

# Flight Lines

The newsletter of the Eighth air Force Historical Society

Oregon Chapter

Autumn 2022

### MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to support the Eighth Air Force Historical Society (8AFHS) in perpetuating the history of The Mighty Eighth Air Force from 1942 to the present; to honor the memory of lost comrades; and to provide social events for 8thAFHS members living in Oregon and southern Washington.

The organization is open to anyone who has an interest in WWII aviation. It is dedicated to preserving and passing on the knowledge of those who served in air combat and ground support over Europe, the Balkans, North Africa, India, Japan and the Pacific theater, and Russia during the Second World War.

The Oregon Chapter of the 8<sup>th</sup> Air Force Historical Society holds public meetings every winter (February); spring (May); summer (August) and winter (November).

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## **General Meeting November 5, 2022**

Our November Speaker will be Brig Gen Donna M. Prigmore, Commander, Oregon Air National Guard. She is responsible for the mission readiness and operational effectiveness of the 142d Fighter Wing in Portland, the 173d Fighter Wing in Klamath Falls, and the Joint Forces Headquarters (Air) in Salem. In this role, General Prigmore oversees development and deployment of operationally trained, equipped and mission-ready forces including a 24/7 Aerospace Control Alert posture in support of North American Aerospace Defense Command, the 125th Special Tactics Squadron, an F-15 training school-house responsible for producing approximately 30 pilots each year, and the 270th Air Traffic Control Squadron.

This is a **MUST SEE PROGRAM**. Brigadier Gen. Prigmore will discuss the OANG, current and future missions, the coverage area, and what they do. She will also tell some stories of OANG interdictions.

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From the Editor

The Oregon Chapter of the 8<sup>th</sup> Air Force Historical Society begasn as a meeting organization of 8<sup>th</sup> Air Force service veterans of WWII, a place for air veterans to reconnect in the fellowship of their service. At its peak its membership comprised more than 140 8<sup>th</sup> Air Force veterans, along with other veterans of WWII air services.

With the passing of most of these veterans the nature of the organization has changed. The focus of the few dozen members remaining, the children of the grand air armada, is to remember the history of the air war and to learn about the people and events of aeronautical history to the present day.

With the approach of the upcomong Veterans Day we choose to remember the individual WWII air service veterans who graced this organizatin. Only a handful are present, living.

The list is of members who have passed on with Folded Wings, members who have not responded to the roll call, and members who

have simply gone missing from the record and whose fate is unknown.

-- Dwight Gruber, Editor

Treasury/Roster

The Oregon Chapter currently has a balance of \$2,033.07. As of this writing there are 48 duespaid members, out of a total membership of 62., with four Life Members and 11 WWII veterans.

#### Folded Wings

Since our last posting we have lost two WW II veteran members. The first was George Bickford Jr. George was a Flight instructor during WW II, and was a pioneer in instructing naval aviators on the use of navigational instruments. After the war, George remained in the Naval Reserves and was called to active duty again in 1952, to instruct young aviators bound for Korea. Our other veteran was Lt. Col. David Riddle. He flew in the 388th B.G. as a pilot. After the war he remained in the Air Force and took part in the Berlin Airlift.

Empty Chairs By Donald L. Keller

It started out as an idea shared between W.W. II U.S. Army Air Force veterans of the 8<sup>th</sup> Air Force. The war had been over for more than 45 years. They wanted to get together to form a group to preserve the history and the memories of their service. But to a man, they each wanted to honor and preserve the memories of those who paid the ultimate price. Each one of them paid a price that would remain as a part of their lives forever. They had all for their country and their world. Most of them had continued their service in the Air Force Reserve or Oregon Air National Guard.

Andy Brown contacted Dr. Everett Peery and other veterans, to plan the new organization. The group originally met in each other's homes, and became the Oregon Chapter of the 8<sup>th</sup> Air Force Historical Society. Andy Brown would serve as its first president. They decided to meet at the Beaverton Elks Lodge #1989, and held their first meeting there in 1993. The Elks Lodge was chosen because a large number of the veterans were members, and it was big enough to accommodate the banquets. The attendance would range from 135 to 160 people. The group was formed for the veterans, but non-WW II veterans could join as Associate members. They could attend, but not vote or hold office. Attendees filled the Grand Lodge

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Ballroom, overflowing into the Bar and the Ladies' cardroom. Everyone would have to call in advance to be sure of enough food. If you did not call in, you did not eat. It took two lunch lines to accommodate everyone.

The speakers were varied, but always excellent. My first meeting was the third group meeting. Fred Paul, who had a brother in the 96<sup>th</sup> B.G. who was killed in action, asked if I would help him as Program Chairman, and I soon found myself as the P.C. As a B-17 enthusiast, I was in Second Heaven. Everywhere were pilots, copilots, mechanics, and gunners, all sharing incredible memories. The speakers included Pacific B-17 vets, Marine Corps aces, a Flying Tiger, a member of Glenn Miller's Orchestra, and a female Aeronautical Engineer who was an inspector on B-17s at Boeing. Every meeting was magical.

I started chasing B-17s because I saw 2 of them in formation in 1967. I started because of the airplanes, but I stayed because of the wonderful people I met in this organization. They took me into their fold, gave me and understanding of their times and service, but more importantly they showed me their friendship and human side. They opened up and showed me the marks that war can leave. No one hates war more than a veteran. They know the cost firsthand.

A gunner in the 390<sup>th</sup> fought many battles after the war including racism and alcoholism. He was one of the most gentle and forgiving men I have known. He was put into a care center for hospice, but had to be moved. The colors, shadows, and smells reminded him of his P.O.W. days. A Lt. Col. Pilot friend of mine was a good friend, but was always very demanding. Someone finally explained that he only did that with people he liked, and would spend his energy helping them to succeed. He could see their potential. One B-24 pilot appeared on the Dick Cavett Show with the Japanese pilot who rammed his aircraft, trying to bring it down. He would speak to our group 3 times. He was topped by Stanley P. Richardson. Stan did not speak, he held court. When talking with Stan, he made you feel like you were the only 2 people in the world. Stan spoke to our group on 4 occasions.

Another former P.O.W. would keep candy, candy bars, or other provisions in his pockets. He had been close to starvation before, and would not let that happen again. One veteran would show up at the meeting, not have lunch, but would put buttered rolls in his pocket, so as not to be caught unaware again. Some P.O.W.s were forced to sign secrecy agreements upon their return to the U.S. at Camp Lucky Strike in New Jersey. Shortly before one veteran's death, the statute of limitations ran out on the agreement. He showed me the documentation of a forced march to evade the Russians. During the march more than 280 U.S. GIs were interred in a Nazi Concentration Camp overnight. The next morning, less than 200 were marched out again. He had the German records to verify it. One of our speakers mentioned that while on a journalistic tour, they were waiting on a railroad platform. Their Guide remained uncharacteristically quiet. Suddenly the journalist was overcome by an intense feeling of dread and bone chilling cold. When she told the Guide, he informed her that this was the platform for prisoners on their way to Dachau. I will never forget the look on 43<sup>rd</sup> B.G. veteran Dutch Heichel's wife's face, as he described his experiences in a Japanese P.O.W. Camp.

The meetings were also a time for joy and fellowship. The February meetings were always Ladies meetings. A B-24 gunner used to call me up every year to reserve a seat for "me and my Best Gal." It was always a joy to watch them. Stan Greer was always ready to entertain us with his feats of magic. He learned magic before the war, and would use it to pass the time in the P.O.W. camp, and entertain the other GIs. When the time came for a new Group Treasurer, someone nominated Stan Greer. Clint Gruber raised the concern that we were nominating for Treasurer a man who made things disappear for a living.

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Another delight was Santa Bob Kreutzer. He came home on leave, and was asked by family and friends to play Santa at Christmas. He did not realize that it would be a lifetime role. It would be reenacted at parties, children's gatherings and for the children in all the local hospitals.

I must mention our first Chaplain, Roland Stewart, a quiet and unassuming man of the cloth. He was a former B-24 crewman who always had time and encouragement for anyone.

These large banquets were great, but very frustrating. There were so many great people, and never enough time to talk to them. Tom Davis and I hosted a mini meeting at my mother's house. It was done for Roy Mousty, 388<sup>th</sup> B.G., Dick Pressey, 91<sup>st</sup> B.G., and Ernie Zapf, 100<sup>th</sup> B.G. It was like watching a group of children who hadn't seen each other in years. The stories, laughs and tears were unbelievable. Thankfully one of our members got it all on video. This is what each of our meetings was like, increased a hundred fold.

The Elks have a tradition of leaving an empty chair at each meeting. When we set up the room for our meetings, I look out at the empty chairs before the start of the meeting. To me they are not empty, they are filled with dear friends who have gone west, and are no longer. They will always be there to me. I do not want to nor can I ever forget them.

Don Keller October, 2022









## Passed On With Folded Wings

Peter Hardiman

RCAF pilot. Folded Wings 4/1/2000

Virgil Wunder 96<sup>th</sup> Bomb Gp.

Refueling Folded Wings 12/27/2004

Capt.Ripley Gage 8thAF 447<sup>th</sup> Bomb Gp.

B-17 pilot Folded Wings 1/1/2006

Col. Russell Hines 8thAF

Maintenance Officer Folded Wings 1/19/2006

S/Sgt Clare Ericson 8thAF 445<sup>th</sup> Bomb Gp.

Nose Turret Gunner. Folded Wings 10/1/2006

T/Sgt Donald O.R. Sellwood 8thAF 100<sup>th</sup> Bomb Gp.

Flight Engineer Folded Wings 11/3/2006

Lt. Col. Lawrence Poksay 8thAF 100<sup>th</sup> Bomb Gp.

Co-pilot Folded Wings 12/1/2006

S/Sgt. Eddie Linnum 8thAF 447<sup>th</sup> Bomb Gp.

Waist Gunner Folded Wings 12/12/2006

1st Lt. Bill Petrowicz 8thAF 452<sup>nd</sup> Bomb Gp.

Pilot Folded Wings 3/6/2006

M/Sgt..Paul Pjesky 8thAF 355<sup>th</sup> Fighter Gp.

355<sup>th</sup> SQ Headquarters Admin. Folded Wings 8/22/2006

Lt. Col William Beckley 8thAF 458<sup>th</sup> Bomb Gp.

Navigator/Bombardier Folded Wings 1/1/2007

1st Lt. Howard "Holleen" Schlepp 15<sup>th</sup> AF 460<sup>th</sup> Bomb Gp.

Bombardier Folded Wings 4/1/2007

F/O Benjamin Hauck 8thAF 487<sup>th</sup> Bomb Gp.

Co-pilot Folded Wings 4/20/2007

1st Lt. Stan Greer 8thAF 389<sup>th</sup> Bomb Gp.

Lead Bombardier Folded Wings 2/1/2008

1st Lt. Andrew "Andy" Brown .Jr. 8thAF 457<sup>th</sup> Bomb Gp.

Navigator Folded Wings 3/15/2008

Sgt. Samuel Snodgrass 8thAF 33 ADS

Supply Sgt. Folded Wings 4/1/2008

T/Sgt.Edwin Dey 8thAF 92rd Bomb Gp.

Lead Radio Operator Folded Wings 4/29/2008

S/Sgt. J. Russel Rowland 8thAF 351st Bomb Gp.

Flt. Eng. T/T Gunner. Folded Wings 6/5/2008

1st Lt.Warren Whiting 8thAF 381st Bomb Gp.

Navigator Folded Wings 6/17/2008

Capt. Richard "Dick" Pressey 8thAF 91st Bomb Gp.

Pilot Folded Wings 8/15/2008

S/Sgt. John Horne Jr. 8thAF 467<sup>th</sup> Bomb Gp.

Tail Gunner Folded Wings 11/18/2008

1st Lt. Al Gould 8thAF 401st Bomb Gp.

Bombardier Folded Wings 12/2/2008

Harry Brice

Folded Wings 8/15/2009

M/Sgt. Wayne Lewis 8thAF 486<sup>th</sup> Bomb Gp.

Radio Operator Folded Wings 11/19/2010

Capt. Frederic "Sam" Swauger 8thAF 78<sup>th</sup> Fighter Grp.

P-51 Pilot P.O.W. Folded Wings 7/1/2010

A. Fred Paul 8thAF 96<sup>th</sup> Bomb Gp.

Folded Wings 12/8/2010

S/Sgt. Hal Hagerty 8thAF 388<sup>th</sup> Bomb Gp.

Rt. Waist / Top Turret Gunner Folded Wings 2/1/2011

Lt. Col. Clinton A. Gruber 8thAF 93<sup>rd</sup> Bomb Gp.

B-24 co-pilot P.O.W. Folded Wings 3/12/2011

Dolph Boyer 8thAF 91 <sup>st</sup> Bomb Gp.	S/SGt. Glenn Kenagy 8thAF 467th Bomb Gp.
Radio Maint. Folded Wings 5/1/2011	Tail Gunner / Armorer Folded Wings 8/4/2012
1st Lt. Harold Fritzler 8thAF 491 <sup>st</sup> Bomb Gp.	S/SGt. Thomas Newton 8thAF 385 <sup>th</sup> Bomb Gp.
Navigator Folded Wings 5/23/2011	Flt. Eng / Top Turret Folded Wings 7/11/2012
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1st Lt. Marvin Rasmussen 8thAF 381st Bomb Gp.	Lt. Col. Allen Chapin 8thAF 381st Bomb Gp.
Pilot Folded Wings 5/27/2011	B-17 Pilot P.O.W. Folded Wings 10/15/2012
Joe Steere	S/Sgt.Curtis Roper 8thAF 487 <sup>th</sup> Bomb Gp.
Folded Wings 6/1/2011	Ball Turret Folded Wings 11/1/2012
T/Sgt.Floyd Rye 8thAF 379 <sup>th</sup> Bomb Gp.	Capt. Walter Groce 8thAF 56th Fighter Gp.
Radio Operator/Gunner Folded Wings 6/6/2011	Pilot Folded Wings 11/17/2012
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M/Sgt. Max Pyles 8thAF 20 <sup>th</sup> Fighter Gp.	S/SGt. Loren Bennett 8thAF 456 <sup>th</sup> Bomb Gp.
Flt. Ch./Crew Chief Folded Wings 6/15/2011	Radar Counter Measures Folded Wings 12/27/2012
Capt. Paul "Dripps" Selden 8thAF 55 <sup>th</sup> Fighter Gp.	Sgt. Lester Voth 8thAF 503 <sup>rd</sup> Bomb Gp.
P-51/P-38 Pilot Folded Wings 10/12/2011	Ground Crew Aircraft Mechanic Folded Wings 1/10/2013
S/Sgt. David Marshall 8thAF 381 <sup>st</sup> Bomb Gp.	S/Sgt. Warren Caldwell 8thAF
Ball Turret Folded Wings 11/22/2011	Engineer /Top Turret Gunner Folded Wings 3/17/2013
Buil Fullet Folded Wings Th 22/2011	Engineer rep ruiter dumer related wings 5/17/2015
S/Sgt. Martyn Frye13th AF 1961 AACS.	1st Lt. George Brice 8thAF 457 <sup>th</sup> Bomb Gp.
Control Tower Operator Folded Wings 11/24/2011	Navigator Folded Wings 8/1/2014
2nd Lt. Vernon Dicke 8thAF 447 <sup>th</sup> Bomb Gp.	Col. Frank Halm 8thAF 94 <sup>th</sup> Bomb Gp.
Co-pilot Folded Wings 12/15/2011	Pilot Folded Wings 9/1/2014
Capt. Lawrence Fick 8thAF 458 <sup>th</sup> Bomb Gp.	
Sqdn. & Lead Navigator Folded Wings 12/27/2011	Capt. William Seitz 8thAF 98 <sup>th</sup> Bomb Gp.
	Pilot Folded Wings 10/10/2013
Maj. Roland Fisher 8thAF Bomber & Fighter Gps.	
Pilot Folded Wings 2/12/2012	S/Sgt. Roland Stewart 8thAF 466 <sup>th</sup> Bomb Gp.
	Waist & Ball Turret Gunner Folded Wings 10/23/2013
Lt. Col. Harry Hance 8thAF 1 <sup>st</sup> Air Div. HQ	
Asst. Adj. General Folded Wings 2/12/2012	Lt. Col. Whitney Ball 8thAF 381st Bomb Gp.
	Bombardier Folded Wings 9/19/2014
Sgt. Eldon Bevins 8thAF 390 <sup>th</sup> Bomb Gp.	
Ball Turret Folded Wings 3/5/2012	2nd Lt. Richard Stoinoff
	B-17, B-29 Pilot Folded Wings 11/21/2014
S/Sgt. Ramsey Fendall 8thAF 351st Bomb Gp.	
Waist / Ball Turret Gunner Folded Wings 6/1/2012	2nd Lt. Climpson "Pete" Clapp 8thAF 93rd Bomb Gp.
	Navigator Folded Wings 11/22/2014

Lt. Col. Steven Memovich 8thAF 452<sup>nd</sup> Bomb Gp.

Navigator Folded Wings 6/9/2015

Capt. Jack Cramer

B-29 Navigator Folded Wings 8/1/2015

1st Lt. William MacVicar 8thAF 390<sup>th</sup> Bomb Gp.

Pilot Folded Wings 12/13/2015

1st Lt. Lawrence "Larry" Ward 8thAF 100<sup>th</sup> Bomb Gp.

Bombardier Folded Wings 12/22/2015

Capt. Clayton Kelly Gross

Pilot Folded Wings 1/10/2016

Capt. Samuel Darby 8thAF 452<sup>nd</sup> Bomb Gp.

Sq. & Grp. Lead Bombardier Folded Wings 3/3/2016

S/Sgt. Jim Miller

B-17 Tail Gunner Folded Wings 6/26/2016

Capt. Robert "Smokey" Vrilakas 8thAF 94<sup>th</sup> Fighter Gp.

P-38 Pilot Folded Wings 12/8/2016

1st Lt. Thomas Moore 8thAF 361 Fighter Gp.

Pilot Folded Wings 5/9/2017

S/Sgt. Donld Millar 8thAF 379<sup>th</sup> Bomb Gp.

Tail Gunner Folded Wings 5/14/2017

S/Sgt. George Domitrovich 8thAF 487<sup>th</sup> Bomb Gp.

Armorer / Waist Gunner P.O.W. Folded Wings 7/4/2017

Lt. Col. Lawrence Bellarts 8thAF 490<sup>th</sup> Bomb Gp.

Pilot Folded Wings 7/30/2017

T/SSG George Keating 8thAF 52nd Bomb Gp. Ground Crew Mechanic Folded Wings 5/26/2019

S/Sgt. Harry Rehm 8thAF 92<sup>nd</sup> Bomb Gp.

Ball Turret Folded Wings 7/7/2019

T/Sgt. James "Jim" Lettenmaier 15thAF 461st Bomb Gp.

B-24 Top Turret/Flight Engineer Folded Wings 7/30/2019

S/Sgt. Carl Gustafson 8thAF 453<sup>rd</sup> & 93<sup>rd</sup> Bomb Gp.

B-24 Nose Turret Gunner Folded Wings 11/19/2019

T/Sgt. William "Bill" Frostrick 8thAF 390<sup>th</sup> Bomb Gp.

Top Turret Gunner/Flt. Engineer Folded Wings 5/2/2020

S/Sgt. Joseph Drapela 8thAF 4590<sup>th</sup> Bomb Gp.

Tail Gunner Folded Wings 8/15/2020

John Cooper 8thAF 95th Bomb Gp.

Navigator Folded Wings 9/7/2021

Lt. Cdr.George Bickford Jr. U.S. Navy

Flight Instructor Folded Wings 4/11/2022

Lt. Col David Riddle 8thAF 388th Bomb Gp.

Pilot Folded Wings 6/2022

1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Emil Kantor 15thAF 460<sup>th</sup> Bomb Gp.

Pilot. Folded Wings 7/5/??

Capt. Omar Kelsay 8thAF 384<sup>th</sup> Bomb Gp.

Pilot Folded Wings 6/27/??

# Last Roll Call Reported

Armament Last Roll Call 10/5/2008

M/Sgt. A. Ottemoeller 8thAF 447<sup>th</sup> Bomb Gp.

Crew Chief. Last Roll Call 7/9/2005

PFC Curtis Phaneuf 8thAF Air/Sea Rescue

B-17 Crew Chief Last Roll Call 2/27/2006

S/Sgt. Edgar Mullen 8thAF 491st Bomb Gp.

T/Sgt. Jessie Pace 8thAF 95<sup>th</sup> Bomb Gp.

T/T Engineer. Last Roll Call 10/5/2008

M/Sgt. Ronald Miller 8thAF 505<sup>th</sup> Fighter Sq.

Last Roll Call 11/19/2010

1st. Lt. Richard Nielsen 8thAF 305<sup>th</sup> Bomb Gp.

Pilot Last Roll Call 11/19/2010

2nd Lt. William Stewart 8thAF 388th Bomb Gp.

Bombardier Last Roll Call 11/19/2010

1st. Lt. Vincent Cunniff 8thAF 392nd Bomb Gp.

Bombardier Last Roll Call 11/19/2010

David "Dave" DeHart

Last Roll Call 11/19/2010

1st Lt. Harry Generaux 8thAF 398th Bomb Gp.

Pilot Last Roll Call 11/19/2010

S/Sgt. Vernon Holmquist 8thAF 390<sup>th</sup> Bomb Gp.

Bombardier Last Roll Call 11/19/2010

Capt. William Jarvis 8thAF 385th Bomb Gp.

Pilot Last Roll Call 11/19/2010

CM/Sgt. Arthur Kiehl 8thAF 801<sup>st</sup> & 492<sup>nd</sup> Bomb Gps.

Crew Chief / Mechanic Last Roll Call 11/19/2010

Capt. Buddy Glickman 8thAF 44th Bomb Gp.

Bombardier Last Roll Call 8/24/2013

T/Sgt. Eldon Wilkins 8thAF 20th Fighter Gp.

Sq.Communications Chief Last Roll Call 10/30/2013

Maj. John Lansing 8thAF 458th Bomb Gp.

Pilot Last Roll Call 5/13/2015

Col. Bill Beatie

Multi-engine Pilot. Last Roll Call 5/2/2016

Richard Coffman

Crew Chief Last Roll Call 5/2/2016

Robert Dubay Flight Officer

Pilot, Flight Instructor Last Roll Call 5/2/2016

MSgt. Keith Ekstrom

Last Roll Call 5/2/2016

S/Sgt. Urban Kluthe  $9^{th}$ ,  $12^{th}$  AF multiple Gps.

Ground Crew Mechanic Last Roll Call 5/2/2016

H. Dean Packard

Last Roll Call 5/2/2016

T/Sgt. Harold Ryan 8thAF 486th Bomb Gp.

Last Roll Call 5/2/2016

Lawrence Smelzer

Last Roll Call 5/2/2016

Capt. Joe Winter

Pilot Last Roll Call 5/2/2016

Sgt. Hubert Powell 8thAF 452<sup>nd</sup> Bomb Gp.

Parachute Rigger Last Roll Call 4/9/2021

S/Sgt Jeremiah Sullivan 8thAF 381st Bomb Gp.

Ball Turret / Togglier Last Roll Call 11/8/2021

PFC William Gier 8thAF 4<sup>th</sup> Fighter Gp.

Parachute Rigger Last Roll Call 4/16/2022

# Missing, Unreported

Capt. Henry Bendinelli

Navigator/Pilot Missing

Col. Roger Blythe Forwad Air Controller / Art Spotter

Fire Support Coord. Missing

Capt. Bob Brown 15thAF

**B-26 Pilot Missing** 

T/Sgt. Howard Bunker 8thAF 78<sup>th</sup> FG & 96<sup>th</sup> Bomb Gp.

Radio Operator Missing

S/Sgt Anthony "Joe" Conroy 8thAF 306thBomb Gp.

**Ball Turret Missing** 

Capt. Freed Massasro 8thAF Capt. Jack Cramer, Jr. 20th AF B-24 Navigator/Bombardier Missing Navigator Missing 1st Lt. Frank Payne 8thAF 452<sup>nd</sup> Bomb Gp. 1st Lt. Fred Dieters 8thAF 390<sup>th</sup> Bomb Gp. Pilot P.O.W. Missing Pilot Missing Maj. Dr. Everett Perry 8thAF 95th Bomb Gp. **B-17 Pilot Missing** Hoy Embree 8thAF 351st Bomb Gp. Missing George "Dale" Perry 15thAF S/Sgt Vaughn Erickson 8thAF 398th Bomb Gp. Missing **Ball Turret Missing** Willim Plantz 8thAF 306<sup>th</sup> Bomb Gp. Capt. Barbara Euler WAAC **Pilot Missing** Pilot Missing T/Sgt. Christopher Pollock 15thAF 484<sup>th</sup> Bomb Gp. Maj. Robert Fallow 8thAF 306<sup>th</sup> Bomb Gp. B-24 Top T. Armorer Missing Pilot Missing Maj. Stanley Richardson 8thAF 55<sup>th</sup> Fighter Gp. P-38, P-51 Pilot Missing Col. Thomas Flaherty 8thAF Missing S/Sgt. Robert Schuberg 8thAF 306<sup>th</sup> Bomb Gp. Tail Gunner Missing S/Sgt. Herb Gedney 8thAF 306th Bomb Gp. Turret Sp. / Toggelier Missing S/Sgt. Francis Scott 7thAF 11<sup>th</sup> Bomb Gp. 2nd Lt. Lowell Goldman 8thAF 306th Bomb Gp. Ball; Turret/Armorer Missing Radio Operator Missing 2nd Lt. Keith Sessions 8thAF 452<sup>nd</sup> Bomb Gp. Capt. M.J. "Jack" Gruber 8thAF 477th Bomb Gp. Co-Pilot Missing Pilot Missing Capt. Eugene "Will" Smith USAAF Lt. Col. Rodney Helms 8thAF 384th Bomb Gp. Communication Officer Missing Navigator Missing S/Sgt. Forest Spencer 8thAF 447th Bomb Gp. Neal Maillet Waist Gunner Missing Missing

Sgt. Willim Washburn 8thAF 446th Bomb Gp. Engineer/Gunner Missing

# Next Meeting: Saturday November 5

Beaverton Elks Lodge 3464 S.W. 106<sup>th</sup> Ave. Beaverton OR 97005

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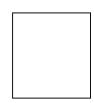
Social hour 10:00am

**Meeting starts 11:15am** 

Meeting ends 2:00pm



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