



Wednesday, January 13, 2010

## Air National Guard plans memorial service for Fred Rosenbaum

*Former Holocaust victim, brigadier general started Camp Rosenbaum for kids at Camp Rilea*

Wednesday, January 13, 2010



Gen. Fred M. Rosenbaum  
Development neighborhoods.

Tributes were paid today to retired Brig. Gen. Fred M. Rosenbaum who died Tuesday. He was the guiding force behind Camp Rosenbaum, an annual event at Rilea Armed Forces Training Center in Warrenton which helped boost self-esteem for thousands of inner-city children.

The Oregon Air National Guard is scheduled to hold a public memorial service in the Rosenbaum Hangar (building 375), at the Portland Air National Guard Base at noon Tuesday.

Rosenbaum, who retired from the Oregon Air National Guard in 1986, died Tuesday from kidney cancer. He was 83.

Rosenbaum was a survivor of the Holocaust in Austria. He escaped to England and eventually came to the United States, attending high school in Aberdeen, Wash.

He served in the U.S. Army during WWII, and in both the Oregon Army and Oregon Air National Guard over his 42-year military career. His most recent position was as the Assistant Adjutant General (Air) for the Oregon National Guard.

He attended Reed College, Northwestern College of Law, and Portland State University, earning advanced degrees in political science and urban studies. He also served as the chairman for the Housing Authority of Portland for 13 years, working closely with state, federal and local authorities to improve the livelihood of numerous residents in Housing of Urban

He is known for the founding of Rosenbaum Financial, a life insurance brokerage, in 1957, and the annual citizenship youth camp at Camp Rilea which bears his name, Camp Rosenbaum, in 1972. The camp has hosted more than 6,500 disadvantaged children, The Oregonian reported. In July, the Oregon National Guard dedicated a garden of gratitude in his honor.

Over his lifetime, he was involved in an active civic life, serving in such positions as the director of the Urban League of Portland, chairman of the Human Relations Commission of Portland, president of Oregon Museum of Science and Industry, trustee of the Boys Club of Portland, president of the National Guard Association of Oregon, and the Governor's Committee on Youth.

Maj. Gen. Raymond F. Rees, the Adjutant General of the Oregon National Guard, said Rosenbaum lived a truly inspiring life.

"We have been blessed that his ardent interest in public service included the military and the Oregon National Guard," Rees said. "Generations of the Oregon Guard can point to his leadership as key to our great success in all areas of fair and equitable treatment of all soldiers and airmen and our remarkable efforts to be of service to our communities."

Rosenbaum is survived by his wife of 54 years, the former Jane Schlesinger, son Mark, daughter Lori Krasnowsky, and three grandchildren.

The public memorial ceremony at the Portland Air Base is at 6800 S.W. Cornfoot Road, Portland.

### Related Links