

“MILK RUN”

Oregon Chapter 8th Air Force Historical Society
History News Update for May 2012



History News → Readers, where's your story?

Oregon 8th AFHS Chapter News and how to share YOUR history with others through our 8th AFHS Chapter is on the last page.

Nurse McDonald of WW I

A scrapbook of drawings, poems and other writings written by soldiers in London recovering from wounds is re-discovered. The bound volume is now being auctioned off. As to history of the nurse and what became of her, no one knows.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2129237/Who-Florence-Nightingale-WW1-Injured-soldiers-drew-pictures-pretty-face-gave-thanks-caring-touch-Nurse-McDonald.html>

A new WW I Memorial to the “Football Battalion”

Built only in 2010, it is on the Somme Battlefield.

<http://www.itv.com/news/central/2012-04-11/footballers-battalion-from-world-war-one/>

German Soldiers from WW I & WWII buried at Cannock Chase in the Midlands (UK)

The soldiers all died in the UK from WW I Zeppelins, in POW camps of WW I & WW II and combat over the UK. All were removed from elsewhere and then put into a combined cemetery. One of those buried there is a German Field Marshall from WW II. He died at Aldershot POW camp in July of 1945. He signed the surrender papers at Field Marshall Montgomery's HQ in May of 1945.

<http://www.sundaymercury.net/news/midlands-news/2012/04/01/world-war-two-veteran-has-called-for-tombstone-to-be-erected-on-grave-of-nazi-officer-in-cannock-66331-30671227/>

A Six “P” saying from the Military

Prior planning prevents piss poor performance.

Wooden Bomb Witness dies in Germany



Lt-Col Werner Thiel is the last living witness – on the ground anyway – to have seen wooden bombs fall onto a wooden airfield. This ex-pilot of the Luftwaffe was born in Dillenburg on 24 August 1923, became lieutenant in the Luftwaffe in 1943. He was detached at the Luftkriegsschule Werder (near Potsdam) where he was the witness in an early morning from October 1943 of the dropping of a dozen of dummy wooden bombs on fake wooden airplanes. The bombs were marked with the painted words « Wood for wood»!



This extraordinary testimony from a German officer has been filmed on 28th December 2010 by **Pierre-Antoine Courouble**, the author of "L'énigme des bombes en bois" and director Philippe Leynaud who was working on a similar subject. (http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r_tGOxoIhIE&feature=related).

At the end of the filmed interview, Werner Thiel addresses the allied pilot who had that typically peculiar sense of humor.

An French-American project is in the works to produce a documentary film about the subject. Olivier Hermitant, from « Route07 production », (<http://vimeo.com/11526361>) is offering his services in order to find the rare bird, a veteran of WW2 who was the witness or perhaps actor of the dropping of these wooden bombs on German targets.

Spitfires buried in Burma to be returned

At the end of WW II 20 Spitfires were buried below ground, after being sealed in their shipping crates, due to the fear of the Japanese capturing them before being ready to fly.

Now 67 years later a dogged Mr. Cundall went hunting for them over the past 15 years, they were located, and now will be returned to the UK.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/defence/9203822/Spitfires-buried-in-Burma-during-war-to-be-returned-to-UK.html>

Amelia Earhart Story

In the December 22, 2010 issue of the Roseburg Beacon, Art Chino writes about being on Saipan and talking to some Marines who talked about seeing a twin-engined airplane on Saipan guarded by US soldiers in unusual uniforms – and other items that further the idea that Amelia was killed by the Japanese after landing on Saipan. The same story he was told was repeated by others Marines 70+ years alter. Roseburg Beacon News Vol 3 Issue 51 December 22, 2010. *[Editor's Note: Their online archive only goes back to April 2011, I have a copy of the article in PDF format. Email me if you want to send you the whole article.]*

B-17 Ground School at Boeing Field

For \$750 you can attend a two day ground school on the basic operation of the B-17F at the Museum of Flight. Course is held May 19 & 20 at the Museum of Flight (<http://www.museumofflight.org/>) .

On Day 2 you continue in school but also go on a short flight in the EAA B-17G "Aluminum Overcast" (included in the cost.)

At the end people attending also get:

- Boeing B-17 Owners' Workshop Manual.
- "B-17G Flying Fortress – 50 Year Anniversary" book.
- Participant Note Taking Guide (copies of the PowerPoint System Sessions).
- "How to Fly the B-17" DVD.

To sign up contact Mike Lavelle, Director of Public Programs, at 206-768-7162.

<http://blog.thenewstribune.com/getout/2012/04/25/drop-your-landing-gear-at-b-17-ground-school/>

A Short Biography of Philip Johnson of Boeing

As president of Boeing during WW II he helped create and organize the production of aircraft including the Stearman, B-17 and B-29.

"He realized that aircraft design had evolved beyond what he knew. He kept himself informed, but understood the need to focus on what everybody thought he was best at: building the company and maintaining good relations with the government and other manufacturers." Guillaume de Syon, history professor at Albright College.

<http://www.avionics-intelligence.com/news/2012/04/25/he-catapulted-america-s-arsenal-of-democracy-lift-philip-johnson-boosted-boeing-s-wwii-plane-rollout.html>

Where Not to Land a B-17

Wanting to visit his wife while on a training flight, Lt Glen Dye landed at the local airfield – and got the Flying Fortress stuck in the mud.

http://www.timesreporter.com/news_mobile/x1830136031/Hooked-on-History-B-17-stuck-in-the-mud-at-Harry-Clever-Field

New Book about “Torch” Landings – Twelve Desperate Miles

The first large combat naval invasion occurred at Guadalcanal in August of 1942, but “Operation Torch” was unique that the whole invasion fleet sailed directly from the US then invaded French North Africa. It is the story of the *Contessa*, a banana boat, used to transport supplies up 12 miles of river to ensure that a captured airfield had aviation fuel and bombs to use immediately by allied aircraft.

http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052702303815404577336231301479306.html?mod=googlenews_wsj

Watching Graves Being Dug while in a Hospital

George Robert Buys: “. . . remembers waking up in a body cast and being placed in a tent where recovery was not expected. Graves were being dug as he looked out under the tent flap.” Bronze Star, Silver Star and a Purple Heart are just some of his awards earned during WW II.

<http://www.statesmanjournal.com/article/20120425/COLUMN0807/304250068/Plenty-evidence-WWII-bravery>

A Chance Meeting turns into a Research Project

Wearing a ball cap with a B-17 logo on it, Kevin Pearson was asked by an old guy what he knew about B-17s – the old was the pilot of the B-17 “Lassie Come Home” and was shot down on August 16, 1944 and he started researching that mission – over many years.

<http://www.timesrecordnews.com/news/2012/apr/23/mission-research-war-flight/>

40 Missions in a B-26

Jackson “J.W.” Stine flew in a Martin B-26 “Marauder” as part of the 12th Air Force out of Italy during WW II. He was recently honored by a friend of his giving him a shadow-box with awards, medals, images of the various planes that he flew during the war.

<http://www.sulphurdailynews.com/news/x787553942/J-W-Stine-honored-for-his-military-service>

112 Years at War - from the Boer War to Afghanistan

This bible has traveled with a soldier from this family since it was first printed in New South Wales, Australia. Captain Justin McBurney currently has it in Afghanistan in 2012, 112 years after it was given to Trooper Alfred Maxwell in 1900 when he was shipped to South Africa to fight in the Boer War.

<http://www.news.com.au/features/anzac-day/bible-chronicles-a-familys-sacrifice-in-war/story-e6frldi-1226337557523>

Last Reunion of the “Doolittle Raiders”?

There are now only five left alive, and four were on hand when 20 B-25s flew into Ohio from around the USA to honor them. Lt Cole, co-pilot to General Doolittle on the mission, attended the reunion.

<http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/local/2012/04/19/reunion-held-for-doolittle-raiders.html>

A Sheet Metal technician and a Hair cutter on Tinian

Working at Douglas aircraft plant for two years before being drafted he was initially trained for the infantry he was instead sent to the Pacific since he had taken classes and then worked on aircraft so he went to maintain B-29s of the 20th Air force.

<http://www.vcstar.com/news/2012/apr/20/world-war-ii-took-ojai-veteran-from-a-missouri/>

Performing Multi-Duties in a B-24

Trained as a radio operator in B-24 Liberator, he performed that duty, waist gunner, and also a ball turret gunner on various missions. He even shot up a train once when they were flying back low when in the ball turret during the Battle Of the Bulge.

<http://www.delmarvanow.com/article/20120422/WIC01/204220304>

Wartime Novels by Philip Kerr

There are lots of World War II novels that have been written, but in the USA you seldom see them written with the AXIS people being the hero (or anti-hero) and their point of view of the war and their problems that they had. This is the 7th Novel by Kerr about his hero – but it takes place in 1941 whereas some of the others 6 already published were set anywhere from 1939 to 1945.

<http://www.seattlepi.com/lifestyle/blogcritics/article/Book-Review-Prague-Fatale-by-Philip-Kerr-3489200.php>

Sniper Companies are back in the TOE of Russian Infantry Units

During WW II well over 100,000 snipers were trained by the USSR Army. They were deployed both as individuals and as a unit – there were even all female Russian sniper companies. Now Russia had again formed complete sniper companies and not just

have the two man team assigned to individual units. Now each brigade will get a company.

<http://www.seattlepi.com/lifestyle/blogcritics/article/Book-Review-Prague-Fatale-by-Philip-Kerr-3489200.php>

In the Polish Resistance in WW II

TADEUSZ `Tad' Maclejewski was 16 when the war started in 1939, two years later at 18 he officially joined the Polish Resistance and sent reports back to England. Later picked up and put into a concentration camp, he survived and later immigrated to the USA.

<http://hills-shire-times.whereilive.com.au/news/story/from-polish-resistance-fighter-to-hills-veteran/>

A Thought

History is lived forwards but read backwards.

A Vimy Ridge Diary

Cleaning out a room a son finds a diary of his Canadian father about the Battle of Vimy Ridge.

"(At) 2.30 AM we were told to put on our equipment and get ready for battle. We had been asleep owing to the strain on our nerves," it reads. "We fill in at 3 a.m. and marched to a position in the sunken road about 100 yards from the front line. The rum was issued at 4:30 a.m. and we sat waiting for the barrage to open up. The time seemed very short. At 5:30 a.m. the barrage opened in a twinkling of an eye and we scrambled up the bank and started over the top."

<http://www.niagarathisweek.com/community/article/1334306--father-s-diary-recounts-vimy-ridge>

Last US Vehicle out of Iraq

A Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) was loaded onto a ship in Kuwait and sent back to the US on April 2, 2012. It was the last USA that saw combat in Iraq and was loaded which is coming back to the states.

<http://www.defpro.com/news/details/34265/?SID=4c776ccea0303c0425768ee1b14cb5e6>

Malta during WW I

In the Second World War Malta was the lone outpost of the British Navy, Air Force, and Army from 1940 thru 1941 which enabled the British Empire to win North Africa.

During the First World War it housed POWs. Including future Admiral Donitz who was captured in October 1918 after his U-Boat was sunk.

<http://www.independent.com.mt/news.asp?newsitemid=142111>

Foreigners in NAZI Armies

There were many peoples who set up combat units within the NAZI Army, French, Belgium, Ukrainians, Latvia, Lithuania, and there was even a Georgian unit. There were enough Georgians living within the greater Reich that the Georgian Legion was set up within the Wehrmacht by December 30, 1941. They came from the same area of the

country that Joseph Stalin was born but choose the other side once the Soviet Union was attacked.

http://english.pravda.ru/history/03-04-2012/120975-georgia_nazi_germany-0/

New Book on the Eastern Front “OstKrieg”

Published last year it covers the war – Krieg - in the East – Ost - and how it was fought in a vastly different manner than in the West.

<http://kunikovsreviews.blogspot.com/2012/03/ostkrieg-hitlers-war-of-extermination.html>

Germans are asked to Interview their WW II Generation

After interviewing his own grandfather, German historian Moritz Pfeiffer then fact checked everything and then wrote a book. (in German only). Now others are trying to get the current generation to interview the Germans still left alive who fought in WW II. Pfeiffer's grandfather was in Infantry Regiment 208 of the 79th Infantry Division and was wounded in late 1942 – before the unit was sent to Stalingrad.

Moritz Pfeiffer: "Mein Großvater im Krieg 1939-1945. Erinnerung und Fakten im Vergleich". Donat-Verlag, Bremen 2012, 216 Seiten.

<http://www.spiegel.de/international/germany/0,1518,826633,00.html>

Finding and Reburying Soldiers and Civilians in Latvia

This man started going on digs when responded to an advert for volunteers to look for graves from WW II over 20 years ago; it now is his full time job. It helps that he likes to collect WW II memorabilia and is allowed to take some of what he finds home.

http://menmedia.co.uk/manchestereveningnews/news/s/1491136_historian-with-the-grave-task-to-honour-war-dead

Fighting Across a 9 Yard wide river

In late 1945 the 24th Battalion was in Italy trying to cross a river only 27 feet wide – but too deep to ford.

“It was the rhythmic sound of horses' hooves that tipped Jack Riddell off to the shifting position of enemies at the battle for the Senio River.”

http://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=10798709

Raymond Aubrac - Hero in the French Resistance dead at 97

Captured in 1943, his wife was able to get into prison to talk with him and then afterwards lead a Resistance group that attacked the German truck taking him and fellow Resistance member Jean Moulin freeing them. He died April 11, 2012.

http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/europe/raymond-aubrac-a-leading-figure-of-french-resistance-dies-at-97/2012/04/11/gIQAYfqs9S_story.html

With The “Red Bull” Division in Europe

The 34th Infantry Division was the first US Division to be sent to England in 1942. Oscar Clifford Falken was there with them from 1940 till April 1945 when he was able to go on leave back home. He was on leave when VE day occurred.

On April 28, 1945, the German 34th Division surrendered to the American 34th Infantry Division.

The Red Bull Division history shows that its units spent a total of 517 days in combat. http://www.brookingsregister.com/v2_news_articles.php?heading=0&story_id=14143&page=76

Two members of the “Devil’s Brigade” die on the same day

Mark Radcliffe & Joe Glass, Mark born in the US and Joe born in Canada, were part of the "Plough Project" which was the First Special Service Force (FSSF) commando unit made up of Canadian and US soldiers. This unit inspired the movie "The Devil's Brigade".

Capt. Radcliffe had earned one Silver Star, six Bronze Stars and three Purple Hearts. Joe Glass was wounded twice and did over 90 night combat patrols.

They both died on April 4, 2012 in Montana.

<http://www.greatfallstribune.com/article/20120404/NEWS01/204040314/Two-Montana-WWII-heroes-die-same-day>

The history of the Holocaust and the deportation of 76000 French and other European Jews to Germany by France's collaborationist Vichy regime during World War II also contributes to the French hesitancy to count its citizens by race or religion

442nd RCT Member Visits Poland

Virgil Westdale went to Poland to participate in "International March of the Living", a 1.6-mile walk from the Auschwitz to Birkenau camps set for April 18 which is Holocaust Remembrance Day. He had had his pilot's license revoked by the War Department because of his Japanese heritage, ending his dreams of flying fighter planes and thus fought in the Infantry.

One of Westdale's book is "Blue Skies and Thunder".

http://www.mlive.com/living/grand-rapids/index.ssf/2012/04/ada_veteran_94_flies_to_poland.html

Stolen 500 Year Old Painting returned to Owners

"Cristo Portacroce" was left behind when the family fled France in 1940. Sold by the Vichy Government, it was finally located and returned to the family - now living in Florida. Artwork sold illegally, in this case during WW II, has to be returned to the owners when identified. It happened to be on loan to the Brogan Museum in Florida and thus they found out about it.

<http://www.algemeiner.com/2012/04/18/florida-family-receives-500-year-old-painting-stolen-during-world-war-ii/>

Watch an Animated battle of “Shiloh” / “Pittsburg Landing”

The US Civil War from 1861 thru 1865 had thousands of battles, but the South used a different Naming system than the North. The North used water features (mainly) while the South used place names.

The Civil War Trust has produced an animated map of the battle and it is on their web site.

<http://www.civilwar.org/battlefields/shiloh/maps/battle-of-shiloh-animated.html>

Cassino Italy Flattened Twice in 75 Years

Originally flattened and destroyed as a result of the Battle of Cassino during WW II, the town bet on derivatives to pay off debt it owned in order to provide free health care to people and the town got flattened – financially – this time when its bet did not pay off - and then sued "crying foul" after they found out they bet wrong.

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2012-04-11/jpmorgan-cassino-settlement-shows-derivatives-failed-taxpayers.html>

Evading the German Concentration Camps in Yugoslavia

Playing soccer more often than going to the Jewish temple meant Jakob Ehrlich survived when Yugoslavia was invaded by Germany in 1941 his fellow players convinced him to flee Sarajevo. In the end the US Army Air Force airlifted him to safety along with many other refugees as the Russians approached.

<http://www.palmbeachpost.com/news/on-the-run-from-the-nazis-a-boynton-2310531.html>

Utah Honors Former POWS

Around 50 former POWs live in Utah and the state holds an annual those alive with a luncheon.

<http://www.sltrib.com/sltrib/news/53909615-78/burt-pows-utah-war.html.csp>

IFF – Identify Friend or Foe

IFF is the electronic way of letting another aircraft or ground unit know if you are friendly – and then there is the visual method. This museum in Santa Barbara California has the models that were used to train people to identify the silhouette of planes, tanks and other military gear so you can find out if they are "friend or foe".

<http://www.collectair.com/Museum.html>

35 Missions as a Radio-Operator in the B-17s of the 401 BG (H)

Marion E. Searcy, died at the age of 87 in Murphysboro, Ill. He flew 35 combat missions as part of the 8th Air Force over Europe.

<http://www.sltrib.com/sltrib/news/53909615-78/burt-pows-utah-war.html.csp>

A New Book about the P-51 Group known as "The Yoxford Boys"

Joey Maddox is now the author of two books about the Mustang pilots of the 357th FG flying in the 8th Air Force. Some famous members of the group include Chuck Yeager, Leonard "Kit" Carson, Bud Anderson, and Richard "Pete" Peterson. The author lives somewhere around New Orleans in Louisiana.

http://blog.nola.com/river/2012/04/des_allemands_author_chronicle.html

Love Letters from Field Marshall Rommel

Letters published in Germany show a different side of the General.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/03/22/us-germany-rommel-idUSBRE82LOP620120322>

Drawing and Typing through the war on the USS Massachusetts

Bil Canfield joined the war effort and was assigned to the battleship USS Massachusetts in 1942. He volunteered to type, which got him into the ward room to work side by side with officers and then also drew cartoons for the shipboard newspaper.

<http://www.southcoasttoday.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20120412/PUB03/204120301>

Soviet Penal Battalions

A new PC game is being published about the Soviet Penal Battalions of WW II - aka The Great Patriotic War.

These battalions are famous for being formed under Stalin's "No step back!" order #227. They consisted of court-martialed officers that were given a chance to redeem their crimes, or incompetence, in blood by serving as the lowest enlisted rank in a battalion that was assigned the most dangerous tasks.

The game is called *Men of War: Condemned Heroes*

http://www.gamasutra.com/view/pressreleases/168377/THEY_WILL_BE_VICTORIOUS.php

SSG Reckless of the 5th Marines

This YouTube video tells the story of how this Marine made 51 trip up and down hills in Korea in 1953 taking ammo and supplies up, and wounded marines back down.

http://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=YIo3ZfA9da0

British TV Show Redcap

Many British shows never make it across the pond to the US – especially since many times they are short lived series that never made the syndication limit for the USA. Redcap is a show about the Royal Military Police – this show being a NCSI type show but ran for 26 episodes in 1964 and 1965 on ABC! Then there is the revival version in 2000 that had only 12 total episodes and the SIB – Special Investigative Branch – unit was based in Germany in this version. So NCIS as a TV concept is not new!

Keeping memories Alive

Gus Nathan, Past President of the New York Southern Wing Chapter, 8th AFHS is compiling an 8th AF veteran history book, with veteran stories and experiences during WWII in the European Theatre. If anyone is interested in keeping these memories alive send a picture of the soldier, in uniform, Gus Nathan 8th AFHS P.O. Box 297 Centuck Station Yonkers, New York 10710. Each contributor will receive a copy of the book. Telephone number is 914-439-6883.

EAA B-17 Aluminum Overcast at Hillsboro May 18-20

The fully restored flying B-17G that is owned by the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) will be at the Hillsboro Airport, located west of Portland on May 18, 19 & 20th.

While there you can walk through the aircraft or pay to take a short ride (without having to use an O2 Walk-around bottle) in this World War II heavy bomber.

To book a flight contact their tour office at: 800-359-6217

Other NW stop locations:

May 24-28 Seattle, WA Boeing Field / King County International Airport

June 01-03 Spokane, WA Felts Field Airport

July 23 AirVenture Oshkosh

See www.eaa.org for the full 2012 tour dates where the Flying Fortress will be at.

Seattle Museum of Flight May events

Special Lectures and Aircraft Tours

"Boeing B-17 Ground School"

Saturday and Sunday, May 19-20, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Aircraft Fly-In Event

Aluminum Overcast: The EAA B-17 Bomber Tours and Rides

Thursday, May 24 through Monday, May 28

Aircraft Fly-In Event

Cascade War Birds Fly-In

Saturday, May 26, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

www.museumofflight.org

Oregon International Air Show in August

It occurs August 3, 4, & 5th at the Hillsboro Airport. The USAF *Thunderbirds* will be at the show this year.

Aviation Breakfast Club in Portland

This club meets at American legion Post 150 on 2nd Sundays of each month at 10 AM. The post is right off of I-205 at the Johnson Creek Blvd exit then north on Fuller to SE 89th Avenue.

USS Ranger Foundation

This group is working to bring this carrier to be permanently home-ported as a museum in Oregon.

They are having a large screen showing of "Top Gun" on Sunday May 6th from Noon till 3 PM at the Mt Hood Theater, 401 E. Powell Blvd, Gresham, OR 97030 as a fund raiser. If you want to see – and feel – this Tom Cruise classic be there. \$10 a person. Tickets can be purchased online. Only 500 are available.

<http://www.ussranger.org>

Sing Songs About P-38s!

On the P-38 Association web site they have various song lyrics that were written about the Lockheed P-38 Lightning.

<http://p38assn.org/songs.htm>

95th BG

<http://www.95thbg-horham.com>

8th AFHS Chapters in the USA

Virginia – <http://www.8thaf-virginia.org>

11th Air Force Association

Write to:

John Cloe; 4360 Shoshoni Ave; Anchorage, Alaska 99516 907-345-7472 jcloe @ gci.net to share stories, info etc.

To Join write to: 11th AF Association; 355 Broken Post Road, Texarkana, Texas 75503

398 BG Association

www.389th.org

ANA Twitter Feed

The Association of Naval Aviators now has a Twitter Feed. Got to Twitter.com and then "follow" @AssnNavAviation

Michael Field, CAPT USN (Ret.), is the one who will be posting the tweets.

ANA National web site is <http://www.anahq.org>

Red Tail

The organization that was created to fly a P-51C "Mustang" in the colors of the "Tuskegee Airmen" around the US, www.redtail.org, like other non-profit flying outfits, is promoting their education and plane by asking people to "fill the tank" of their Mustang. They have a traveling exhibit that goes along with the Mustang.

Avgas currently averages around \$4.10 a gallon in the USA. Internal fuel tanks on the C model held 105 gallons – before an 85 gallon auxiliary fuselage tank was installed behind the pilot's seat (184 total gallons useable). So if you have \$779 you can let the plane fly for 950 miles at 362 MPH.

A good timeline of the P-51 is at:

<http://p51h.home.comcast.net/~p51h/time/time.htm>

They too are restoring a Mustang.

American Air Museum in Britain

A separate building on the Duxford Airfield initially dedicated to just the American Army Air Forces during WW II, they now also have modern jet aircraft in the museum, but the main emphasis is still WW II. Duxford Airfield is part of the Imperial War Museum complex of sites. Their B-17 is currently undergoing restoration. They also have a B-24. [Editor's note: It is extremely hard to get good photos within the museum of the aircraft – there is almost always part of one a/c blocking another. It was a museum that looked cool on the outside, but functionally it makes actually looking and learning about the aircraft that you are there to see impossible. It is one of

those building designs that wins awards from other designers but messed up the purpose of the building in my opinion. I've been there 6 times, the first in 1982. It was better and easier to view the American a/c before they built the combined museum.]

<http://aam.iwm.org.uk/>

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

Oregon Chapter 2012 Meeting dates: February 11; May 12; August 11; November 3

Next Oregon Chapter Meeting May 12, 2012

The May speaker

Jack Cramer was the navigator on the "Goin Jessie", a B29 in the 5th Sq, 9th Bomb Group, 313th Wing, 20th AF flying out of North Field, Tinian, in the Marianas. He flew 35 combat missions with one of them to Iwo Jima and one to Truk and the other 33 missions were to the home islands of Japan. In his talk he plans to describe some of his experiences and how the missions he flew were the same in some ways and different in others than the missions of the 8th Air Force flew over Germany.

Oregon Chapter Executive Board Meetings

All members can attend any Executive board meeting. The Board meets at the Elks Lodge three Saturdays before the regular membership meeting. If you can spare up to 2 hours between 10 AM and Noon you can also join the board and help make our chapter a continuing success.

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.

Oregon Chapter 8th AFHS

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

Secretary 8th AFHS of Oregon
Tom Philo
17502 SW Kimmel Ct
Beaverton, Oregon 97007-6877
secretary@8thafhsoregon.com
<http://www.8thafhsoregon.com>

The Oregon Chapter is a registered Non-Profit 503(c) with the IRS and within the State of Oregon.