

# “MILK RUN”

Oregon Chapter 8<sup>th</sup> Air Force Historical Society News  
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## History News → *Readers, where's your story?*

*8<sup>th</sup> AFHS Oregon Chapter News and how to share history with others on the last page.*

### **The Fate of Rosalie Ann(s) of the 452 Bombardment Group (Heavy)**

*From the daughter of Frederick Popielski I got an email request on finding out about the aircraft named Rosalie Ann. In about an hour of searching (Web plus using Fold3.com, which used to be called Footnote.com) to find the MACRs I came up with this info on the two a/c.*

Rosalie Ann: A joint name honoring two of the crew members' wives. The lead navigator was Marvin Byer whose wife's name was Rosalie. The pilot was Ed Hartman whose wife's name was Ann. B-17 F #42-38145.

42-38145 collided with a B-17 of 288th BG and crashed at New Buckenham May 19, 1944. 2 of the crew were killed, 8 bailed out. The other B-17 landed safely.

Another plane was now named Rosalie Ann II, in the 452<sup>nd</sup> 729 Sqd which was a B-17G #44-8201.

It was shot down on 2 Jan 1945.

One of the crew was killed, the rest became POWs.

From the MACR:

Shortly after bombs away (1114 hrs) A/C 201 received a direct flak hit between #3 and #4 engines, setting the #3 engine on fire eventually. The A/C went into a spiral and as it neared the ground it leveled off and crashed into woods at approximately 4950N-0650E, setting the woods on fire. 5 to 9 chutes were reported as seen to open at 10 – 12,000 feet.

POW:

1<sup>st</sup> Lt Vise, Richard George  
Capt Martin, Ralph Hiller  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Kamas, Lewis M  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt Baghner, Joseph  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt Kordatzky, Howard Walter  
T/Sgt Achenbach, Donald A  
S/Sgt Richardson, Clyde E  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt McDougall, William Robert

KIA:

T/Sgt Martinek, Albin C. Jr.

In Page 7 of the MACR it stated that he reported he was hit over the intercom before he bailed out.

## Boeing's Virtual Walk-around of the Boeing 737

<http://www.newairplane.com/737/explained/#/Home>

<http://www.dailyherald.com/article/20110802/news/708029957/>

## Eaker Cups Update

Sir, Per your article in the Milk Run newsletter of September 2010 on General Eaker and the silver cups. Currently the "Eaker Bowl" display – consisting of the engraved silver punch bowl, ladle, and five of the nine cups – are on display at Headquarters, Eighth Air Force at Barksdale AFB, Louisiana. Together this display constitutes our heraldic device and provides today's Eighth Air Force a physical link to its storied past, heritage, achievements and sacrifices.



Once a year the entire display is carefully packed and shipped to CORONA where the senior Air Force leadership and commanders meet and where the Eaker Bowl is displayed at the formal CORONA banquet.

Beyond this exception, the Eaker Bowl is respectfully displayed in its own cabinet in the Command Section where dignitaries and VIPs visiting the Eighth view it and where

the Eighth's top leaders pass by it when beginning their duty day. Next to the cabinet is a picture of General Ira C. Eaker and the picture of the entire nine cup set (attached). Attached also is a picture of the current five-cup display of the Eaker Bowl out of its cabinet.



Lane Callaway, Historian, Eighth Air Force (Air Forces Strategic)

## **Training plane used by Tuskegee Airmen given to Smithsonian**

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/arts-post/post/training-plane-used-by-tuskegee-airmen-given-to-smithsonian/2011/08/03/gIQAaalcsI\\_blog.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/arts-post/post/training-plane-used-by-tuskegee-airmen-given-to-smithsonian/2011/08/03/gIQAaalcsI_blog.html)

## **Ross W. Young - 15th AF Bombardier**

<http://www.reviewatlas.com/newsnow/x2014918299/Ross-W-Young>

## **Buck Tape**

What was the original use of duct tape?  
Seal ammunition boxes

Permacel, formerly a division of Johnson & Johnson, originally developed duct tape in 1942 during World War II as a rubber-based adhesive tape with a durable fabric backing that resisted water for use as sealing tape on ammunition cases. J&J plant

managers simply took their existing cloth medical adhesive tape, added a waterproof plastic layer with a more aggressive adhesive, and produced it in olive drab (OD) green to match the ammunition cans. Because of these properties, it was also used to repair military equipment quickly, including jeeps, firearms, and aircraft. The slang name "duck tape" was created by the military personnel due to its ability to repel moisture like water off a duck's back.

There is a picture of a Navy F4U Corsair with white outlines around the cowl and for years they thought it was a paint job – not! It is "duck tape" on the cowl to keep the oil from the radial engine from getting onto the canopy. The dyes used in the OD tape quickly faded in the tropical sun and thus it LOOKED white to the camera due to the fading. Early camouflaged uniforms of the Marines also quickly faded from green to lightened green color after a few months and they stopped using them till that problem was fixed - you do not want a bright light green / tan uniform in a green jungle!

Other slang names for it are now "100 Mile an Hour tape", MacGyver tape, and likely others.

## **Author of "Through Hell For Hitler" Dead at 88**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/obituaries/military-obituaries/8788018/Henry-Metelmann.html>

Captain Gaje Ghale, VC

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/obituaries/military-obituaries/gurkha-obituaries/5250930/Captain-Gaje-Ghale-VC.html>

## **British Military Maneuvers Before WW I**

A book published in Towcester covers the 1913 military maneuvers that were held in Northamptonshire which allowed the British to fight a maneuver war that they had trained for in the opening months of the First World War.

Unlike desk games which only tested command and control, this put real forces on the move in the field – like what we did in 1941 in the Louisiana maneuvers.

[http://www.northamptonchron.co.uk/news/crime/book\\_shows\\_south\\_northamptonshire\\_was\\_at\\_heart\\_of\\_world\\_war\\_one\\_strategy\\_1\\_3094827](http://www.northamptonchron.co.uk/news/crime/book_shows_south_northamptonshire_was_at_heart_of_world_war_one_strategy_1_3094827)

## **Two Wars, Two Sons, Two Deaths**

One was killed in August of 1918, then a grandson was killed over Burma in 1944. Both named George.

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/auckland/local-news/western-leader/tales-from-the-crypt/5690852/Tragedies-of-war>

## **Germany's WW I Battle Plan – Never Really a Plan**

A new book out "The Real German War Plan, 1904-1914" delves into the history of the famous "Schlieffen Plan" that never was. Terence Zuber, a retired US Army Officer, wrote this book.

Part of German change in strategy was due to the French "75" quick firing field gun – and the German's lack of an equivalent. In the open terrain of France a battery of these could annihilate a German Division when caught in the open without any artillery support in a mobile battle.

Stroud, Gloucester/Charleston, SC.: The History Press, 2011. Pp. ii, 190. Maps, notes, index. \$19.95 paper. ISBN: 0752456644.

<http://www.strategypage.com/bookreviews/625.asp>

## **Capturing Doodlebugs in World War II**

As part of the British Signal Corps working with the artillery and sending out dispatch riders to other units, Bill Merritt captured a few of these in the Netherlands.

<http://www.trurodaily.com/News/Local/2011-09-19/article-2753404/Truro-veteran-stresses-importance-of-Second-World-War-history/1>

## **New book about the siege of Leningrad in WW II**

Anna Reid has written a 491 page book detailing the 900 days that Leningrad was under "siege". The full title is Leningrad: The Epic Siege Of World War II and how it unfolded, and how the Soviet Government reacted to it.

"And there is the matter of cannibalism. Soviet authorities made a nice distinction between corpse-eating, which was frowned upon, and murder for food, which was viewed like any other murder. By December 1942, about 2,015 people had been arrested on cannibalism charges."

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2011/sep/27/when-russian-city-was-blockaded/>

Photos from the siege: <http://www.businessinsider.com/siege-of-leningrad-russia-2011-09?op=1>

(Due to Lake Lakota there never was a FULL siege of the city – supplies got across the lake throughout the battle.)

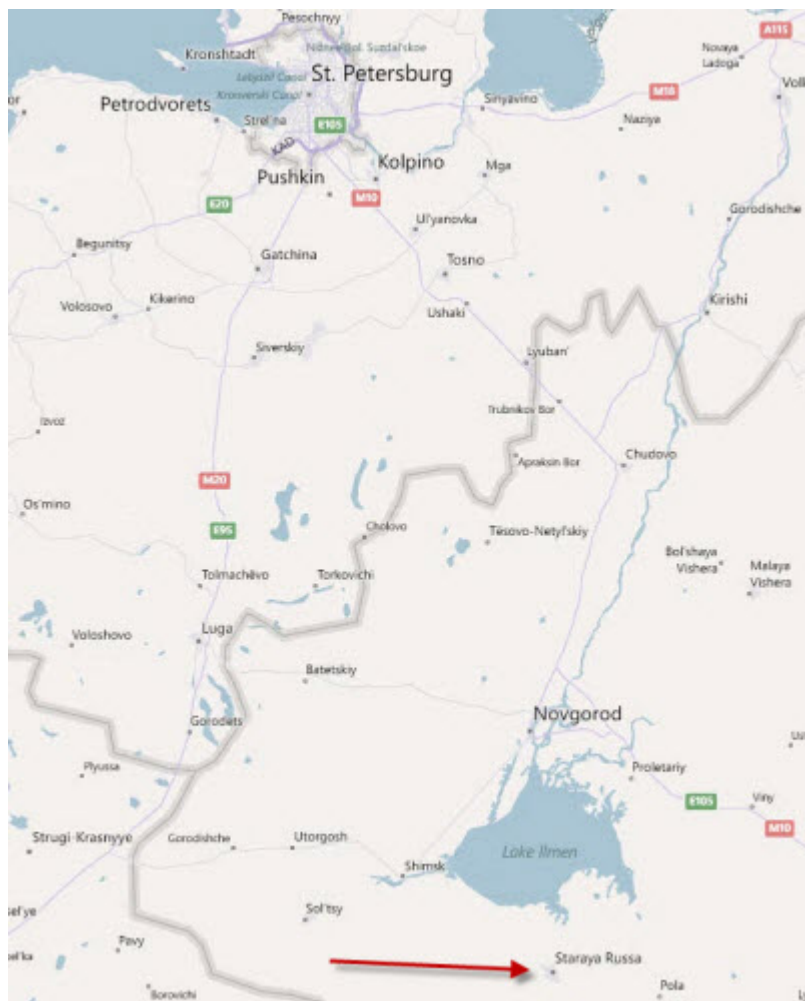
## Russian WW II Epic – Burnt by the Sun 2: Citadel

Not released outside of Russia part two of an epic has been selected to be nominated to be the Best Foreign Film category for the Oscars.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/film/2011/sep/21/burnt-by-sun-2-oscars-mikhalkov>

## Between Hitler and a Hard Place

A new book written by a Russian Front veteran Rolf Panny, who served at the front from mid-1943 until he was wounded in early 1944, as an signal corps / infantryman with the 30th Division, Regiment 26, near Staraya Russia.



<http://www.stuff.co.nz/national/5655651/Russian-Front-vet-recalls-Hitlers-hell/>

## To the Bitter End – Why Germany fought On To Total Defeat

Ian Kershaw new book covers the last 10 months of the war in Europe and explains why the German Army and people fought on even when they knew that they were going to lose.

<http://www.independent.co.uk/arts-entertainment/books/features/the-truth-behind-bravado-in-a-bunker-2351228.html>

## **A Beer Stein Returns**

Bought for a pittance after the war by a veteran, the stein was just something on the mantle for many years till curiosity got the WW II veteran's son into finding out more about it.

<http://www.centredaily.com/2011/09/05/2901631/brimming-with-history.html>

## **WW II Wreck Worth \$200 Million**

Sunk by a U-Boat in February of 1941, the SS Gairsoppa, which might have been carrying up to 7 million ounces of silver, was discovered by Odyssey Marine exploration around 300 miles off the coast of Ireland.

<http://www.ibtimes.com/articles/220473/20110927/ww-ii-silver-cargo-full-of-precious-metal-discovered-in-north-atlantic-waters-photos-ss-gairsoppa-od.htm>

## **SAS WW II Operational Log / Diary to Be Published**

A member of the SAS created and kept a 500 page+ diary of the SAS during WW II – and then kept it in his house for over 50 years before donating it to the regiment history collection – then it was also unknown for many years thereafter. The BBC will now be publishing a copy of it.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/magazine-14952939>

## **Bengal Famine 1943:-1945 - When More People live there than Food**

During WW II shipping losses from 1939 thru 1945 stopped the worldwide movement of food and required that military goods often had a higher priority than moving food around. Add a growing India population who did not grow enough food on their own to this and you get a famine.

Unlike the deliberate Japanese caused one in Vietnam, this was caused by shipping shortages and allowing local governments in India to manage their own affairs.

Note: a very biased article.

<http://mwcnews.net/focus/editorial/13742-bengal-famine.html>

## **Staff Sgt. Meceslaus T. Miaskiewicz – KIA May 1944 – Returned Home 2011**

Shot down over Yugoslavia in their B-17 "Daisy Mae" of the 347 Bomb Squadron was hit by flak with three bailing out and the rest killed when the plane hit the ground. 7 crew members were removed in 1947 – but likely a language barriers with the 1947 recovery team did not realize that another member of the crew was buried elsewhere.

<http://www.stripes.com/news/remains-of-wwii-vet-being-repatriated-from-bosnia-1.156184>

## **“Bombs Away” – Coffee Table Book Published**

Written by John R Bruning is primarily a 250+ photographic book about the Allied bombing campaign against Germany in World War Two.

<http://bgdailynews.com/articles/2011/09/04/features/feat4.txt>

## **Boeing’s Plant #2 Gone**

The last big piece of Plant #2, where 6,981 B-17 Flying Fortresses were produced, was taken down on September 24, 2011.

<http://blog.seattlepi.com/aerospace/2011/09/25/boeing-clears-way-for-plant-2-site-restoration/>

## **“Naughty But Nice” Crew buried at Arlington National Cemetery**

Shot down in 1943 over New Guinea, only 1 crewman bailed out and survived being a POW of the Japanese. After he found parts of the plane in 1985, more remains were recovered in 2001 but could not be further identified – so all the four that were identified in 2001 were buried in the same casket. Some had previously been buried as “Unknown” in Hawaii and were positively identified via DNA.

“Gionet, 68, who lives in Portland, Ore., said it was about a year ago that he learned his father’s remains had been recovered. Somewhat amazingly, he said he received a knock on the door from an Army colonel and sergeant just after he had finished watching a movie called “The Messenger” where the main character is an officer assigned to notify family members when their loved ones have been killed in action.”

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/national-security/remains-of-wwii-servicemen-to-be-buried-with-full-military-honors-at-arlington/2011/09/20/gIQAvoCjjK\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/national-security/remains-of-wwii-servicemen-to-be-buried-with-full-military-honors-at-arlington/2011/09/20/gIQAvoCjjK_story.html)

## **A POW Tail**

William "Bill" Giambrone was shot down over Romania on his 25<sup>th</sup> mission and captured. When Romania switched sides they told all the POWs to leave.

<http://dailylocal.com/articles/2011/09/22/news/srv0000013978698.txt?viewmode=2>



## **Fred Fiske and the Castle Mission of 27 September 1944**

Fred is a radio commentator in Washington at station WAMU – and in 1944 he was a radio operator in a B-24. In 6 minutes 31 of 34 B-24s in his combat group were shot down by Fw-190s.

[http://wamu.org/news/11/09/25/fred\\_fiske\\_says\\_farewell](http://wamu.org/news/11/09/25/fred_fiske_says_farewell)

## **Last Reunion of the 780 BG (H)**

Two members of the 780<sup>th</sup> get together for the last reunion in Abilene. The 780<sup>th</sup> flew out of Italy as part of the 15<sup>th</sup> Air Force.

<http://www.reporternews.com/news/2011/sep/17/for-the-last-time-780th-bomb-squadron-reunites/>

## **39<sup>th</sup> FS Reunion in Bellingham**

Stationed in Bellingham at the start of WW II to patrol the West Coast , later on members were assigned to various units throughout the military as time wore on and the unit itself was sent to the 5<sup>th</sup> Air Force in the South Pacific flying P-38s.

<http://www.thenewstribune.com/2011/09/26/1836542/flight-museum-hosts-return-of.html>

## **B-29 Missions over Japan – At night**

Chuck Chauncey flew a B-29 named "Goin' Jessie" out of Tinian for 35 missions. Plane # 704.

<http://www.pratttribune.com/features/x1406678811/B-29-pilot-still-enjoys-flying-fast>

## **Pratt & Whitney Donates Engine to WW II Museum**

A P&W Twin Wasp R-1830-90D will be donated to the National WW II Museum in New Orleans. It will eventually end up in a Chance-Vought F4U Corsair.

<http://amtonline.com/article/article.jsp?siteSection=1&id=14487>

## **USS Nevada Ships' Bell again Owned by Nevada**

It was given to the local Kiwanis Club of Las Vegas by Senator Pat McCarran in 1950.

It will be placed into the Nevada State Museum in Carson City. [Likely never to be rung or touched ever again. *Editor*]

<http://www.lvrj.com/news/uss-nevada-bell-returned-to-state-s-historic-collection-130751523.html>

## **A Destroyer Named “Spruance”**

On October 1, 2011 the US Navy will commission DDG 111, an Arleigh Burke Class Guided Missile Cruiser, *The USS Spruance*.

<http://www.globalsecurity.org/military/library/news/2011/09/mil-110928-dod01.htm>

## **Rebuilding a C-47 “Gooney Bird” in Florida**

At Zephyrhills Municipal Airport they are starting to rebuild a C-47 transport (British name “Dakota”) they have the large assemblies of the C-47 and are working to assemble it into a complete machine – but major pieces are missing: doors, propellers, engines and flaps.

<http://www.tampabay.com/news/military/patching-together-a-piece-of-history/1192870>

## **Weather Missions and the Bombing Campaign in Europe**

Weather forecasting was precarious during WW II – limited data and lots of guessing was the rule in deciding what target would be attacked the next day.

One of the ways to solve that was to have a dedicated weather scouting force recon the route and report back the weather conditions on the day of the mission.

Spirit of Flight Center air museum, located at the Erie, CO Municipal airport, honored Capt. Bill Getz with a ceremony and induction of a giant ¼ scale P-51 Mustang which is painted in the colors of his P-51 Mustang : “Saucy Shirley”.

<http://www.aero-news.net/index.cfm?do=main.textpost&id=bd20c7ee-f2d4-4ac5-a60a-d97b0585c484>

## **C-47 Arrives in Portland – Tennessee**

Flown to Portland, the wings were removed and it was hauled through the city to its new home: Days Gone By Tractor and Antique Museum.

"You don't see a DC-3 coming down Highway 52 everyday that is for sure," Portland resident Terry Durham said.

<http://www.wkrn.com/story/15525101/historic-aircraft-to-reside-in-portland>

## **A Ferry Pilot Then a Transport Pilot**

Robert Haswell started out in the Navy, then an aircraft mechanic, then a pilot. He ended up flying "The Hump" in the CBI (China, Burma, India) Theater.

<http://www.cantonrep.com/newsnow/x981212478/WW-II-Then-and-Now-Flying-over-the-mountains-of-India-and-Burma>

## **New Aces of Aces for Canada**

Billy Bishop (72 planes shot down) is about to share the top spot with Colonel William G. Barker, VC. Barker is credited with 50 enemy planes shot down.

In WW I in order to confirm a plane was shot down it normally had to be seen by ground forces or found on the Allied side of the lines.

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/national/canadas-most-decorated-war-hero-finally-gets-his-due/article2175383/?cmpid=nl-news1>

## **1991 Gulf War POW Stories**

*This is a reprint article from before the 2003 Iraqi War.*

22 Americans were captured in the First Gulf War, 20 by being shot down and two on the ground.

<http://abcnews.go.com/2020/story?id=123740&page=1>

## **The Star salutes our Women of Steel: The girls who kept the foundry fires burning**

A book about the women working in the steel works in Yorkshire, UK during the war.

[http://www.sheffieldtelegraph.co.uk/lifestyle/women\\_of\\_steel\\_drove\\_war\\_machine\\_new\\_book\\_1\\_853367](http://www.sheffieldtelegraph.co.uk/lifestyle/women_of_steel_drove_war_machine_new_book_1_853367)

## **Ground Broken For Memorial of a 1952 Crash Near Larson Air Base**

In 1952 a C-124A Globemaster crashed after taking off from Larson Air Base (Moses Lake) killing 87 servicemen. Now a memorial is being built upon the site.

[http://www.columbiabasinherald.com/news/article\\_6dc5216c-ea1d-11e0-8288-001cc4c002e0.html?photo=](http://www.columbiabasinherald.com/news/article_6dc5216c-ea1d-11e0-8288-001cc4c002e0.html?photo=)

## **Finback Crewman who helped save George H W Bush in 1944**

Alerted to a plane being shot down the USS Finback rescued LT JG Bush near Japanese held islands. After becoming president Christmas cards started to arrive.

"His proudest possession was a large certificate signed by Bush and honoring him and his crewmates on Bush's inauguration day in January 1989. It said: "With Grateful Appreciation, Vernon Marvin Barrington, 10th War Patrol, Crew of USS Finback SS230."  
"

<http://www.montgomeryadvertiser.com/article/20110925/NEWS02/109250320/Veteran-an-eyewitness-history>

## **Bolt Buyer of the *Boeing Bee***

Velva Maye was a purchasing agent for Boeing starting in 1942 and the B-17F Flying Fortress "Boeing Bee", now completely restored, rolled out of the factory on February 13, 1943. So the bolts she bought are in there somewhere.

[http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/seattlesketcher/2016302505\\_a\\_buyer\\_of\\_bolts\\_for\\_bombers.html](http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/seattlesketcher/2016302505_a_buyer_of_bolts_for_bombers.html)

## **Andy Rooney Retires – Flew as a War Correspondent in the 8<sup>th</sup> AF**

Long known for his commentary on *60 Minutes*, he was one of the few newspaper people authorized to fly combat missions in the early part of the war. All of them also went to gunnery training on the waist guns before going on a mission.

He was one of six correspondents flew on the first 8<sup>th</sup> AF B-17 bombing mission into Germany on 27 January 1943 to Wilhelmshaven navy base. This was 8<sup>th</sup> AF Mission 31 which dispatched 64 B-17s and 27 B-24s. 1 B-17 and 2 B-24s are shot down. The only war correspondent who flew with the B-24s was killed when the B-24 he was in was shot down.

## **Stars and Stripes Celebrates 150 years of publication**

The annual reunions first started in 1989 and are held in various locations.

<http://www.semimissourian.com/story/1766717.html>

A memorial plaque was placed where it is thought the very first one was produced.

<http://www.dailystatesman.com/story/1767514.html>

## **Calling in Artillery onto Yourself**

Major Tony Eeles was in a precarious situation: the enemy had infiltrated the lines around his position at the Salerno beachhead – so he called in artillery onto his own position.

“He saw action in Greece towards the end of the war and subsequently trained as a pilot, flying Austers. A report noted that he was “over-confident to a dangerous degree” and he was encouraged to employ his talents elsewhere.”

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/obituaries/military-obituaries/army-obituaries/8790639/Major-Tony-Eeles.html>

## **Soviet Storm - WW2 in The East**

Is a TV show that is being shown in the UK. It uses Russian archival film to show the war in the USSR from their perspective. Unknown if it will be shown in the USA or elsewhere.

<http://www.militaryhistory.co.uk/shows/soviet-storm--world-war-ii-in-the-east/about.html>

## **War And Peace – the Soviet made movie of the 1812 Invasion**

Made by Sergei Bondarchuk for around \$100 million (in the 1950s) it had a cast of around 100,000.

Find the DVD with Russian dialog with English subtitles – and a weekend. It is over 6 hours long.

[http://indrus.in/articles/2011/09/29/remembering\\_a\\_legendary\\_russian\\_actor\\_and\\_director\\_sergeri\\_bondarchuk\\_13055.html](http://indrus.in/articles/2011/09/29/remembering_a_legendary_russian_actor_and_director_sergeri_bondarchuk_13055.html)

## **449 BG (H) Reunion Held in Reno in September**

Likely for the last time this Bomb Group which was part of the 15<sup>th</sup> Air Force based in Italy held a reunion. 41 combat veterans attended.

The 449<sup>th</sup> is in the process of doing a video history and has completed video interviews with 65 members of the unit so far. Copies have been sent to the Smithsonian Oral History Project.

<http://www.rgj.com/article/20110915/EVENTS05/109150341/World-War-II-449th-Bomber-Squadron-other-veterans-recognized-Reno-Air-Races>

## **The Sandborn Brothers – Stan and Glenn**

Stan was drafted in 1944 and reported to Fort Snelling. "Stan and his fellow soldiers lined up and, one by one, were told where they would be sent. It was a regular rotation — Army, Navy, Air Corps, Marine, Coast Guard and then back to Army." He was then selected to be put into the Army Air Forces and spent months training to repair aircraft.

<http://www.dglobe.com/event/article/id/51974/>

## **A Short History of the 11 BG (H) – “Grey Geese”**

This was the unit that was stationed at Hickam Field on December 7, 1941. The famous picture of a burned out B-17 is one of theirs.

<http://www.capflyer.com/article/20110916/NEWS09/709169954/history-of-the-grey-geese>

## **Oklahoma Military Hall of Fame**

14 Comanche “Code Talkers”, B-17 Pilot 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Donald J Gott (MOH), Major Fed A Hancock (C Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 502<sup>nd</sup> PIR, 101 Airborne) and others were inducted into the Oklahoma Military Hall of Fame in September of 2011.

No one knows where the Hall of Fame is really located since none of the news articles or reporters mentioned the location – only where it took place and who was inducted.

<http://newsok.com/article/3600761>

## **Six into the Delaware Aviation Hall of Fame**

A P-51, B-25, two Helicopter pilots, a space shuttle crew member and an instructor were put onto this honor roll.

Like the above HOF in Oklahoma, no one knows where the Hall Of Fame is located when writing the article but there is a web site for the Delaware version:

<http://www.dahf.org/> - but web site has no idea where it is located either.

<http://www.wgmd.com/?p=35783&cpage=1>

## **Only 1 Off**

George William Cannon, Jr. died in September in Florida. You would have heard of him more if he had been assigned a different boat. He commanded PT-108 in the South Pacific.

<http://obits.mlive.com/obituaries/muskegon/obituary.aspx?n=George-Cannon&pid=153392909>

Other PT Boat Veterans who died recently can be found at:

<http://www.legacy.com/ns/news-story.aspx?t=pt-boat-veterans-of-wwii&id=531>

## **A Nurse in The South Pacific – and lots of other Places**

Min Coburn decorates her place in McMinnville Oregon with items she has collected from around the world and especially items from The South Pacific.

Having served in the Pacific shortly after the war she went back in the late 1980s and visited Pacific sites where American military forces had fought during World War II. She went "the full circle," stopping in New Zealand, Tahiti, the Philippines, Bali, Samoa, Guadalcanal, New Caledonia and many other islands with names from history books.

"In the Solomons, we met a man with his own World War II museum. When he found out we were from America, he got down on his knees and kissed our feet and said, 'Thank you, thank you, thank you.' "

<http://www.newsregister.com/article?articleTitle=a+nurse+from+another+era--1317306591--1694--home-news>

## **Recovering the Honolulu Clipper**

It sank in 1945 north of Hawaii in 18,000 feet of water – and now a firm wants to try and raise it up.

The B-314 had 22 square feet per passenger, compared with 6 feet per passenger in coach seats in commercial jets today, according to the UAS team.

[http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/localnews/2016319373\\_clipper26m.html](http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/localnews/2016319373_clipper26m.html)

## **Escaping Germany and Spying for Germany at the same Time**

Walther Rauff left Germany at the end of World War Two due to him being a very high ranking NAZI SS security officer and went to South America – where he was then recruited to work for Germany's version of the CIA – the BND. But he was not a fugitive or wanted for any possible crimes till his name came up in the trial of Adolph Eichmann in 1962.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/09/26/us-germany-nazi-spy-idUSTRE78P4AS20110926>

## **North Sea Battleground: The War at Sea 1914-18**

A new book out about the battles fought between England and Germany over this stretch of ocean was published in England.

On December 16, 1914 the first German warships started shelling Harlepool and thus began 4 years of intermittent naval surface warfare.

Published by Pen & Sword has a hardback cover price of £19.99. ISBN 184884450-6.  
[www.pen-and-sword.co.uk](http://www.pen-and-sword.co.uk)

[http://www.peterleemail.co.uk/community/your-pictures/kaiser\\_s\\_chiefs\\_predicted\\_riot\\_1\\_3822160](http://www.peterleemail.co.uk/community/your-pictures/kaiser_s_chiefs_predicted_riot_1_3822160)

## **Touring France and Germany as a Foot Soldier**

Drafted in July of 1942 he never got to a combat unit until August of 1944 when "Operation Anvil" began – which was the invasion of France along its southern coast.

He was stationed for a few months at Fort Des Moines: "There were 10,000 women there and 250 men. That was something."

<http://www.dglobe.com/event/article/id/52150/>

## **Max Hastings' book "All Hell Let Loose" Published**

A global look at World War II with more emphasis on the foot soldier but also looking at the abilities of the Generals of all sides on how they performed given the knowledge and equipment they had.

"While 17,000 American combat casualties lost limbs, during the war years 100,000 workers became amputees as a result of industrial accidents."

All Hell Let Loose: The World at War 1939-1945, by Max Hastings, HarperPress, RRP £30, 748 pages

<http://www.ft.com/cms/s/2/04a3bb88-eb0a-11e0-ac18-00144feab49a.html#axzz1ZTBBYNWT>

## **Alconbury – Only Birds will be Flying There Soon**

Shut down as an airport in 1995, parts of Alconbury will be turned into a housing and enterprise zone.

During WW II it was known as Station 102 and was home to the 92, 93, 95, 482, and 801 Bomb Groups at one time or another.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-cambridgeshire-15032669>



## **A Secret Wartime Diary by a Mid-Level German Bureaucrat**

August Friedrich Kellner of Lauback Germany started a diary on 1 September 1939 when Germany invaded Poland. Throughout the war he made entries into it about what he saw, what he knew through his work, and had been told by others.

His grandson, Robert Scott Kellner was born and raised in the USA, had known about his grandparents lived in Germany but that was all. After finding him while in transit from one duty station to another in Germany, he was given the 10 volume diary before his grandparents died and published it in July of 2011.

<http://jhvonline.com/with-the-publication-of-a-wartime-diary-in-germany-a-grandson-keeps-a-fami-p11843-96.htm>

## **Oregon Chapter News, Archive Loan / Donation, and Contact Information**

### **Next Oregon Chapter Meeting November 5, 2011**

#### ***Send Stories and documents to be Borrowed / Archived***

If you have items that you wish to share with others, they can be loaned to the Oregon Chapter, scanned and catalogued and then returned to you. You can always donate them permanently to the chapter if you wish. Contact Tom Philo to make arrangements for the documents.

Items in the archive are usually be posted onto the web site (see release form on web site) so that everyone can learn from what others have experienced.

#### ***Need a Ride to the Meeting?***

There are many members who can no longer drive due to age so we are trying to find out those who are in need of transportation so that we can find other members who live nearby who can pick you up and then take you home afterwards.

If you would like to come to the meeting and need a ride please contact any chapter officer or board member and let them know.

Tom Davis, Bob Dean, Tom Philo, Sharon Campbell, Charlie Gallagher, Wally Groce, Bob Schuberg, Jerry Ritter, Joani Hamilton, Bert Campbell, Warren Caldwell, or Don Bourgeois. Via e-mail you can send the request to [secretary@8thafhsorgeon.com](mailto:secretary@8thafhsorgeon.com) if you do not have the phone numbers for the people listed above.

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If you wish to be removed from the e-mail list please let us know.

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