



This “mini-newsletter” is your opportunity to share your trials and tribulations while navigating this global health emergency. Send me whatever you think would be of interest to the rest of our membership. You can keep it light-hearted or share a real concern or sorrow. Just send your thoughts to moaaoeugene@gmail.com. I reserve the right to edit. Please, no comments about religion, politics or my weight.

Sent in by MAJ Lynnette Campbell, USA (Ret):

What is my pandemic experience (thus far) you ask? My husband and I have stayed healthy, as have our extended families. We are blessed. If I can trust Facebook posts we are busy doing what most people are doing: cooking our meals, going for walks and tending to a very large veggie garden.

I have been doing Pilates nearly every morning (masked and on the instructor’s deck which overlooks the McKenzie River) and I join a Zoom Yoga class twice a week. My husband is practicing his viola at exactly 1000 hours every day and takes his weekly viola lessons either on FaceTime or in person (masked and on our deck).



**She also grows flowers:
Lynnette’s Pink Iris**

This year, Oregon-wide, the SMART Reading program will, sadly, not be reading to kids due to the pandemic. This will free up some of my husband’s and my time so we decided to volunteer for the McKenzie River Trust. Once a week we have been attending, via Zoom, McKenzie River Trust’s Volunteer Land Steward’s Program Training. Next week is our last training day and for that class we’ll be “in the field” at Green Island learning about invasive species. As to where we will be land stewards is unknown just yet, so it feels like we’re waiting on assignment orders!

As some of you may know I am the President of the Board for Delgani String Quartet. Please, dear Reader allow me to digress...Going on 5 years Delgani has put on an all-inclusive, week long, String Academy Camp for kids who are intermediate and advanced string players. I have been the head cook for every camp and, with two amazing volunteers, we manage to serve a week’s worth of breakfast, lunch and dinners for 21 people. The campers have to audition and each year there are more applicants than slots (I think this speaks highly of the camp’s success). All of these kids are serious musicians who take private lessons and many play in the Eugene Springfield Youth Orchestra. For most

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of the parents, paying for private lessons is a significant financial outlay and sending their kids to this quality of camp is financially out of their reach. To ensure all kids attend camp based on their talents and not financial means, Delgani solicits donations for scholarships and we are proud to say all the kids who need scholarships get to go to camp!!!

This year, Delgani's camp was virtual and while it was successful, it was a very different camper experience: no ping pong and chess tournaments, no canoeing, no star gazing, no end of camp recital, etc. As the camp cook, I always included in the menus lots of berries from my yard and syrups and jams that I canned. Each year the kids looked forward to the "camp's signature dish" Blueberry Lemon French Toast. This year I canned raspberry syrup, blueberry jam and chipotle puree to give to each camper; even though it was virtual they at least got a little taste of camp.

So that's what I've been doing. In the next few months I'll be harvesting, canning, pickling, drying and freezing, it's a labor of love!

I hope all of you are staying healthy and safe,

God bless each of you. Lynnette Campbell



MAJ Campbell said that she sent me this story so that I wouldn't have to put in lame jokes from the Internet. So I won't: Here, read this:

Our mission is to advocate for our military community and connect it to the nation we serve.

The problem is that her story wasn't quite long enough... so all I have left is lame jokes:

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I see a big baby boom coming our way in 9 months. They will be called the C-19 babies and the number one baby names will be Charmin and Scott. And then in 2033 there will be a whole bunch of quaranteens.

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Remember all those times when you wished that the weekend would last forever? Well... wish granted. Happy now?

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Remember when you were little and all your underwear had the days of the week on them? Wouldn't those be helpful right now?

(And they actually sell them on Amazon)

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If you liked these jokes, they were mine. If you didn't, Ginger Banks sent them to me.

That's it for this edition of the mini-newsletter. If you want to see another one, we will need your contributions.

