

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



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.

B-17 Found at Bottom of North Sea

Discovered during a survey to lay a power cable plane appears intact after ditching. You have to translate the article from Dutch.

<https://nos.nl/artikel/2238307-amerikaanse-bommenwerper-gevonden-op-bodem-noordzee.html>

New Air Refueling Tanker for the USAF

1st Delivery is set for the KC-46A tanker in October 2018. Air to air refueling was hoped for in the 1930s but it never came about till the 1950s.

http://aviationweek.com/defense/usaf-boeing-agree-kc-46a-tanker-delivery-schedule?NL=SPD-01&Issue=SPD-01_20180625_SPD-01_832&sfvc4enews=42&cl=article_4&utm_rid=CPEN1000005112878&utm_campaign=15382&utm_medium=email&elq2=b3cdcdac0bb14efabaa688f6ea85cd1b

Old Iron New Paint

The first cast iron bridge – and it is still in use – gets a new coat of paint. It is going back to the original color – but not using lead-based paint this time around.

They certainly do not build them like that anymore – most new bridges are lucky to last 50 years.

<https://www.theguardian.com/culture/2017/nov/13/iron-bridge-gets-36m-facelift-as-age-catches-up-with-250-year-old-arch>

D-Day Technology

Lots of the innovation created for the European Normandy Invasion in June of 1944 was due to PM Churchill's interest in "funnies" – odd ideas that actually often worked.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/retropolis/wp/2018/06/06/d-day-how-american-and-british-technology-helped-win-the-battle-and-world-war-ii/?noredirect=on&utm_term=.8bcf1f8b2c8d

C-47 “That’s All Brother” Still in the Air

This aircraft actually was the lead a/c in the airborne assault in 1944. Every squadron had a lead a/c but then there is the lead squadron of the force which this a/c was the lead. In the Normandy invasion most airborne units were not dropped where they were supposed to be – which actually helped the invasion since the Germans could not figure out where the real invasion was going to be since the paratroopers were scattered all over the Norman peninsula.

https://www.dothaneagle.com/army_flier/news/aviation-historian-helps-lost-d-day-aircraft-fly-again/article_2bfded26-69ce-11e8-8fab-97eab9ebd3c4.html

41,500 Hours to Build a F-35A Fighter

That is the total hours needed from first part to delivery of a US F-35 to a customer. More hours are need for the specialized versions.

By Comparison:

B-17 18,600

B-24 14,500

B-25 10,700

P-47 9,100

P-38 9,600

<http://www.thedrive.com/the-war-zone/21367/it-takes-47000-hours-of-labor-to-build-a-single-f-35a>

Paperwork Takes Time

“The Army had been aware of the burial site since 2006 and took photos of it, but there was apparently confusion as to whether a U.S. or Australian airman was buried there, Patricia Duran said.”

And yet looking up a common name like Alfonso Duran in the American or Australian MIA list never occurred to them.

http://www.santafenewmexican.com/news/local_news/gunner-killed-in-wwii-coming-home-to-santa-fe/article_560e2b29-16b2-5a5f-96cd-ac1adc477498.html

D-Day Anniversary Lessons

Kayleen Reusser has written a pair of books on WWII and has interviewed over 150 Veterans so far.

[World War II Legacies: Stories of Northeast Indiana Veterans](#)

[They Did It for Honor: Stories of American WWII Veterans \(WWII Legacies\) \(Volume 2\)](#) (Amazon links)

<http://www.news-sentinel.com/news/local-news/2018/06/06/kayleen-reusser-lessons-from-a-d-day-anniversary/>

On The Auction Block – Boat “Caretta”

Launched from Devonport Dockyard in 1898 it served in three major wars. It was also a featured boat in the movie "Dunkirk".

<https://www.islandecho.co.uk/historic-boat-restored-on-the-isle-of-wight-set-for-auction/>

Boxer Rebellion Shrine Destroyed in China

Built after the Boxer Rebellion of 1906 it was reported destroyed by the Chinese government. China never has forgiven the western nations for being having official and unofficial outposts and Christian missionaries in China from the 1600s onward.

<https://www.christianpost.com/news/communist-authorities-remove-jesus-images-destroy-way-of-the-cross-pilgrimage-china-224845/>

June 10, 1898 – The Writing on The Wall

Well in a ball point pen anyways.

<https://www.upi.com/On-This-Day-Ballpoint-pen-patented/7561528469103/>

Glider Gate Guard Now in Place

A replica WACO Glider is now at Camp Mackall.

<http://www.fayobserver.com/news/20180607/wwii-glider-stands-as-nod-to-camp-mackalls-past>

Bi-Plane Rides Moves to Bremerton A/P

"Olde Thyme Aviation, which has offered scenic flights over the Puget Sound region in antique, tailwheel biplanes for more than 20 years. In October, Horwitz inked a five-year lease with the Port of Bremerton to move Olde Thyme's headquarters to Bremerton National from Seattle's Boeing Field."

<https://www.kitsapsun.com/story/news/local/2018/06/15/bremerton-airport-biplanes-scenic-tours-kitsap-olde-thyme-aviation/699052002/>

Māori Battalion museum to be built at Waitangi

Until recently, military units were raised from local areas or native groups and fought as a unit. There are advantages since you are fighting with friends, but the downside is that if involved in a single battle the locals all get a lot of bad news all at once.

https://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=12071311

A Coin That Stopped a Bullet

Not all coin saves are from "formal" combat. This person was in Northern Ireland in 1922 as a medical person and was shot on Sunday coming out of Mass. "A Queen Victoria shilling coin (1891) in his waistcoat pocket deflected the .303 calibre bullet

from his heart." In the TV Series "Young Indiana Jones" he was in Africa in WW I and was also saved by a coin. Indy said it was luck, but his friend said it was a very small coin on a big body to stop it none-the-less.

<https://www.irishtimes.com/life-and-style/people/the-coin-that-saved-my-grandfather-s-life-after-he-was-shot-coming-out-of-mass-1.3527945>

Yankee Air Museum's C-47 Gets a Make-over

This is in the old Ford B-24 Factory where they are doing the work.

<https://www.clickondetroit.com/all-about-michigan/michigan-history/historic-world-war-ii-era-douglas-c-47-plane-gets-makeover-in-michigan>

Toy Discontinued due to Historical Inaccuracy

A dreamed-up toy, loosely based on German development ideas during WW II, is pulled from worldwide distribution. They are going to investigate how it was ever approved. It has WW II German crosses on the cover, but I did not see any NAZI markings. It is illegal to display any NAZI party symbols in Germany – and in fact most of Europe.

<https://www.indy100.com/article/nazi-ufo-toy-discontinued-revell-gmbh-germany-history-third-reich-8412051>

Not Teaching History In England

The University of Exeter used a quote from a web site for students and staff - "One cannot permit unique opportunities to slip by for the sake of trifles." – the person who put in the quote did not recognize the attribution – Field Marshall Erwin Rommel. It was a motivational email.

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-devon-44545160>

Lake Placid – It looks Calm due to all the Whiskey

"By 1810, most of the tillage in the Wilmington portion of Jay was devoted to the production of rye for the local whiskey distilleries, according to the Essex County Historical Society. Sanford operated two of the three distilleries here at that time."

<http://www.lakeplacidnews.com/page/content.detail/id/528582/SAVOR-THE-SEASON--Whiskey--rye-whiskey.html?nav=5005>

de Havilland Aircraft Museum

Innovation was one of their hallmarks. Hard to get to but worth it.

<https://www.cnet.com/news/de-havilland-aircraft-museum/>

New book out on The Flying Tigers

Using sources of the day he projects you into their story as if you are there with them.

The Flying Tigers: The Untold Story of the American Pilots Who Waged a Secret War Against Japan (Amazon Link)
<https://lareviewofbooks.org/article/pilots-eye-view-sam-kleiners-the-flying-tigers/#!>

The State of Indiana Gets a Ship

The USS Indiana will be the 16th Virginia Fast Attack sub built.
<https://duboiscountyherald.com/b/fast-attack-uss-indiana-to-be-commissioned-this-fall>

11th AOS Cases its Colors

Created during WW II it was inactive for almost 5 decades, and now is back into mothballs.
http://kdhnews.com/fort_hood_herald/across_the_fort/fort-hood-air-force-unit-cases-colors-for-final-time/article_36abea5c-7987-11e8-9362-c3fe147ed984.html

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Next Chapter meeting August 11, 2018

Reminder – 7 people have yet to renew for this year!

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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.

