is an accomplished officer and a leader with demonstrated outstanding service at every level of command and staff from company through brigade with overwhelming success."

Riverside Park Pavilion officially unveiled at ribbon-cutting event

By Troy Shinn
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Riverside Park's newest feature was officially unveiled on Monday.

The Riverside Park Pavilion, originally conceived as a viewing platform for boat races during Boatnik, has been in the works for more than three years, when state Sen. Herman Baertschiger Jr. secured \$500,000 grant in state lottery money.

During a ribbon-cutting ceremony, Grants Pass Mayor Darin Fowler praised the pavilion and a new spray park located nearby as evidence of City Hall's commitment to Riverside Park.

"The day before the election, we're going to talk about something different, something fun," said Fowler, who is in a runoff race for county commissioner. "We love our downtown park."

Baertschiger, a former member of the Grants Pass Active Club, which organizes the Boatnik festival every year, secured \$500,000 in state lottery grant money in 2015 for the platform.

But it didn't take long for other groups to want in, saying that the structure should be an all-purpose venue for other events and clubs, too.

It was reimagined so that it could be used as a temporary bandstand until a better venue for the Concerts in the Park series can be constructed, near where the old Izaak Walton building used to stand until it was torn down in 1999.

But neighbors across the river weren't pleased with the



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Members of the Grants Pass Cavemen from the Active Club assisted with the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Riverside Park Pavilion, which was formally unveiled on Monday. The pavilion was imagined as a grandstand for watching the jetboat races during Boatnik, but officials hope that it will be used by other clubs and for other activities, too. On hand were state Sen. Herman Baertschiger Jr. (shaking hands with a caveman) and, on the right, Grants Pass Mayor Darin Fowler.

design, and during a number of public forums, yet another design was unveiled.

The City Council approved the pavilion in its current form in February. Construction began in the summer, around the same time as work was finishing up on the nearby spray park — another new addition to the park.

The pavilion, and the spray features, are just two pieces of

larger efforts to renovate the city's premier downtown park. Plans to build a community center, with a concert venue and space that can be rented out for events, are also in the works.

In total, the pavilion cost approximately \$440,000. Any left over money will be carried over into these other projects for the park, Parks and Community Development Director Lora Glover said.

Members of the Grants Pass Cavemen Club, members of the Active Club and Baertschiger were also there.

"We wanted a permanent facility that would facilitate Boatnik better," Baertschiger said. "But I'm hoping that this facility is not just for Boatnik."

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Obituaries

Gail Marie Firestone

Gail Marie Thompson Tucker Firestone recently passed away in Grants Pass, Oregon, on October 22, 2018.

She was born October 2, 1942, in South Gate, California, to Charles Horten Thompson and Alice Elizabeth (Zerkle) Thompson. She was preceded in death by her mother and father, and son, Michael James Tucker.

Gail was a daughter, sister, wife and mother. She leaves her husband, Stan; daughter, Cristen; grandchildren, Jennifer (husband, Joe), Katherine, Robert and Skye; and sister, Jean.

She studied Commercial and Advertising Art at Woodbury Art Institute in Los Angeles, California, and MLS at Rogue Community College in Grants Pass.

She had worked for Litton Guidance and Control in Grants Pass for over 15 years in material control and over 15 years for Asante Three Rivers Hospital as a medical language specialist.

Gail was a homemaker and an artist dabbling in charcoal, pencil, ink, paint and various forms of sculpting. She will be missed by all that knew her.

Gail's favorite saying was, "Thank you Father, for all the people who made my life so happy."

The family recommends donations to the American Cancer Society or a charity of your choice.

There will be no services. Funeral arrangements have been made through Stephens Family Chapel of Grants Pass, Oregon.

Willis J. 'Bill' Fowler Jr.

Willis Jennings "Bill" Fowler Jr., age 84, was born in Savannah, Georgia, on March 19, 1934, to Willis Jennings Fowler Sr. and Marie Virginia Stratton. Bill graduated from Tamalpais High School in 1952.



He then joined the Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut. Bill then served nine years in the Coast Guard for Air Sea Rescue dur-

ing the Korean crisis. While he was in the Coast Guard, he was awarded the National Defense Service medal, Korean Service medal and United Nations Service medal.

After being discharged, Bill got his B.A. at the University of California, Berkeley. He married Barbara Kratochvil and they opened an insurance agency. From 1989-1990, he was president of REALU (Redwood Empire Association of Life Underwriters). He was a member of the National Key Club, as well as the political action committee (PAC) and a Registered Health Underwriter (RHU).

Bill and Barbara moved to Kailua-Kona, Hawaii, for five years, then moved back to Grants Pass, where he designed and built their home.

Bill passed away at Royale Gardens Health & Rehabilitation Center on Monday, October 15, 2018, after losing his battle to Binswanger's Disease (BD) Dementia while under hospice care.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara Fowler.

Memorial donations may be made to Asante Hospice, 2600 Siskiyou Blvd., Ste. 100, Medford, OR 97504.

John Henry Moe

John Henry Moe, 92, of Grants Pass died Thursday, Nov. 1, 2018, at Asante Three Rivers Medical Center. Military funeral honors will be held at 11 a.m., Thursday, at Eagle Point National Cemetery.

Valora Darlene Stanfield

Valora Darlene Stanfield, 81, of Grants Pass died Oct. 23, 2018. A celebration of life will be held from noon to 3 p.m., Saturday, at the Moose Lodge in Merlin. Illinois Valley Funeral Directors is in charge of arrangements.

Raymond Robert Novero

Raymond Robert Novero, 84, of Cave Junction died Wednesday, Oct. 31, 2018, at home. Arrangements are pending with Illinois Valley Funeral Directors.

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