

An architectural rendering of a large, multi-story building with a prominent corner. The building features a series of horizontal bands and a grid of windows. In the foreground, there is a paved area with several cars parked, and a landscaped area with trees and a walkway. The entire scene is rendered in a dark, monochromatic brown color.

Groundbreaking
OREGON VETERANS BUILDING
June 10, 1982

OREGON



Department of Veterans' Affairs

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— PROGRAM —

- MUSIC Oregon National Guard Reserve Pipes & Drum
Bill Edmiston — Pipe Major
- WELCOME Clint Gruber
Executive Assistant to the Director
- POSTING OF THE COLORS Officers Candidate School, Class 25
Oregon Military Academy
- INVOCATION Chaplain, Lt. Col. Wm. C. Hurn, Jr.
Oregon Air National Guard
Associate Pastor, First Presbyterian Church
- INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS
- REMARKS Staryl C. Austin, Jr.
Director, Department of Veterans' Affairs
- REMARKS Governor Victor Atiyeh
- GROUNDBREAKING
- RETIREMENT OF THE COLORS

The symbolic turning of spadesful of earth in the groundbreaking ceremony today will be performed by a veteran of each of the five major wars in which Oregon's soldiers, sailors, and airmen have served our nation with such distinction. They are:

- SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR **Luther Metke** joined the U.S. Navy in 1901 and was discharged in 1906. He served aboard the battleship USS Oregon. Mr. Metke lives at Camp Sherman, Oregon. Through the years he has been a logger, bridge builder, store operator, log house builder and poet. His poetry reflects his positive outlook on life. Some years ago he wrote:
"Years may wrinkle the skin
but loss of enthusiasm will wrinkle the soul"
- WORLD WAR I **Marion Lepley** enlisted in the U.S. Navy at age sixteen. He was a member of the American Expeditionary Force in France during WWI. Mr. Lepley has traveled thousands of miles to represent the WWI veterans as Commander. Mr. Lepley retired as Assistant Manager of Copelands after several years in the lumber industry. He enjoys gardening as a hobby and lives at Bay City, Oregon.
- WORLD WAR II **Arthur Felts** served in the U.S. Navy from 1942-48. He was stationed aboard the USS New Mexico, and earned the Purple Heart on May 12, 1945. Felts became an Oregon resident in 1954 and has been active in community service and with veterans for many years. He works as a volunteer with handicapped veterans at the VA Medical Center in Portland. Mr. Felts is a resident of Tigard, Oregon.
- KOREAN WAR **Bert Bradshaw** served in the U.S. Navy from 1953-60 aboard the destroyer tender Hamle, the USS Benner, a destroyer, and the USS Helena, a cruiser, in the South Pacific theater. Mr. Bradshaw works with the Paralyzed Veterans of America, the American Legion and handicapped units around the State of Oregon. He has organized "rap" groups for the newly paralyzed, and assists older handicapped people in adjusting to wheelchair life. Mr. Bradshaw lives in Warren, Oregon.
- VIETNAM WAR **Ken Ross** was a member of the Marine Corps from 1967-70. He served in Vietnam. In 1959, Mr. Ross moved to Oregon from Colorado and has remained very active in special projects for veterans, veterans organizations and the community of Tillamook. Mr. Ross is the Commander for Bay City Post 2848 VFW. He will be the District Commander for District #1 VFW for 1982-83.



The new Oregon Veterans Building is scheduled for completion in March of 1984. The building was authorized by the 1979 session of the Oregon State Legislature, and has received the enthusiastic endorsement of all the major Oregon veterans organizations. Located on the Capitol Mall in Salem, the three-story, modern office building will house some 300 Department of Veterans Affairs employees in 65,000 square feet of space. For years, ODVA Loan Program and Veterans Services activities have been housed in leased space in eight separate locations around Salem. Efficiency in management of these activities will be greatly enhanced when all can be gathered together under one roof.

The new building is designed to conserve as much energy as economically feasible, while maintaining a positive humanistic work environment. Energy use is calculated at only 37,000 BTU per square foot per year. Energy conservation and savings techniques include building massing, daylighting, and energy efficient mechanical systems.

In addition to well-planned offices, meeting rooms, storage, and other work space, the building will contain a 900 square foot computer room and a 100 seat auditorium.

- Director of the Department of Veterans' Affairs Staryl C. Austin, Jr.
Project Director Everett J. Faw
- Director of General Services Darrell P. Ralls
Project Director Frank Evans

Architects
Sheldon, Eggleston, Reddick and Aanderud

FACTS

THE OREGON VETERANS BUILDING

LOCATION: In the 700 block on Summer St., N.E., Salem Capitol Mall.

SIZE: 3 floors, 65,000 square feet.

COST: Approximately \$7,000,000. From Oregon War Veterans' Sinking Fund. No state general fund dollars.

COMPLETION: March, 1984.

PURPOSE: To house 300 Department of Veterans' Affairs employees in Salem managing the Veterans Services Program and the Home and Farm Loan Program.

LOAN PROGRAM: Processing loans in the Salem Branch office and management of 15 other Branch offices in the state.
Servicing existing loans, now totaling five billion dollars, and extending well into the next century.

VETERANS SERVICES: Counseling, educational benefits, and conservatorships for Oregon's 385,000 veterans.

SUPPORT: Financial Management, Administrative Services, Management Services, Personnel, Training, Internal Audit, Word Processing Center, Computer Services.

ARCHITECT: Sheldon, Eggleston, Reddick, and Aanderud.

CONTRACTOR: Bids received and opened June 3, but final selection of low bidder yet to be announced.

PROJ. MGR.: Oregon Department of General Services.

DOVA Bldg Groundbreaking/NOTES FOR GOV.

- Veterans' loan program still vital for Oregon. For every \$1 million in bond sales, 15 direct jobs and 20 indirect jobs are supported, w/ a total of \$422,000 in payroll alone
- Veterans' Building will put almost \$7 million into Salem/Oregon economy by the time it is complete in 1984, with no General Fund monies involved
- Oregon contractor was low bidder, so Oregon firm will benefit