### FLAG CEREMONY 2014

### OREGON ESA STATE CONEVTION

### SEVEN FEATHERS

### CANYONVILLE, OREGON

I would like to welcome you to our opening ceremony in which we will Take time to honor our 2900 paid and 7800 volunteer firefighters in Oregon. These men and women put their lives on the lines each day for our families. Today we are honored to have members of the local fire departments to Escort our flag bearers.

The Central Oregon flag is presented by Vice President Barbara Moss
The Coast District Flag is presented by President Thelma Belcher
The Douglas District Flag is presented by Carolyn Rapant
The Eastern District is presented by
The Northwest District Flag is presented by President Andrea Storm
The Southwest District Flag is presented by President Lynn Hughes
The Willamette Valley District Flag is presented by President Julie Rassmann

The All Faiths flag is presented by Ellen Ellis Oregon State Chaplain
The Oregon State Flag is presented by State President Su McDonell
The ESA Banner is presented by: Joy Serkwoney
The ESA Foundation Flag is presented by: Judy Huntley
The Easter Seals flag is presented by: JoAnne McKenney
The St. Jude flag is presented by: Kathy State
The Western States Flag is presented by Mary Lambert
Please rise as we honor the flag of the United States which is presented by:
I.C. representative Rickie Brown
Please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance and remain standing for prayer.
Chaplain:

### CENTRAL DISTRICT FLAG

The Central Oregon District flag is presented by their Vice President Barb Moss. Representing the high desert plateaus and mountains of this majestic region, the Central District flag, with its blue and darker blue circle design.

### COAST DISTRICT

The flag of Coast District is carried by their President Thelma Belcher. The beauty of the Oregon Coast is depicted on this flag with the ocean, clouds, sunset and soaring seagulls.

### **DOUGLAS DISTRICT**

The Douglas District flag is presented by their president Carolyn Rapant. Their flag symbolizing the economic and recreational facets of this district with the Douglas Fir on one side and the circle with symbols on the other.

### EASTERN DISTRICT

The Eastern District flag is carried by District President Amber Heine.

This flag has a field of brown, containing symbols of the diversity of the area from the Wallowa Mountains to the fields of grain. The cowboy depicts the Pendleton Roundup.

### NORTHWEST DISTRICT

Andrea Storm President of Northwest District Council, carries the Northwest District flag. The Cascades and Columbia River are depicted by the field of blue. Political strength is represented by the Capital Building, and the apple symbolizes the agriculture of this district.

### SOUTHERN DISTRICT

The Southern District flag is being carried by District President Lynn Hughes. This region of our state is symbolized on the flag by a circle of green containing the symbols of mountains, rivers and industry.

### WILLAMETTE VALLEY DISTRICT

Willamette Valley President Julie Rassman presents their flag which is white and depicts a sescape with a circle and lone tree, symbolizing that this district is from the coast to the mountain range.

### ALL FAITHS FLAG

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Our own Oregon State President Su McDonell presents our Oregon State Flag. The beautiful brilliant blue and gold flag represents Oregon and its forward thinking, fiercely independent citizens, who take pride in living and playing in such a diverse and beautiful state.

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### **ESA FOUNDATION**

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### **FASTER SEAL FLAG**

The Easter Seal flag is presented by JoAnne McKenney State Easter Seal Chairman. This flag symbolizes the mission of Easter Seals which is working within communities to help children with disabilities and their families. Our dedication to the mission of Easter Seal has reaped memories for many.

### ST. JUDE FLAG

Kathy State St. Jude Chairman is presenting this flag. The mission of St. Jude children's Hospital is to find cures for children with catastrophic illnesses through research and treatment. Through the tireless efforts of ESA members everywhere, our dedication to St. Jude has indeed sowed many dreams.

### WESTERN STATES COUNCIL FLAG

The Western States Flag is presented by Mary Lambert. The Western States Council consists of Alaska, Arizona, California, Oregon, Washington and Australia. This flag symbolizes the unity of ideals and goals.

### UNITED STATES FLAG

Please rise as our I.C. representative Rickie Brown presents the flag of the United States of America.

### CLOSING FLAG CEREMONY

### 2014

Flag Bearers: please take your places to retire the flags.

Please stand for the retiring of the flags.

As our flags are retired please let us reflect on the friends

We have made and renewed throughout our weekend.

These Flags represent all of us and make us remember why

We strive to carry out the mission of ESA in each of our

Community's.

As we return home please remember to keep our first responders In your thoughts and prayers.

First, our District Flags representing our regional differences but our Unity in ESA.

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The Douglas District

The Eastern District

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The Sothern District

The Willamette Valley District

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The Oregon State Flag

The ESA Banner

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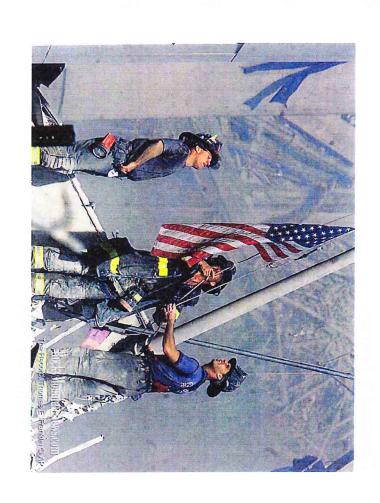
The Easter Seals Flag

The St. Jude Flag

The Western States Flag

The Flag of the United States

Su thank you for your faith in me to pay honor in this presentation of our flags.



## Flag Ceremony Presentation

Oregon State Convention April 26, 2014

Seven Feathers Casino Canyonville, OR

Presented by Louise Muir Flag Ceremony Chairman

# Presentation of Flags (continued)

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### Fireman's Prayer

When I am called to duty, God Wherever flames may rage, Give me the strength to save some life Whatever be its age.

Help me embrace a little child Before it is too late, Or save an older person from The horror of that fate.

Enable me to be alert
And hear the weakest shout,
And quickly and efficiently
To put the fire out.

I want to fill my calling and To give the best in me To guard my every neighbor And protect his property.

And if according to Thy will, I am to lose my life, Please bless with your protective hand, My children and my wife.

Amen



After the Oklahoma City Bombing, April 19, 1995

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