

Veterans Day video: Serving in peacetime and in war

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Multnomah County hires vets. About 400 work at the county, including Mat Brady, a 20-year-veteran who recounts his public service in the video "[Citizen Soldier.](#)" (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vTGfJ9gARXU>)

The [Board of County Commissioners](http://web.multco.us/board) (<http://web.multco.us/board>) recognized Brady and other vets' service with a proclamation in observance of Veterans Day, Nov. 11.

Brady's career shows the experience and skills vets bring to the county. He joined the Army at 21, then served two years in Korea as an enlisted military police soldier and military police investigator with the Criminal Investigation Division Command.

After his tour, he transferred to Oregon Army National Guard as a military police investigator. At 30, he was granted a waiver to attend officer candidate school and was commissioned by Congress and branched as a combat engineer.

As an Oregon Guard member, Brady responded to fires, floods and drug raids. He deployed to Iraq in 2003 in the first days after the invasion. He retired in 2005 after 20 years of service.



Today, Brady works as a Multnomah County property manager overseeing more than 600,000 square feet of space. His Department of Criminal Justice portfolio includes the Juvenile Justice Complex, the Mead downtown and the Hansen Building on N.E. Glisan. He also cares for his small farm and is the father of two daughters and a son.

"Veterans Day is about honoring our servicemen and women in every way we can when they get deployed to foreign lands," [Commissioner Diane McKeel](http://web.multco.us/ds4) (<http://web.multco.us/ds4>) said. "It's also about recognizing the impact made by members of the military, reserves or National Guard in communities across the country after devastating disasters, such as the storm that just hit the East Coast."

"Most importantly, Veterans Day is about doing everything we can to honor our veterans after their call of duty when they return home."

You can meet other veterans through the [Veterans Employee Resource Group](https://commons.multco.us/office-diversity-and-equity/verq-veterans-employee-resource-group) (<https://commons.multco.us/office-diversity-and-equity/verq-veterans-employee-resource-group>) or learn about veterans services through the [Multnomah County's Veterans' Services Office](http://web.multco.us/ads/veterans-services-office). (<http://web.multco.us/ads/veterans-services-office>)

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