

Oregon Chapter 8<sup>th</sup> Air Force Historical Society  
*History News for May 2015*



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

**“Kilroy was Here” – WW I style**

Well back from the front lines in France are the caves of Naours, where during WW I soldiers would go sightseeing underground and leave their names on the walls.

<http://www.cbsnews.com/news/world-war-i-soldiers-graffiti-found-in-france/>

**One Month at War**

At 15 years old, right after the Allied bombing of Dresden in February 1945, Diether Warneck joined the Wehrmacht and was in combat for a month. His son made a movie about the one month of time at war his father fought in WW II.

He is now raising money to pay the entrance fees to film festivals.

<https://medium.com/war-is-boring/help-make-this-documentary-about-a-german-soldier-during-world-war-ii-a-reality-7ece7751b954>

**Generation War**

A German TV series – in 3 parts – it shows the life of 5 people from spring of 1941 till the end of the war – from their perspective of trying to just survive the war.

Streams on NetFlix

<https://medium.com/war-is-boring/everyone-loses-in-germanys-devastating-world-war-ii-epic-5930012726d1>

**Retro TV Adds Two Crusades to its Lineup**

The original *Crusade in Europe*, based on General Eisenhower's book, is joined by the *Crusade in The Pacific*, on its network.

<http://www.chattanooga.com/2015/4/9/297850/Retro-TV-Adds-Crusade-In-Europe-And.aspx>

## **Strudel Saved his Life**

Staying alive during WW II was often a matter of luck – especially if you were Jewish. Ernie Feld loved sweets as a kid – so he was sent off to baking school before the war. While on a labor detail an SS Officer heard of his cooking prowess and was recruited to cook for them – and he survived the war because of it.

<http://www.latimes.com/nation/la-na-nazi-baker-20150416-story.html>

## **Holocaust Selfies & Tattoos**

Selfies are everywhere – but on Holocaust Remembrance day people take them at the concentration camps; with those that actually lived through it; and with a temporary tattoo of a real ID number that a person was given – or a permanent tattoo of a relative that lived through it.

Note: the number that was assigned was not just a number – their own unique punch card went with the person wherever they were sent for work details, factories or to other camps. On the card were their personal details along with their assigned number so that they could select people based on the information sorted within the punch card.

The German Railroad relied heavily on punch cards to track and route cars and trains throughout Germany.

<http://www.haaretz.com/jewish-world/holocaust-remembrance-day/.premium-1.652068>

## **Filming in Combat in the USSR during WW II**

[http://rbth.com/business/2015/04/22/filming\\_the\\_war\\_on\\_the\\_eastern\\_front\\_the\\_memories\\_of\\_a\\_soviet\\_camera\\_45397.html](http://rbth.com/business/2015/04/22/filming_the_war_on_the_eastern_front_the_memories_of_a_soviet_camera_45397.html)

Aerial Bombardment and Hitting *The Broad Side Of A Barn*

The Butts Report, a study of RAF bombing in June / July 1941 showed that night missions were largely useless: “. . . of those aircraft recorded as attacking their target, only one in three got within five miles.” In fact, only one in ten bombers that attacked targets in the German industrial area of the Ruhr got within five miles of their target.

<http://warontherocks.com/2015/04/warchives-aerial-bombardment-and-hitting-the-broad-side-of-a-barn/>

Main Web Site: <http://warontherocks.com/>

## **A Coke for Zhukov**

A morale booster for all sides during WW II, it was prohibited in the USSR due to it being a western product. However, it could be obtained if you asked for it in a different way for one Soviet General.

<http://www.ozy.com/flashback/coke-made-especially-for-a-communist/41336>

## **Maginot Line – Victim of Success?**

Most people look at the Maginot Line of WW II France as a failure – but it actually worked and diverted the Germans to make a longer line of march to get to Paris – which in turn would give the French more time to counter the military moves.

The Germans used same basic tactics in WW II as WW I – but had higher mobility and could concentrate forces more than in WW. They there had more opportunity to defeat the French Army in running battles. The French command structure could not react effectively due to radio, tactical, doctrine and operational methods that had not been updated when compared to the Germans.

<http://www.businessinsider.com/the-story-of-the-maginot-line-2015-4>

## **May 8 1945 remembered May 8 2015 – 70 years later**

It is remembered and honored more in the former Soviet Union States and the nations that were physically occupied in Europe than elsewhere.

## **The Life of A Lucky Solider**

Pavel Markovich was in school on a field trip in June of 1941 outside Minsk. It took 3 days before they realized something was wrong and thus his adventure began.

[http://rbth.com/arts/2015/04/19/when\\_the\\_war\\_came\\_how\\_one\\_soviet\\_jew\\_survived\\_wwii\\_against\\_the\\_odds\\_45345.html](http://rbth.com/arts/2015/04/19/when_the_war_came_how_one_soviet_jew_survived_wwii_against_the_odds_45345.html)

## **306 BG (H) Pilot 1st Lt. Clayton A. Nattier gets his POW Medal**

After putting in the required paperwork last year he went to Buckley Air Force Base to have his POW medal presented to him. He actually earned it by bailing out of his crippled B-17 Flying Fortress over Germany in 1944.

<http://www.afrc.af.mil/News/ArticleDisplay/tabid/136/Article/586569/wwii-ex-pow-receives-medals-thanks-arpc.aspx>

## **WW II Polish Resistance Fighter W. Bartoszewski Dies at 93**

He fought in the defense of Warsaw in 1939, rounded up in a street sweep in 1940 and sent to Auschwitz and given number 4422. He was then RELEASED in 1941 after the Red Cross intervened on his behalf, as he was Catholic and not Jewish, then fought again in 1944, then imprisoned again by the Communists for 7 years after the war – since he fought as part of the Home Guard and not for the communists – who refused to fight the Germans in 1944 Warsaw Uprising.

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/europe/w-bartoszewski-resistance-fighter-and-polish-foreign-minister-dies-at-93/2015/04/27/812c4df6-ecf4-11e4-8666-a1d756d0218e\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/europe/w-bartoszewski-resistance-fighter-and-polish-foreign-minister-dies-at-93/2015/04/27/812c4df6-ecf4-11e4-8666-a1d756d0218e_story.html)

## **Need a WW I Pilot Uniform?**

If you have a few grand, like 5 and a ½, you can own Quentin Roosevelt's WW I pilots' uniform.

[http://www.ima-usa.com/original-u-s-wwi-army-air-service-aviator-quentin-roosevelt-uniform-set-son-of-president-theodore-roosevelt.html?trk\\_msg=8H9C79GRI94471HF2D1IHHV77C&trk\\_contact=KBPVJUHGUT71LL7TER4DU1E5FS&trk\\_module=arm&utm\\_source=Listrak&utm\\_medium=Email&utm\\_term=Product&utm\\_campaign=20150425&utm\\_content=20150425](http://www.ima-usa.com/original-u-s-wwi-army-air-service-aviator-quentin-roosevelt-uniform-set-son-of-president-theodore-roosevelt.html?trk_msg=8H9C79GRI94471HF2D1IHHV77C&trk_contact=KBPVJUHGUT71LL7TER4DU1E5FS&trk_module=arm&utm_source=Listrak&utm_medium=Email&utm_term=Product&utm_campaign=20150425&utm_content=20150425)

## **June 26/27, 1876**

Here is a good narrative with photos to complement on the Battle of the Little Big Horn with General George Armstrong Custer and the 7<sup>th</sup> Calvary.

<http://www.friendslittlebighorn.com/custerslaststand.htm>

# **Next General Membership Meeting for Oregon 8<sup>th</sup> AFHS is May 9, 2015**

***Remaining Dates in 2015 are May 9, August 8 and November 7<sup>th</sup>***

## **May 9, 2015 Program**

Henry Bendinelli was an aerial navigator in the 9<sup>th</sup> Air Force. He flew in the C-46 Curtiss Commando transports while in the ETO. Of course transports were always armed – if you pulled out your COLT .45 and shot at enemy planes.

During Korean War he was a Navigator in Douglas A-26s. After that war he was stationed at Portland and also flew in CH-47 Chinook helicopters.

## ***Food for the Meeting***

The May food menu is a sandwich type meal will be available at the Beaverton Elks lodge. **ONLY** if you are planning to eat contact Tom Philo via email at [secretary@8thafhsoregon.com](mailto:secretary@8thafhsoregon.com) or phone him at 503-591-3227 – again **ONLY** if you are planning to purchase a meal.

## **Prior Programs**

- February 2015 – Alice Miller Women Flight Uniforms
- November 2014 - Salute to Veterans
- August – 2014 Dick Foy and Air Tanker Operations w/ WWII Aircraft
- May 2014 – Multiple presentations
- February 2014 - Beauty and Brains – Women in the Military
- November 2013 Bob Schuberg and revisiting the airfields of the 8th
- August 2013 - Frank LaSage – PTs in the Med
- May 2013 - Jack Kline and the Vanport Flood
- February 2013 - Ben “Flaps” Berry – Tuskegee Airman
- May 2013 – Jack Cramer B-29 Navigator of “Going Jesse” in the Pacific

All programs are videotaped and transcribed and put into our archive. You can purchase each DVD of each presentation for \$10.00.

***There is no cost to attend the meeting and it is open to the public***

## ***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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