

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

The B-18 Heavy Bomber – A Default Win

America was founded on competition, and military contracts have also been awarded using this method – and for Boeing it was a “Bet the Company” and they lost – sort of.
<https://www.wearthemighty.com/gear-tech/this-plane-beat-flying-fortress>

One Last Call Before Final Flight

In a hospice room the family of Bill Donovan put up a group photo of him during WW II while undergoing torpedo bomber training – which included President George H.W. Bush. So, President Bush called him.

<http://www.ocala.com/news/20180705/george-hw-bush-called-dying-comrade-in-ocala>

A Flying 1/3 Scale B-17G

A crew of one, but a wow factor of 10.

<http://www.saukvalley.com/2018/07/05/bally-bomber-comes-in-for-a-landing/a97llpa/>

A Tough Climb to a Crash site in Gunung Telapak Buruk

Found by accident the fate of a B-24 operated by the British can be seen after a good long hike. The site is maintained by the Malaya Historical Group.

<http://says.com/my/lifestyle/hiking-gunung-telapak-buruk-find-famous-world-war-ii-plane-wreckage-history>

The Modern L-4 Grasshopper Observation Aircraft

No pilot on board drones – but on the ground looking and watching in real-time for civilian uses in South Africa.

https://aopa.org/news-and-media/all-news/2018/july/09/the-new-watchmen?utm_source=drone&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=180710drone

Crewmen of B-26 Recovered – Remains to be buried at Arlington

B-26s were, for a short time, part of the 8th AF. They were removed and put into the 9th Tactical Air Force where they carried out short range tactical/strategic missions depending on the situation on the ground. B-26s had a low loss rate due to never

having to go deep into enemy territory and their high speed, often above 220 MPH vs the normal 155 MPH of a B-17, and 165 MPH of the B-24. When caught by Luftwaffe a/c however, ½ to 2/3 of a squadron could be shot down in less than 10 minutes.

<http://www.courant.com/news/connecticut/hc-winsted-airman-world-war-ii-arlington-0708-story.html>

WW II Carry-on Not Allowed in Vienna

An 75mm HE shell found on the ground is a good souvenir – but not as a carry-on to an airplane. It looks like a German shell from the photo.

<https://www.dw.com/en/american-tourist-takes-unexploded-wwii-munition-to-vienna-airport/a-44611194>

Another “Joe” In The Army

Joining before the war, but ending up “for the duration” Joseph Glenn Lipford served as a tank driver, AT Gunner, and other duties in the MED in WW II.

<https://www.thetomahawk.com/community-news/chronology-of-a-local-hero/>

A Canadian “Joe” In The Italian Campaign

Sheridan “Sherry” Atkinson Stormed ashore in Operation Husky in 1943 and fought till the end of the war. “. . . on the way in to the beach he could hear the whoosh of 15-inch shells from the bombardment ship HMS Roberts passing overhead.”

<https://www.ctvnews.ca/canada/the-thinning-ranks-of-canadian-second-world-war-veterans-1.4002543>

How Napoleon’s Defeat in Russia is Celebrated in the USA on July 4

To be an American is to take bits and pieces of culture and events everywhere and make them into something new. That is true of Tchaikovsky’s “1812 Overture”.

<https://www.pri.org/stories/2018-07-04/its-ironic-we-play-1812-overture-fourth-july-celebrations>

The USA turns 250 in just 8 Years

And the planning of the event is under way in many places. “Altogether, of the 56 men who signed our great Declaration, five were taken prisoner, 12 had their homes sacked, two lost their sons, nine died in the war itself,” President Ford said in his 1976 speech.”

<http://jamiedupree.blog.wsbradio.com/2018/07/04/usa-250-the-semiquincentennial-just-8-years-away/>

The Ferguson Rifle of the Revolutionary War – A Rifle almost no one knows about

A breech loading single shot musket – long before its time.

<http://www.thedrive.com/the-war-zone/21948/the-british-army-hoped-this-rifle-couldve-helped-halt-the-american-revolution>

How Chocolate Almost start A War in England while Fighting the Boers in South Africa

“The problem was that all of the country’s top chocolate makers Cadbury, Fry and Rowntree were owned by Quakers. They were pacifists, opposed to the war and they were appalled by the idea of being seen to profit from the fighting.”

<http://www.newsandstar.co.uk/news/120-year-old-chocolate-tin-made-in-Carlisle-for-Boer-War-to-go-under-the-hammer-084d8df4-2853-4ec9-9e18-f380a41dc50f-ds>

A Plaque for the Rough Riders in Cuba

While covering the hurricane hitting Cuba a TV reporter is told about a bronze plaque made to commemorate the spot where Teddy Roosevelt and the Rough Riders landed during the Spanish American war.

<https://www.wfla.com/news/local-news/tampa-rough-riders-restore-piece-of-american-history-in-cuba/1283657765>

A Gooney Bird for Food

A WW II C-47/DC-3 Has been converted into serving food at a museum in California.

<https://www.nbcdfw.com/news/local/WWII-Plane-Converted-Into-Food-Truck-to-Help-Children-487786131.html>

RAF Turns 100

And they get to Buzz Buckingham Palace.

<https://www.newsweek.com/here-why-100-military-aircraft-just-buzzed-buckingham-palace-queens-delight-1015651>

Specialized Ground Support Aircraft – Army or Air Force owned Still Rages

One of the first aircraft was the OV-1 Mohawk.

<http://www.thedrive.com/the-war-zone/22105/the-ov-1-mohawk-was-one-of-the-u-s-militarys-first-forgotten-light-attack-planes>

Use A Canteen To Disable A Type-95 Tank

Or if you need the water just use your rifle with a well-aimed shot to take it out of action.

<https://www.wearethemighty.com/history/how-gis-fought-japanese-tanks>

One Of Last Surviving Battle Of Britain Pilots Dies

Wing Commander Tom Neil dies 3 days before he turned 98. "He flew Hurricanes with No 249 Squadron throughout the Battle of Britain and is credited with having destroyed more than 17 enemy aircraft, most of them during the Battle of Britain."

<https://www.forces.net/news/one-last-surviving-battle-britain-pilots-dies>

New Book out about Battle of Britain

Life and Death in the Battle of Britain based on the diary kept by Chaplain Guy Mayfield who was stationed at Duxford. [Life and Death in the Battle of Britain](#) (Amazon link)

Egypt on the Side of the Allies in WW II

Though Germany tried to actively gain allies in the Middle East in WW II, almost all nations tried to avoid a German alliance and either remained "neutral" or sided with the allies – which Egypt did.

<https://www.haaretz.com/middle-east-news/egypt/.premium-shattering-the-myth-about-egyptian-elites-supporting-the-nazis-in-wwii-1.6264715>

Government Lays Down the Re-Enactor Rules

"This is my playground and you have to follow my rules." The US Government, via the Army and the National Parks Service, is now telling re-enactors that they have to be trained to the same military level of officer and leadership and command authority for all re-enactors – or they cannot play on Government land.

<http://baltimorepostexaminer.com/battle-of-the-bulge-cancellation-reenactors-have-nobody-to-blame-but-themselves/2018/07/16>

He-219 Restoration Problems

How do you restore accurately when there are no blueprints?

The unassembled He 219 is currently on display at the Museum's Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center. If all goes well, in about a year the aircraft will be put back together.

<https://www.airspacemag.com/history-of-flight/in-the-museum-8-180969505/>

PT-305 Fully Operational

A true combat veteran boat in working order, without the live ammo and torpedoes of course, on Lake Pontchartrain.

https://www.theadvocate.com/new_orleans/multimedia/photos/collection_67eedec-8df7-11e8-8dac-2f288a01f352.html#9

A Lancaster Goes to Vancouver

Once on the waterfront of Toronto, it has been in storage since 1999 and now is being sold to British Columbia Aviation Museum on Vancouver Island.

<https://toronto.citynews.ca/2018/07/22/toronto-preparing-part-ways-piece-aviation-history/>

How Uniforms Turned to Camo

Until the 1800s most military uniforms was made to be seen – not unseen.

<https://www.outdoorhub.com/stories/2018/07/18/history-realtree-camouflage/>

RAF Delivery Pilot Dies at 101

Trained to ferry aircraft around Great Britain during WW II, Mary Ellis joined the ATA in 1941.

“Sometimes, as her efficiently compiled Logbook of those years between 1941 and 1946 reveals, she could have up to four aircraft in a day to deliver, ranging from Spitfires to Tempests, Hudsons, or a twin-engine Airspeed Oxford.”

In 1945, after the war ended, Ellis was invited to join the RAF and became one of the first women to fly the Meteor jet fighter, according to Foreman.

<https://www.smh.com.au/national/wartime-aircraft-delivery-pilot-overcame-male-opposition-20180727-p4zu0c.html>

General Hans-Jürgen von Arnim’s Staff car restored.

Driven by him to surrender in 1943, it was on display for many years but now restored to the way it was in 1943.

<https://www.sussexexpress.co.uk/news/german-general-s-car-seized-by-royal-sussex-regiment-in-second-world-war-is-brought-back-to-life-1-8574448>

Ju-52 Crashes in Switzerland

Owned by a sight-seeing tour company, and built in 1939, it crashed into a mountain killing all 20 aboard. Cause of the accident is still unknown.

In recent days, Switzerland has been hit by a heat wave that has pushed daytime temperatures above 30 degrees Celsius (86 degrees Fahrenheit).

[Editor’s note: The crash occurred at 8,000 feet and thus heat and altitude is unusual and not often though about in Europe. Mountain flying the USA in the west pilots are always warned about problems of flight at high density altitude and performance issues.]

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/08/05/world/europe/switzerland-plane-crash.html>

B-17 Shot Down in 1944 Discovered in 2016

Found while scuba diving at 260 feet of water, the Pilot, Second Lt. Ernest Vienneau, was still in the pilot’s seat.

<https://nypost.com/2018/07/30/photographer-helps-solve-mystery-of-missing-wwii-bomber/>

Lt Chin – First USA Ace of WW II

Flying Bi-planes against the Japanese Army planes over China since 1937, he was an ace before the US officially entered the war. In 1949, he settled in Portland, Oregon, where he had grown up.

Aa post office in Aloha, Oregon is now named the "Major Arthur Chin Post Office". Building."

<https://warisboring.com/55126-2/>

Little Known Military Museums in Oregon

Word of mouth is all the advertisement that these museums get.

- Marion Carl Museum in Hubbard Oregon
- Marion Carl Museum at the Roseburg Airport
- Indian Museum in Jefferson Oregon (20 miles or so south of Salem)

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Next Chapter meeting August 11, 2018

Rick Duggan is our speaker at this meeting.

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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.

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