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**November General Meeting,**  
**Board Member Elections,**  
**& Book Sale II**

**Thursday November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019**

**Guest Speaker: Dick Tobiason**

**Topic: "WWII Oregon Maneuver Dog Tag Project"**

**Doors open @ 6:30pm; Meeting & Elections begin @ 7pm along with a new segment: "Ask an Archaeologist"; Speaker to follow**

**Location: OSU – Cascades Tykeson Hall (TYKH 111)  
1500 SW Chandler Ave, Bend, OR 97702**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

With the success of the first book sale at the September General Meeting, and in receiving several requests for another opportunity, we have decided to host another sale at the November General Meeting. Our Librarian will be bringing the remaining Anth/Arch-related literature to the meeting for donation of any amount. All proceeds will again be going to Archaeologist Patrick O'Grady, with the University of Oregon, in support of his ongoing research at the Rimrock Draw Rockshelter Site in Southeastern Oregon.

Also at the November General Meeting, we will be introducing a new, five-minute segment called "Ask an Archaeologist", which will prelude the guest speaker at each meeting. An archaeologist from our membership will speak on an Anthropology-related topic, and then will open the floor for questions from the membership.

## November 21<sup>st</sup> Guest Speaker



Allan Richard "Dick" Tobiason is a retired U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel, Master Army Aviator, with 20 years of service including two tours in Vietnam. His awards include two Legions of Merit, one Bronze Star, fifteen Air Medals, two Joint Service Commendation Medals, and one Purple Heart.

He has lived in Bend for 28 years, after retiring from 33 years employment with the Army, NASA, and the airline industry. He holds a Bachelor's Degree and Master's Degree in Civil Engineering. He is a graduate of the US Navy Test Pilot School and Armed Forces Staff College, and was the first and only Army Aviator to be nominated as an Astronaut in the Apollo-Moon program. He was an Aeronautics Advisor to the Nixon White House. Dick's flying assignments included Germany, North Africa, Iran, Vietnam, and the USA. He was also a test pilot for Army AH56 Attack Helicopter Lockheed. He holds FAA Private and Commercial Pilot Ratings in single and multi-engine fixed wing and rotary wing (helicopters) as well as a Private Pilot Glider License with over 3,500 flight hours. 440 of these hours involved combat flying in Vietnam during his first tour. One of his proudest assignments was helping repatriate 27 American POWs in South Vietnam during "Operation Homecoming" in 1973.

Dick has served as Chairman of the Bend Heroes Foundation since its founding in 2010. During the last 16 years, the Foundation has initiated 38 projects honoring Oregon veterans and first responders valued at over one million dollars. The most prominent projects have been: Bend Heroes Memorial, Bend Parade of Flags, Honor Flights of Eastern and Portland Oregon, 8 Border-to-Border Veterans Memorial Highways, Deschutes County Highway Signs honoring veterans and first responders, Wreaths Across America in Bend and Central Oregon, Oregon Medal of Honor Exhibit, and introducing WWII Veterans to students at Bend High School and in Bend Veteran's Day Parades. The ten-year, 2,500 mile Oregon Veterans Highways project was featured in national VFW, American Legion, Military Officers, and Vietnam Veterans of America Magazines. During the 2019 session, the Oregon Legislature approved Dick's request to designate the 471 mile US Highway 26 in Oregon as POW/MIA Memorial Highway. The Foundation is in the initial phase of planning for construction of "tiny houses" for free transitional housing for homeless veterans.

In conjunction with the late WWII Medal of Honor recipient Bob Maxwell, Dick worked on veterans' projects for sixteen years. Together they met with three governors and testified on many pieces of legislation. Dick has also sponsored four Eagle Scouts.

Dick and his wife Mary Jane have been married for almost 59 years. They have two sons who live in Bend and Seattle and are grandparents of seven. Besides veterans' projects, Dick is an active reader, military historian, astronomer, sailor, hiker, and camper. He is a member of American Legion Post 4, Central Oregon Military Officers Association of America, Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 551, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4108, and Vietnam Veterans of America.

Dick is proud of his parents who immigrated from Finland and Sweden and who lived the "American Dream" raising five sons who served in the Armed Forces.

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## A Special Thank You to Mr. Doncaster:

The September meeting of ASCO included a talk by Kelsey Doncaster, historian with the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR), based out of Yakima. Kelsey led us through the history of the North Unit Irrigation District (NUID), from concept through present day.

The North Unit serves areas of Jefferson County north of the Crooked River. Original settlers were dryland wheat farmers. Climatic conditions in the 1910's provided a wet cycle that encouraged this type of farming, but this wet cycle ended in the 20's, leading to conditions exacerbated by and contributing to the Great Depression. Demand was created to expand irrigation to the lands north of the existing irrigation projects in Deschutes County. However, funding was difficult during these years and a suitable water storage facility could not be determined on the upper Deschutes. New Deal monies became available to study the area and the Wickiup Basin was determined to be a suitable storage site. By 1938, the project was ready to proceed, with CCC enrollees assigned to clear the reservoir and build the dam. Money allocated to the project was to be repaid by the users (this has yet to be accomplished to this day). Another CCC camp at Redmond helped with canal building. When World War II caused many of the men at these camps to enlist, the camps were staffed by conscientious objectors, notably, Mennonites, who accomplished a great deal on the dam. Construction could not be completed until after the war, coming into service finally in 1949.

Kelsey provided us with many interesting photos and documents of the construction process and left us with a report on their work, which is available for members to read.



## **PUBLIC OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY**

“It’s interesting to see that people had so much clutter, even thousands of years ago. The only way to get rid of it all was to bury it, and then some archaeologist went and dug it all up.”

- Karl Pilkington, *An Idiot Abroad*

As this quip shows, many people hold misconceptions about what archaeology is and what archaeologists do. For example, how many times have you explained that archaeologists do not study dinosaurs? On the other hand, some people are fully versed in the topic, but in their enthusiasm without a real understanding of preservation, they may destroy the archaeological record. And

finally, consider our youth -- they are eager to learn about the past and ready to do their job to preserve it, but they need guidance along the way.

All things considered, ASCO's Mission Statement promotes the preservation and protection of our cultural heritage through education. With that in mind, we are forming a Public Outreach Committee. Together we will discuss possibilities and decide on our focus. To be a member of this enthusiastic group, you do not have to be an expert in the field; just have a passion for archaeology and a willingness to share knowledge with others.

If you are interested in joining the public outreach committee, please contact Eileen Gose.

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## 2019 Spring/Fall Field Trips

### **Field Trip to Steelhead Falls - May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019:**



The Deschutes River has carved a magnificent canyon through the colorful volcanic deposits of the Deschutes Formation at Steelhead Falls. The oldest rocks in the area are about 8 million years old. The canyon walls record volcanic activity in the High Cascades from 8 million years ago to about 4.5 million years ago. This formation is over 2,300 feet thick. This area has a long history of human use and today is protected by the Bureau of Land Management as a wilderness study area.

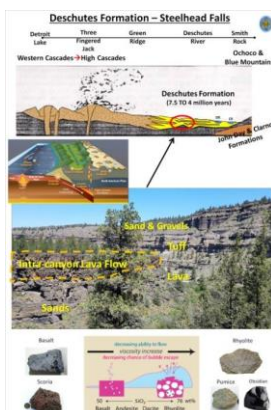
The field trip was attended by thirteen people, including co-leaders, Paul Claeysens, Stu Garrett, and Bob Timmer. We met at the trailhead at 10am and Paul conducted a brief orientation with safety reminders.

We proceeded to an overlook where Bob introduced us to the geology and natural history of the canyon and the Deschutes Formation, including its relationship to regional volcanism. Rock samples of different types, such as basalt, rhyolite, tuff, etc. were



passed around for comparison and the viewpoint featured an intra-canyon flow and various strata of the Deschutes Formation.

We then had a brief introduction to the plants of the canyon by Stu Garrett, noting the familiar Sagebrush and Juniper woodland plant communities. Carry's Balsamroot was in bloom, as were shrubs of Bitterbrush and other herbaceous plants like Estes Wormwood. We proceeded along the trail to the first overhang just downstream from the trailhead where shell middens were visible.



Thence it was on to the Steelhead Falls Overlook for scenery, a little history, and geology.

From the overlook we continued downstream along the river trail to Graffiti Point where the group helped identify the pre-contact petroglyphs located in and amongst the preponderance of historic and modern graffiti. From Graffiti point, we passed below the Pillar and Faces sites. We could not visit



the Faces due to difficult access and exposure. Also at the site, the BLM/FS/FAN had established a small Milkweed plantation for the Monarch Butterfly migration.

From here, the going got a little tougher as the group had to negotiate two stretches of lava flow and talus slopes along the river trail. Despite the difficult terrain, and patches of poison oak, most everyone made it to our last stop of the trip, the Peninsula I Rockshelter and Petroglyphs. Here we discussed the use and occupation of the area in pre-contact times, as well as previous archaeological work in the area. Excavation at Peninsula I was done by Ken and Barb Robinson of Bend in the mid-1960s.



Unfortunately, no artifacts are visible today, but features remain, such as the rockshelter overhang, “anvil” rock and metate, and numerous rock art panels (N=15).



The group explored the shelter walls and identified most of the pre-contact petroglyphs with the help of Paul’s iPad, which had the sketches of the panels.

After a brief rest and lunch break, we returned the way we came along the trail enjoying the comradery, scenery, and shade where we could find it.

Thanks to all who made this a successful trip, especially Stu Garrett and Bob Timmer and to all the participants who added contributions along our journey: Amanda Hinchman, Lynda Paznokas, Nancy Green, Pat Moen, Cybil Ewalt, Michaele Grabenhorst, Scott Mckenzie, Tom & Maggi Machala, and Leslie Olson.



Submitted by Paul Claeysens

## Bombing Range/Whitaker Holes Field Trip - October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019:

On a beautiful October day, twenty-one ASCO members explored the rock art at the Bombing Range and Whitaker Holes sites. Because of the ten-person maximum allowed at the Bombing Range, the group did a “round-robin” exchange at lunch, switching sites after a staggered start in the morning.



Lead by John Zancanella at the Bombing Range, and John Williams and Valarie Anderson at Whitaker



holes, photographers got plenty of practice using D-Stretch. Thanks to Zanc, we learned about the importance of water tanks to Native Americans while they made their seasonal rounds, saw the remnants of a homesteader’s sheep corral and horse pen made from scrap Juniper, and marveled at the slot canyon carved by slow moving water that drained Millican Lake and its surrounds.

The grass was tall, the sun high, the “moon” dust deep, and the ~2,000 year old rock art of the Great Basin magical. Images changed and flitted in the shifting light, some remained hidden from view, others jumped from the surface of the rock. It was a great day in the Great Basin to tread our way back in time.

Submitted by Val Anderson

### Upcoming OPB/PBS Programs

#### **Native America:**

“From Caves to Cosmos” traces ancient knowledge and cutting-edge science to answer a 15,000 year-old-question - Who were America's First People? The answer hides in Amazonian cave paintings, Mexican burial chambers, and on the waves off California's coast.

November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019 on OPB+ 8:00 pm

“Cities of the Sky” explores the creation of some of the ancient world’s largest and most splendid cities. Were people across Native America inspired by celestial phenomenon to build their communities? Answers are revealed in American urban centers that bloomed from the Mexican jungle, a massive multi-cultural city in Central Mexico that is among the largest urban centers in history, and the capital of South America’s greatest empire.

November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019 on OPB+ 8:00 pm

Please remember to visit us online at the ASCO website for changes in our Calendar, as well as background information about the ASCO Stewardship Program, Field Trips, and past copies of the eMidden.

[www.ascoinfo.net](http://www.ascoinfo.net)

## 2019 MEMBERSHIP

ASCO membership is for the calendar year, January through December. Benefits include many excellent Speakers, Workshops and Field Trips, and Stewardship Opportunities. All of these activities are available to members for the \$20 membership fee. New members are always welcome. For a new membership, or to renew for 2020, please use the application form posted online or pick one up at the next General Meeting. Only ASCO members in good standing are eligible to participate in Workshops, Field Trips, and the Stewardship Program. Please remember that neither guests nor persons under 18 may attend ASCO functions.

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