

“MILK RUN”

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



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

Flying in the Mediterranean Theatre in P-38s

Robert "Smoky" A. Vrilakas, who lives in Happy Valley Oregon, published a book in February of 2012 called "Look Mom-- I Can Fly! Memoirs of a World War II P-38 Fighter Pilot ", about his time flying combat during 1943 and 1944 in the MTO.

Published by Amethyst Moon Publishing Company <http://www.ampubbooks.com/>

Amazon Book link: [Look Mom - I Can Fly! Memoirs of a World War II P-38 Fighter Pilot](#)

Amazon *Kindle* link: [Look, Mom-I Can Fly! Memoirs of a World War II P-38 Fighter Pilot](#)

There are a lot fewer books about combat flying in the Africa /Med / Italy even though the number of personnel who flew in combat are about the same in number compared to those that flew out of England.

Nuthampstead Airfield Museum

The home field for the 398th Bombardment Group (Heavy) during World War II, the airfield is building a new museum complex to house artifacts. You can find out more by going to their web site at <http://www.398th.org> and / or visit in person at: Nuthampstead Airfield Museum; c/o Bee Farm; Nuthampstead; Royston; Hertfordshire, SG8 8NB, U.K.

PS: You will be happy to know that the Woodman Inn pub is close by the museum.
<http://www.thewoodman-in.co.uk>

“White 3” Goes 2,500 Miles

From pilot Wolf Czaia who flew the brand new Me-262 from Washington's Paine Field, to Virginia.

'After the successful completion of the flight test program and some bureaucratic and weather delays, I ferried the airplane from Paine Field, Washington to Suffolk County Airport in Virginia. For the last two test flights we had converted it to the two-seat configuration, which allowed our lead mechanic Mike Anderson to come along as crew chief/navigator on this 2,500 mile trip. As our FAA- operating limitations mandated 'Day VFR only', and the max altitude of 18 000 ft, not exactly optimal for range, it took us four days and six refueling stops across the continent to reach our destination, with

"WHITE 3" performing flawlessly. ATC doesn't have a computer code yet for the Me262, and controllers frequently asked me for the type of airplane. They usually couldn't wait then to pass the information on to 'their' airliners on the same frequency, e.g. "Delta 123, you have a MESSERSCHMITT!! in your ten o'clock, five miles". One of the many funny replies: "Are we being invaded?"...

After receiving its new airworthiness certificate and operating limitations (the initial ones were valid only for flight test and repositioning), I'll be flying "WHITE 3" from its maintenance base in Suffolk County to its final destination, a small airport south of Virginia Beach with a 5000ft grass runway, where it will join - as the first jet - the world's largest collection of privately owned warbirds in the "Military Aviation Museum."

<http://www.militaryaviationmuseum.org/>

Winning Gold in the Olympics – Dying in World War II

There were American, German, Hungarian and Japanese Gold Medal Winners who won medals between the wars and who were killed as a result of World War II. This includes General George S. Patton Jr. and Col Takeichi Nishi – who died on Iwo Jima.

<http://sports.yahoo.com/news/olympic-gold-medalists-lost-lives-world-war-ii-063500130--oly.html>

New Exhibit Hall for Veterans

Pierre Claeys's Veterans' Museum and Library built a new exhibit hall which is dedicated to local veterans of every American conflict since World War I. Sgt. Major Robert Forties, a Veteran of the Normandy Invasion in WWII with the 82nd Airborne and recipient of the Silver Star, Bronze Star and five (5!) Purple Hearts, was there to present plaques.

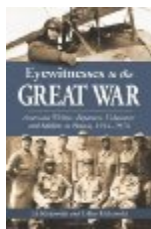
<http://thedailysound.com/2012/07/new-santa-barbara-exhibit-hall-honors-u-s-veterans/>

First Victoria Cross Awarded to a Private of WW I Auctioned off

He got word that he was awarded it by the Germans – since he been captured in 1914 – but he eventually escaped the POW camp in 1918. It was sold for 276,000 pounds.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/18899503>

New book on the American Volunteers in World War I – before war was declared by the USA

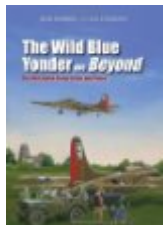


When the "Great War" started in 1914 Americans began to volunteer for the Allies often going to Britain and France on their own and most ended up in the Ambulance Corps if they went to France, some in the Lafayette Escadrille and while few did get into the front lines most others went into support roles. A new book by Ed and Libby Klekowski "Eyewitnesses to the Great War" published by McFarland & Company of North Carolina and London, tells their stories by using their firsthand accounts of some of the people who went "Over There" before the US formally went "Over There".

<http://www.gazettenet.com/2012/07/13/unvarnished-versions?SESS4ece4b466ce9a29264652cacd3b881df=gnews>

Amazon link: [Eyewitnesses to the Great War](#)

Rob Morris's Book Published



A new book about the 95 Bombardment Group (Heavy) that flew out of Horham during WW II is officially out on August 1, 2012. It's about the 95th, but the 100th flew with the 95th most of the time, and there are many 100 vets who were interviewed for the book. No less than Michael Faley has endorsed the book. The 95th has a really nice site at Horham – they have restored the “Red Feather Club” and it hosts reunions and is open for rent on (what's left) of the airbase.

95th BG **Horham** UK web site: <http://www.95thbg-horham.com/>

95th BG Web site: http://95thbg.org/95th_joomla/

Amazon link: [The Wild Blue Yonder and Beyond: The 95th Bomb Group in War and Peace](#)

A Medic in the Australian Army

Declared unfit for combat Ian Jacobs when he tried to enlist he instead enlisted into the Commonwealth Medical Services and served till 1944 till leaving the service as a Major in North Africa, India and Palestine – including the siege of Tobruk.

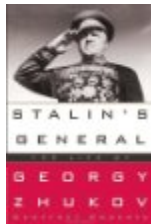
<http://www.theage.com.au/national/obituaries/compassionate-man-made-his-mark-20120719-22dam.html>

During many Pacific Battles he collected Souvenirs - Birds, Shells and Plants

Trained as a pharmacist and assigned to the 11th Marines (1st Marine Division), Sammy Ray took part in battles at Peleliu, Okinawa among others. But while not being shot at he would go around collecting plants and birds and send them back to the Smithsonian Institution.

<http://www.stripes.com/news/marine-corps/smithsonian-to-display-former-marine-s-birds-of-war-1.183393>

New book out on Georgy Zhukov



In the Soviet Union under Joseph Stalin being good at something always meant you had to walk a fine line between good enough to do your job so as not to get shot, while also not being seen as too good and thus famous and popular to live and become a threat to Stalin's popularity and be killed. Zhukov survived and did both but at the same time was written out of the official Communist history books after the war in order that Stalin be seen as the one person who saved the U.S.S.R. from NAZI Germany. General Zhukov was there at Moscow, Stalingrad, Kursk, Berlin and led the victory parade in Moscow – before being exiled to a demeaning command and forced into retirement – but he lived and died a natural death.

STALIN'S GENERAL: THE LIFE OF GEORGY ZHUKOV by Geoffrey Roberts, Random House, 334 pages.

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2012/jul/2/russian-general-best-in-world-war-ii/>

Amazon link: [Stalin's General](#)

Azerbaijan to pay stipends to WW II Veterans

By official decree those who served during the war will now get a monthly income as a "thank-you" of their service between 1941 and 1945.

<http://abc.az/eng/news/main/66170.html>

A Successful POW Escape – Not easy if you are Indian

Ram Swarup was captured in Italy in 1943 and sent to a German POW camp – where he eventually escaped from and made a "home run" back to Allied lines. This was not easy to do being from Rupnagar district of India since you definitely cannot blend in easily with other Europeans. One other Indian, Tikka Khan, who was captured with 2 Field Regiment at Bir Hakeim (Libya) in 1942, also successfully escaped.

Other famous units from India which fought in WW II include the Long Range Squadron, which was incorporated into the Long Range Desert Group, and the Punjab Regiment.

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/Punjab/Chandigarh/He-escaped-from-Axis-custody-in-WW2/SP-Article1-890068.aspx>

Medals of Captain Mike Stephens Auctioned Off

The nine medals that the 22 plane ace was awarded during World War II were sold for 93,000 pounds. Like the RAF pilot during the Battle of Britain, he almost bailed out his burning plane, but went back into his Hurricane fighter to shoot down a German Bf-109 fighter over Libya who had shot up his plane and got it on fire flew ahead, so he climbed back in and shot it down, then bailed out.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2167681/Medals-belonging-Second-World-War-flying-ace-heroically-battled-Luftwaffe-ON-FIRE-sell-100-000.html?ito=feeds-newsxml>

10th Mountain Division back in Italy

A few veterans of this division made a visit back to Italy on a reunion tour of the battlefields that the division fought on. "At its conception, the division was only a battalion and unique to the U.S. Army. Known as the 87th Mountain Infantry Battalion, it was activated at Fort Lewis, Wash., in December 1941, with many of its first Soldiers being handpicked or recruited for their abilities in mountaineering and skiing. "

The division trained on Mount Hood in Oregon for some to learn and for others to gain practice in skiing.

"A Soldier's Story," written by division veteran and former Senator Bob Dole was given to Charlie Smith and Senator Dole mentions him in the book and the locations where he fought.

" 'This is the first time I've known exactly where I was at during the war.' Smith said with a smile."

http://www.army.mil/article/83448/10th_Mountain_Division_veterans_return_to_Italy/

Germany Agrees to pay claims to Jewish people still living in former Soviet Union Areas

Established in 1952, the Hardship fund pays claims (primarily) to Jewish people who were victimized as a result of NAZI policies during World War II who were living in the Soviet Union when war commenced.

Claim filings begin on November 1, 2012.

<http://www.jwire.com.au/news/germany-accepting-soviet-wwii-claims/26332>

Bombardier and Pilot of the "Able Mable" meet up one last time

The last two crewmembers still alive of the B-17 named "Able Mable", which flew 30 missions over Germany, meet up as John Fisher, 95 lies at home. They flew in the 334th Bomber Squadron of the 95th Bomb Group in the 8th Air Force.

<http://www.mansfieldnewsjournal.com/article/20120701/NEWS01/207010324/Stuff-Local-Mansfield-war-hero-made-world-better-place>

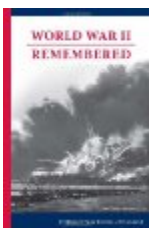
Silver Bars Recovered from WW II Torpedoed Ship

Odyssey Marine Exploration Inc. has recovered 1,203 silver bars from the SS Gairsoppa, a 412-foot British cargo ship that sank after being torpedoed by a German U-boat in February 1941.

In prior war when buying weapons, or any goods, purchases had to be paid for in hard currency - silver or gold and then physically shipped around the world. Multiple ships carrying gold and silver were sunk during the war and now various firms are finding the wrecks and recovering the medals.

<http://www.irishcentral.com/news/WWII-shipwreck-off-Ireland-yields-38-million-of-silver-for-deep-sea-firm-163156236.html#ixzz21CJINXWw>

Book: World War II Remembered



Published by the University Press of New England it consists of 56 Essays about World War II by those who participated in the war - who now live in a retirement community.

Amazon link: [World War II Remembered](#)

http://articles.boston.com/2012-07-22/books/32772258_1_retirement-community-author-events-brookline-booksmith

What Makes an Ace an Ace?

Since the beginning of aerial combat only 816 fighter pilots have become Aces while flying for the USA. Only 39 achieved that status during the Korean War and 3 during the Vietnam War - none since. The "10 sortie rule" then comes into play. It was often stated that if a fighter pilot survived their first 10 sorties they often survived the war. (At least for those Western Allied pilots who had a tour limit. German, Italian,

Japanese, & Russian pilots flew until killed, wounded out of combat, or captured.)

<http://www.strategypage.com/htm/htmurph/articles/20120724.aspx>

Japanese Command Bunker Complex Still There

At the Sasebo Naval District on Kyushu the Japanese Military built an underground command complex which still exists today. The main role was to coordinate the air defenses of southern Japan.

<http://www.stripes.com/military-life/japan-take-a-rare-look-into-abandoned-wwii-site-1.182140>

Benito Mussolini's Air Raid Bunkers under his House

Like all military and political planners after the "Great War" people feared bombs raining down causing destruction on a vast scale from enemy bombers – and so built shelters for both the common people – and the top leaders. You can tour the shelters that Italian leader Benito Mussolini had built under his house – now a museum. The only nations that actually experienced deliberate bombings designed to destroy whole cities, which all the theorists expected to be the normal use of bombers, was Germany and Japan.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/magazine-18828612>

Hunting Skills and a Short Stature – You're A Ball Turret Gunner

James L. Moore joined the military in 1944 with plans of becoming a pilot – but with so many pilots already in training and the expectation from the War Department was that the war would be over before anyone starting pilot training in mid-1944 could graduate after a year and a half of training, so they changed his assignment into that of a B-17 Ball Turret gunner. He flew his first mission in January of 1945 and was shot down on his sixth – but he and the rest of the crew were able to bail out over Russian occupied Poland and avoid being captured by the Germans.

<http://www.uniondemocrat.com/News/Local-News/Phoenix-Lake-man-saw-plenty-of-aerial-action>

Air Force Two – Is now an Fire Fighter Tanker Aircraft

This proves being #2 is often being forgotten. A Convair C131-H that for one brief mission was not just a cargo plane used by President Nixon support staff hauling cargo behind the 747 which was normally "Air Force One", it became "Air Force One" for a day when he had to visit West Virginia and the only plane that could land there was the C-131. It now flies out of Canada.

<http://www.thestarphoenix.com/news/Nixon+Force+figh+fires/6898472/story.html>

The Memphis Belle – at MacDill AFB in Florida

After the War Bond Tour of the "Memphis Belle" in 1943, the plane was stationed at MacDill as a *training plane* for crews – the Army Air Force was not going to let a flyable aircraft stay on the tarmac.

<http://www.tampabay.com/news/military/macdill/macdill-air-force-base-once-home-to-famed-memphis-belle/1238783>

Getting into the Pilot's Seat of a B-24 again at 89

The Collings Foundation tour allowed Chris Christensen into the pilot's seat of their B-24 at the stop at Silverhawk Aviation in Nebraska. Christensen was 22 at the time he started flying missions out of Italy in 1944 as part of the 15th Air Force.

http://journalstar.com/news/local/retired-lincoln-pilot-climbs-back-in-world-war-ii-seat/article_603eb74a-215e-5afa-bc21-8fe039783788.html

B-24 "Hot Stuff" finished 25 missions before the "Memphis Belle" – but Crashed in Iceland on the way to the States

It is stated that "history is written by the victors" but in this case the first 25 mission victory award was assigned to the B-17 "Memphis Belle" due to the crash of the B-24 "Hot Stuff" going home on a War Bond Tour. The pilot and 4 other crew members of the B-24 were supposed to be on the flight – but was bumped off the plane due to General Andrews wanting to get back to DC to get his 4th Star. "Hot Stuff" was a plane in "Ted's Traveling Circus", the 93 Bombardment Group (Heavy). A certificate signed by Col. Edward "Ted" Timberlake, shows mission No. 25 over Naples, Italy, dated "7 Feb. 43."

<http://www.toledoblade.com/Nation/2012/07/04/Researcher-disputes-claim-of-record-for-Memphis-Belle.html>

Wheels Up – Plane Down – and now the Medals for it

Russell Erikson had to land his B-24 gear up at Shipham England after a mission to Hamburg due to battle damage – the ground crew counted over 200 holes in the aircraft after he landed it. The paperwork for his WW II medals finally caught up with him and at 89 he was awarded Air Medal with a Silver Oak Leaf Cluster, the American Campaign Medal, the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with Three Bronze Service Stars and the World War II Victory Medal.

<http://www.patriotledger.com/topstories/x1222860324/Quincy-resident-Russell-Erikson-honored-for-his-service-in-WWII#ixzz21CWkn6Bg>

Agent "Garbo" – Master Spy for both the British and the Germans

Juan Pujol Garcia was an unlikely hero of World War II - by sending valid and imaginary military data to the Germans over a long period of time it got them to be so trusting of his information so that when he finally told a flat out lie – they believed him during the Normandy Invasion.

<http://www.wbur.org/npr/156189716/agent-garbo-the-spy-who-lied-about-d-day>

Purposely Not Being Taught History is not just a USA Trend

It seems that a new survey in England has found out that just under 43% of all 17 and 18 years in school that were surveyed (1000 people) knew that it was fought in the air – and only around 2% knew it occurred in 1940.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2164115/The-Battle-Britain-Wasnt-sea-Half-secondary-school-pupils-know-battle-took-place-air.html?ito=feeds-newsxml>

A Movie about the Inventor of the ZERO Dr. Hirokoshi – In Anime

A possible movie by Studio Ghibli based on the man who designed the Japanese WW II Zero Dr. Hirokoshi, may be in the works by animator Hayao Miyazaki.

The Japanese A6M2 "Zero" fighter started off the war with a 12:1 kill ratio against the Allies.

<http://kotaku.com/5928160/studio-ghiblis-next-film-is-about-japans-most-famous-fighter-plane-and-the-guy-who-designed-it/>

"HomeTown Heros" – Audio recordings of WW II Veterans

On radio station KMJ (no idea where the radio station is at, web site does not show city/state at all) they have recorded interviews of various veterans and published them on their web site.

Wilbur Gomes, 98th BG (H) and others are interviewed.

<http://www.kmjnow.com/pages/landing?Rescued-Prisoner-of-War-Shares-Story=1&blockID=622121&feedID=806>

Visiting Tibenham's B-24 Base

Scott Culver is the son of a B-24 Ball turret gunner who flew the Consolidated B-24 Liberator while Col. Jimmy Stewart was the Commanding Officer of the unit. He went over to England to visit the base his father flew out of during 1943/1944 when he was assigned to the 703rd Bombardment Squadron. They had an air festival there on July 8th.

http://www.edp24.co.uk/news/american_son_of_second_world_war_airman_returns_to_tibenham_airfield_1_1432312

The B-17G Pilots of the plane "Pretty Baby's Boys" get a DFC after 67 Years



Piloting the heavily damaged B-17 back from the mission on 20 March 1945 to Vienna they made it over the Alps but had to ditch the a/c in the Adriatic. The navigator, Harvey S. Horn, was able to get all the required paperwork together and submit it to the Air Force so that the two pilots could get the award. They were based out of Foggia, Italy as part of the 772nd Bomber Squadron, 463th Bomber Group, 15th Air Force. Harvey wrote a book called "Goldfish-Silver Boot, The Story of a World War II Prisoner of War" about the crew's POW experience.

<http://thephoto-news.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20120706/NEWS01/120709980/One-veteran%27s-quest-->

Amazon link: [Goldfish - Silver Boot | The Story of a World War II Prisoner Of War](#)

A Veteran of the Flying Tigers – but not a Pilot

The Pilots of the AVG – American Volunteer Group – got all the press of their combat exploits in China but the ground crews and other support personnel were also part of the AVG – yet some are still not granted veteran status. John Yee is one such person – he was an official translator for the AVG. He became a US Citizen in 1952 but because

he is missing a piece of paper, unlikely ever to be found, the US Government has repeatedly denied his status as a Veteran of the AVG and be entitled to military benefits.

Ding Hao!

The term roughly means, "you're the best" in Chinese.

Often repeated in WW II movies, and the nose art on P-51B North American made Mustang Serial number 43-6315 as flown by Maj. James Howard of the 356th Fighter Squadron, 354th Fighter Group, 9th AF. He flew in China with the AVG before going into the 9th AF. The term was spread throughout India by the AVG initially. CBI WWII pilots used 'Ding Hao' as a term of salutation.

The expression "Ding Hao" is also been shown to be a Chinese military expression similar to the Seals' "HOOYA!", or the Marines' "OOHRA!" showing pride and Espirit de Corps.

Steven Hunter used it in Chapter 17, page 167, of his latest book "I Sniper".

http://www.denverpost.com/news/ci_21097497/world-war-ii-translator-honored-service-flying-tigers

A “Kamikaze” Doll gets donated to Pensacola Naval Aviation Museum

Created by Japanese citizens and given to the pilots before a mission, this one survived even though the pilot died when he crashed his plane onto a ship, one of the ship's crew picked it off of the dead pilot.

<http://www.theolathenews.com/2012/07/20/1594196/piece-of-wwii-kamikaze-history.html>

July 19, 1870 – Franco-Prussian War is started

It set the stage for both World War I and World War II.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/theguardian/2012/jul/20/archive-1870-franco-prussian-war?newsfeed=true>

Finding a St Petersburg Newspaper Clipping -- on dead Japanese Soldier

After a firefight on Bougainville a US Marine was going through the pockets of the dead Japanese soldiers and found a clipping of a woman competing in a St Petersburg beauty pageant – his home town.

<http://www.tampabay.com/news/obituaries/mystery-of-a-war-souvenir-remains-unsolved-after-st-petersburg-womans-death/1241350>

Fighting the War by Radar

William Davies was drafted right after starting to work at IBM in record keeping – but ended up as a 2nd Lt working with RADAR equipment.

<http://lubbockonline.com/life-columnists/2012-07-22/bill-davies-fought-world-war-ii-radar>

WW II Bombardier Lt Col Donald Sebastian – 306th BG

Stationed at Thurleigh in the 369 Bomb Squadron of the 306th Bombardment Group (Heavy) during WW II he died at the age of 88 on July 20th.

http://host.madison.com/news/local/obituaries/article_51c4b406-d35f-11e1-8c5b-0019bb2963f4.html

World War I Fighter Plane now on Display

A recreated Morane Saulnier G WWI Russian fighter plane is now on display at the Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre.

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/marlborough-express/news/7272454/Russian-fighter-plane-recreated>

150 Years of History – The Royal Westminster Regiment

A new pictorial book about the 150 years that this unit has existed will be published by the Vialogue Publishing Canada Ltd.; <http://www.vialogue.ca> The unit is stationed in British Columbia, Canada. The book is expected to be published by November, 2012.

<http://www.prweb.com/releases/prweb2012/6/prweb9648069.htm>

Rise of the Railway Gun

In the US Civil war guns were placed on railway cars and were used but the guns were relatively small since the recoil limited their ability to be used when fired directly to the side of the cars. Other nations also tested out the idea including from reading about their use in the USA, including this trial in England in 1894.

<http://www.sussexexpress.co.uk/community/nostalgia/the-day-the-train-gun-was-tested-at-tide-mills-1-4001355>

Theodore Roosevelt's Rough Riders Rifles – Not made in the USA

The only reason Roosevelt got to Cuba was that he got the unit Norwegian Rifles – the 30-40 Krag rifle. Roosevelt himself took along a Winchester Model 95.

http://www.theodoreroosevelt.org/life/Rough_Riders%20rifle.htm

A Reporter in the Philippines during the Spanish-American War

Being an embedded journalist is nothing new – this was common during the 1898 Spanish American War and conflicts thereafter. Francis D. Millet went to the Philippines during the war and was there June to September 1898. He wrote a book in 1899 called "The Expedition to the Philippines." It is digitized within the Library of Congress.

July 4 in the Philippines is known as Filipino-American Friendship day.

Millet and his friend, Maj. Archibald Butt, a military aide to President Howard Taft, were down with the RMS Titanic in April of 1912.

<http://globalnation.inquirer.net/42807/us-journalist-in-the-spanish-american-war-cites-filipinos%E2%80%99-strong-sense-of-justice>

A Colt 38 Saved from Destruction

In New York all confiscated guns are destroyed unless they have an “historical” value. An Assistant District attorney, who happens to be allowed to own firearms, saw the Colt New Army and Navy Revolver, in .38 caliber, on a table of weapons slated for destruction and was allowed to fill out the paperwork to get it, then he donated it to the NYS Military Museum. It was originally presented to Capt. William L. Flanagan, in 1898 by members of the 2nd Battery New York and was engraved with that info.

<http://saratogian.com/articles/2012/07/14/news/doc5001d462bbc7e336920563.txt>

New British Army will have less troops than Wellington had at Waterloo

The British Government will be cutting troop levels down to a level below the number of troops that Duke of Wellington had at Waterloo.

http://blog.foreignpolicy.com/posts/2012/07/05/british_defense_secretary_announces_major_force_cuts

A French Eagle at Essex Regiment Museum

Captured at the Battle of Salamanca from the French 62nd Regiment, this item is on display at the museum since its capture July 22, 1812.

<http://www.thisistotalessex.co.uk/Royal-Anglians-proud-glorious-history/story-16553556-detail/story.html>

Re-Creating the Ride from the Battle of Borodino

Don Cossacks will ride across Europe again in the re-creation of the route they took 200 years ago after their forefathers fought against Napoleon at the Battle of Borodino – around 70 miles west of Moscow. The Russian Cavalry fought in many other engagements around Europe including the battle at Leipzig.

http://english.ruvr.ru/2012_07_09/Don-Cossacks-will-re-enact-Napoleonic-war/

MIA Pilot Lt Warren G Moxley Accounted For

On May 22, 2012 the status of Fighter Pilot Lt Moxley was changed from MIA to KIA and recovered from the crash site in Germany.

http://www.stltoday.com/news/national/wwii-vet-s-remains-are-returned-home-to-missouri/article_d4762766-7eec-5c25-b0db-3b75cf1d1cb2.html

Artifacts Going Moldy

Running a museum requires that the artifacts remain interesting – and just remain intact. Housing them in unheated, in non-environmental controlled area results in items being destroyed over time by humidity, heat, or insects. The Military Museum at Kensington, Prince Edward Island, Canada is experiencing this.

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/prince-edward-island/story/2012/07/10/pei-military-museum-mould-584.html>

Toolbox to the Museum

Ellie Roberts still has the toolbox that she used to build both B-26 Marauders – and the first full production B-29. But it is willed to be given to the Strategic Air and Space Museum when she dies.

“They picked certain people to be on the crew that worked 12 hours a day on the first B-29 built in Omaha, and they picked me to do that. So that's what made me feel kind of special. It was an experience.”

<http://www.sfgate.com/news/article/Hastings-woman-recalls-WWII-work-on-planes-3675781.php>

Spain, France, New Orleans Louisiana and a Shipwreck

Spain wanted to limit their losses in the new world, France needed money, the USA wanted land – and a shipwreck made all that possible.

http://www.cannonbeachgazette.com/entertainment/article_72773624-c6f3-11e1-b745-001a4bcf887a.html

Last Big Battle in the War of 1812 – was around Mobile Bay

Fought a few days after the Battle of New Orleans – the US Garrison surrendered since they were outnumbered 7 to 1, surrounded, and cut off from any help.

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/13d185804b4345ea91868fc816fecbe2/AL--War-of-1812-Last-Battle>

Navy Divers to Search Catalina Flying Boat Discovered in the Gulf of St Lawrence

The seaplane sunk during heavy seas in the gulf on November 2, 1942. Four crewmen escaped but the other 5 went down with the ship. A 50 person Navy dive team will try and search the aircraft. It was discovered by accident during a routine underwater mapping survey.

http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5gymwUa_0KrY-kx3-jTBk6u3OGGaA?docId=CNG.826fe8bd777afed3ea0d4aff3a859816.d1

B-17 “Sentimental Journey” at Aurora Airport August 6 thru the 9th

Aerometal International, based at Aurora Airport, is hosting the Commemorative Air Force Arizona Chapter's B-17G *Sentimental Journey* over the week days of August 6,7,8,9 – right after the Oregon International Air Show.

Ground tours of this WW II Heavy Bomber, along with flights in it, are available. Call 602-448-9415 to arrange a flight in the B-17.

CAF web site: www.azcaf.org

POC at Aerometal is Victoria Nanbu; 503-678-2266 and fax 503-678-2269.

[Aerometal International, LLC](http://www.aerometal.com)

Note: I think some portion of the money paid to go for a flight is tax-deductible. Check with them and your tax accountant to find out.

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 August 11, 2012

The August Speaker is Clayton Kelly Groce

Due to his hearing loss, Lt Groce cannot hear well so please WRITE DOWN any questions that you may have for him before his presentation on 3x5 cards (provide at the entrance table) and give them to Tom Davis.



P-51 Ace Clayton Kelly Groce will be the speaker at the August meeting. Clayton started flying out of Portland Air Base flying in 1942 in Bell P-39 Aircobras and was the first pilot to land at Aurora airport. He wrote an autobiography of his adventures in WW II called “Live Bait”. Amazon link: [Live Bait](http://www.amazon.com/Live-Bait-Clayton-Kelly-Groce/dp/1439900000)

Last meeting's speaker was Lt Jack Cramer who was the navigator for the B-29 "Goin' Jessie"; and here is a web site dedicated to the whole crew.

http://www.duncanwebsiteservices.com/Goin_Jessie/Speaker.htm

If you live in Kansas you can meet the Pilot Charles Chauncey who gives presentations around there.

Oregon International Air Show

The Oregon 8th AFHS chapter will again be manning a booth at the air show this year which is on August 3, 4, and 5th.

The U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds will be there this year along with an A-26 Invader (which will fly) as well as a B-17G, "Sentimental Journey", as of July 30th.

<http://www.oregonairshow.com>

Oregon Honor Flights

Mike Pungercar is the Oregon coordinator for *Honor Flights*, which raises money to pay for WW II Veterans to go back to Washington DC to visit the memorial. Currently there are 25 WW II veterans scheduled to go in October to DC from Oregon. Contact Mike to both apply / nominate someone and or to donate funds to help send these veterans to the Memorial. Mike's email is: pungercar2@msn.com

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.

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