

Oregon Chapter 8th Air Force Historical Society
History News for May 2018



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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.

Escape and Evasion Maps

Issued to aircrew these maps covered pretty much the whole world. This web site lists most of the maps and quantity issued during WW II.

<http://escape-maps.com/index.htm>

Collings Foundation Tour Dates Oregon and Washington

Oregon

North Bend June 11-13

Corvallis June 13-15

Aurora June 15-17

Washington

Bremerton June 18-20

Burlington June 20-22

Seattle June 25-28

Spokane June 15-28

https://www.collingsfoundation.org/events/category/wings-of-freedom-tour/list/?tribe_paged=1&tribe_event_display=past

Devil Dog Squadron Readies B-25 for 2018 Tour

"Over the years they've put in countless hours and around \$350,000 in donations to keep the B-25/PBJ-1 Mitchell bomber in the air."

http://www.kxan.com/news/local/crew-members-ready-ww2-bomber-for-first-flight-of-the-year_20180312075647308/1031497251

C-47 Takes to the Air

A D-Day Veteran, "That's All Brother". "We were amazed to find it in Arizona and that it was for sale," Tilley said. "We immediately contacted every museum and major aircraft organization to try to save the plane, to no avail at the time."

http://www.tampabay.com/news/military/war/A-D-Day-plane-lost-for-years-is-about-to-fly-again_164992008

George Stallings Jr., 99, Re-Unites with a B-24

Averaging 1800 hours a year in a B-24 as an instructor he trained both US and British crews.

<https://www.news4jax.com/positively-jax/local-veteran-reunited-with-world-war-ii-aircraft>

Ed Good of Good's War Bird Museum

Based at Casper/Natrona County International Airport US Army pilots were trained there during WW II. Find the blue hanger.

http://trib.com/news/local/casper/wyoming-man-works-to-continue-aviation-museum-founded-by-his/article_18d6158f-09cd-5c45-89d1-c96b8419a327.html

New Tuskegee Airmen Display at Museum

SAC Puts on Permanent Exhibit of the Tuskegee Airmen. It is at Strategic Air Command and Aerospace Museum at Ashland.

https://fremonttribune.com/news/local/museum-features-permanent-tuskegee-airman-exhibit/article_3a0c237f-27b5-5c12-a2f9-135e02696c89.html

New Book about the Tuskegee Airmen

Dr. Daniel Haulman, chief, Organizational Histories, at the U.S. Air Force Historical Research Agency, provides a thorough account that both engages and sets the record straight. Book is called The Tuskegee Airmen Chronology by NewSouth Books.

"If you add up the total number of bombers that were shot down while under Tuskegee Airmen escort, you get 27. The average number lost by the other fighter groups in the Fifteenth Air Force was 46, so they lost significantly fewer bombers than the other fighter escort groups," Haulman said.

<http://www.alabamanewscenter.com/2018/02/22/tuskegee-airmen-book-story/>

B-29 Engine Overheating Caused Crash in 1943

One of the main problems with the tightly cowled engine is that a design flaw would cause them to overheat and catch on fire. That is what caused this crash.

<https://www.seattletimes.com/business/economy/seventy-five-years-ago-deadly-growing-pains-of-boeings-iconic-b-29/>

Lady Lex Found in Coral Sea

Sunk in 1942 in the first carrier vs carrier battle – by our own destroyer since it could not be towed – it was found by Paul Allen's research group.

<https://news.nationalgeographic.com/2018/03/paul-allen-lexington-underwater-discovery-spd/>

Recovering Remains under Water

When a plane crashes in water often the pilot is lost. However, in shallow sea water, personnel effects and sometimes bones remain. This Navy team on the USNS Salvor spent time underwater excavating a crash site.

<https://www.livescience.com/61933-wwii-pilot-plane-remains-found.html>

A Star of David on a German Aircraft in WW I

Lt Adolf Auer had it painted on the side of his aircraft to annoy Lt Goering.

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/german-wwi-pilot-painted-star-of-david-on-plane-to-annoy-future-top-nazi/>

P-38 Pilot Shot Down 1 June 1943 Recovered

During a dogfight they saw him pull out of a dive and flying off then lost track of him. Lt. William W. Shank was discovered due to a local German researcher who tracked it down, found an eyewitness who then lead the team to a field where they dug.

<https://www.armytimes.com/news/your-army/2018/03/09/us-military-ids-airman-lost-in-dogfight-over-germany-in-1943/>

Aussie Pilot Pat Hughes – Top Gun in the Battle of Britain for the Allies

You may never have heard of him since he was KIA on September 7, 1940. A new book about his combat experience is called "A Spitfire Pilot's Story – Pat Hughes Battle of Britain Top Gun".

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-5490979/Hero-Australian-WWII-pilot-shot-14-Nazi-planes.html>

Women in the Work Force – WW II to Today

Pratt & Whitney's had load of women working in the factories, and unlike most they did not fire all en masse after the war.

<https://runwaygirlnetwork.com/2018/03/08/pratt-whitney-showcases-the-role-of-women-in-powering-flight/>

Herbert Hoover: The Engineer-President

He was even part of the foreign contingent trapped during the Boxer rebellion in 1900 while working there. He had a storied career – but he is mainly remembered by being President during the Stock Market Crash of 1927. He continued to work after he left the Presidency in 1933.

<https://www.weeklystandard.com/herbert-hoover-the-engineer-president/article/2011886>

Victoria Cross Exhibit in Nowra

But you have to go to the Fleet Air Arm Museum HMAS Albatross to see it – and the article does not state where that is in Australia.

<https://www.southcoastregister.com.au/story/5272839/aussie-war-heroes-on-display-at-fleet-air-arm-museum/>

No Retirement Ceremony – HQ-1 Predator Retired from USAF

While the MQ-9 Reaper gets Air to Air ability.

<http://www.thedrive.com/the-war-zone/19122/usaf-officially-retires-mq-1-predator-while-mq-9-reaper-set-to-gain-air-to-air-missiles>

Great Britain's Special Interrogation Group (SIG)

Only operational for a few months during WW II, they set the stage for both real world operations that came afterward and inspired movie plots like “Inglorious Basterds”.

<https://www.i24news.tv/en/news/international/170179-180318-the-jewish-refugees-who-trained-as-nazi-soldiers-to-go-behind-enemy-lines>

Revisionist History Is Not Just in the USA

Pointing out newly discovered facts is what historians do, but when their agenda is not twist the facts to make “new history” because of political beliefs they hold NOW, is what

Easier to Win than to Wear – The VC

Brian Izzard tells the sad story of how a handful of the bravest were stripped of their medal – often for theft, as a result of destitution.

<https://www.spectator.co.uk/2018/03/for-some-soldiers-the-vc-was-easier-to-win-than-to-wear/>

Writing Aircraft Manuals

“Join the Navy and see the World” – but Ralph Burnell just saw a typewriter inside on the USS Langley and the “Big E” for aircraft in hangers.

<http://greertoday.com/greer-sc/burnell-served-in-three-wars-wrote-manual-on-every-wwii-aircraft/2018/03/28/>

Five Aircraft Carriers That looked good on Paper

HMS Eagle, French Bearn, IJN Kaga, USS Ranger, and the USSR Kuznetsov.

<http://nationalinterest.org/blog/the-buzz/5-worst-aircraft-carriers-ever-put-sea-25143>

Slurry Tanker Put out to Air Pasture

The WW II era P2V aircraft, converted to fight fires, are now retired.

<https://www.missoulacurrent.com/business/2018/03/neptune-aviation/>

100 Years of the RAF April 1, 2018

Some of the RAF personnel were in Dayton for the Memphis Belle and celebrated there. Created during WW I it has 290,000 personnel and almost 23,000 aircraft when it divorced itself from the Army.

<https://www.whio.com/news/local-military/royal-air-force-marks-100th-the-birthplace-aviation/c6e7FKLa4NHhLi7KTg2kVM/>

The Real Founder of the RAF

The Pen Created the Might RAF. Lt-Gen Sir David Henderson is ignored for the memo that he wrote in 1917 which caused the UK Government to create the RAF in 1918.

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-43520885>

An Inmate Buys a Ring in Jail so it can be Returned

A WW II era ring was offered up to Patrick Hauger while he was in jail for barter – he bought it and turned it over to his jailers so it can be returned.

<http://www.registerguard.com/rg/news/local/36594985-75/vintage-rare-ring-falls-into-hands-of-unlikely-hero-at-the-lane-county-jail.html.csp>

William John McDonald's South Africa Medal Finds Its Way Home

Having gone missing in 1921, the medal was discovered and returned to his heirs in 2018.

Note: In WW I all medals awarded by the UK were engraved with the name of the soldier. WW II onwards they stopped doing that as a cost savings measure.

<https://thewest.com.au/news/wa/war-medal-finds-its-way-back-to-trooper-william-mcdonalds-family---100-years-after-going-missing-ng-b88788860z>

Charge – Last Full Run Calvary Charge of the Western Front in 1918

Brigadier-General J.E.B. Seely led the charge at Moreuil Wood, near Amiens, France. Horses were used by western allies in WW I, II and beyond but not in the classical sense of Calvary formation. The USSR and Germany used Calvary on the Eastern front extensively in WW I and WW II.

<https://www.thedailybeast.com/the-warrior-horse-the-soldier-general-and-the-last-honest-war?source=articles&via=rss>

Revisionist Revival to Tear Down President McKinley Statue

“The Times reported that last February, during a long and heated city council meeting, dozens of residents packed Arcata City Hall to testify on both sides of the issue. In the end, the council voted 4-1 to get rid of the statue.”

[Editor's comment: Mob rule and political correctness will soon eliminate free speech – oh wait – they already have in most “public” places. If you want support anything “The Left” opposes it is already prohibited in most states already. If you want to wear a WW II combat infantryman poster T-Shirt to any school you cannot – since he is carrying a rifle – you get suspended or kicked out permanently. Same punishment for wearing the National Guard symbol on a shirt.]

<https://www.thenewamerican.com/culture/history/item/28645-william-mckinley-statue-scheduled-for-removal>

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Next Chapter meeting August 11, 2018

Reminder – 11 people have yet to renew for this year!

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

The Oregon 8thAFHS maintains a person on the club roster for up to two years even if they had not renewed, or if the original member is deceased their next of kin will continue to receive all club mailings, before they are removed them from the club roster.

If a person wishes to receive the club mailed newsletter and meeting notice they need to submit the membership form along with the yearly \$15.00 dues (pro-rated if necessary) to become a member of the chapter.

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