

Oregon Chapter 8<sup>th</sup> Air Force Historical Society  
*History News for September 2018*



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## **VMF-121 Guadalcanal 1942 – Foss's Flying Circus – One Pilot Still Left**

Sam Folsom arrived on Guadalcanal with a total of 14 hours of training in F4F Wildcats. The next day he flew his first combat mission against the Japanese. He is the last living member from that group of pilots who fought for 3 months out of Henderson field.  
<https://www.stripes.com/last-living-member-of-marine-aviation-legend-joe-foss-flying-circus-recalls-guadalcanal-1.545362>

## **A Model Of Aviation**

He's donated more than 100 models of World War II, Korean War and Vietnam War planes to the Illinois Veterans Home, hoping to help its All Wars Museum have one of the largest displays of military miniatures in the country, and two of his most recent projects had a role in Saturday's dedication of Col. George J. Iles Elementary School.  
<https://www.whig.com/20180804/reproducing-history#>

## **Revisionist Political Correctness Comes to Cambridge**

Jan Smuts, who died decades ago, was a wartime leader from SA during the Boer War and during WW II. He was a Dean at Cambridge and now they are working to remove his name and other effect from the school. Churchill is next on the list of unwanted reminders of past famous people.  
<https://samilhistory.com/2018/08/07/about-turn-smuts-bust-and-portrait-to-remain-in-place/>

## **Frontier Tactics and WW II**

How the British fighting in India translated that knowledge of fighting to train officers in multiple wars.  
<http://smallwarsjournal.com/jrnl/art/cutting-their-teeth-or-tying-their-hands-northwest-frontier-tactics-and-world-war-1897>

## **Historical Markers – Not Always Accurate**

“An historic marker located outside the Cherokee Club building in Ybor City says Cuban freedom fighter Jose Marti slept there on Nov. 25, 1891. But the building wasn't finished until late 1895, and Marti was dead by then.”

[https://www.tampabay.com/news/Historians-ponder-what-to-do-about-erroneous-historic-markers\\_170515053](https://www.tampabay.com/news/Historians-ponder-what-to-do-about-erroneous-historic-markers_170515053)

## **Need a WW II RAF Command Center? Yours for \$3 million**

Bentley Priory was RAF HQ during WW II – lots of estates were taken over by the Allies for HQ use during the War – and now in private hands you can buy a suite.

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2018-08-10/bentley-priory-dowding-suite-wwii-command-turned-3-million-flat>

## **Rent A War Hero Room on Vacation**

Alexander Murray, 8th Earl of Dunmore's house, now has a room available to rent. Murray became the only journalist to receive the Victoria Cross.

<https://www.housebeautiful.com/uk/lifestyle/property/a22682784/rent-lancaster-gate-apartment-british-war-hero-victoria-cross/>

## **A US Army Base Named After an Enlisted Man - Laurinburg-Maxton Air Base**

Normally the Parade Field is named after an enlisted man, and bases after officers, but this base is an exception.

<https://www.laurinburgexchange.com/news/16868/history-department-reconnects-with-1940s-army-wwii-glider-and-laurinburg-maxton-air-base>

## **Removal of a Poem – Censorship Goes Wild**

Manchester University got a "Two-Fer" Censorship win when they got to remove a Mural AND a Poem at the same time – of Rudyard Kipling's "If" – since it was a mural painting of his poem.

<https://theboar.org/2018/08/kipling-2/>

## **Heat and Fire Reveals New History**

One of the side effects of heat and low water is that items that were buried are now being found.

<https://www.newsweek.com/world-war-ii-plane-uncovered-heat-wave-swiss-alps-1074363>

## **Parts of a B-25 Still in NC Lake Badin**

On June 8, 1944 a pilot on a training flight went to a lake to circle it to say "Hello" to his wife – and crashed into the lake.

<https://www.charlotteobserver.com/news/local/article215659025.html>

## **Stern of USS Abner Read Found Off Adak**

The ship hit a Japanese mine and it sheared off the stern. Researches found it in 290 feet of water.

<https://www.charlotteobserver.com/news/local/article215659025.html>

## **August 12, 1898 Spanish American War Ends**

"A Splendid Little War" that was a result of a accident left the USA a Global Power.

<https://www.politico.com/story/2018/08/12/spanish-american-war-ends-aug-12-1898-766208>

## **Bells of Balangiga to return to Philippines?**

The bells gained their notoriety in September 1901, when Filipino nationalists rang them to signal an ambush of U.S. soldiers occupying the town. Forty-eight of 74 soldiers were killed, according to the Wyoming State Historical Society, and all but four were wounded. They were taken after the US re-captured the town.

[https://www.gillette-newsrecord.com/news/wyoming/article\\_98975632-8b9c-52c6-98af-faa633159f3b.html](https://www.gillette-newsrecord.com/news/wyoming/article_98975632-8b9c-52c6-98af-faa633159f3b.html)

## **Lightening Does Strike Twice - F-35 Strikes A Problem**

"The F-35 Joint Strike Fighter may be named the "Lightning II" in homage to two of Lockheed Martin's World War II-era aircraft, but it turns out at least one variant can't actually handle the lightning at all."

<https://taskandpurpose.com/f-35-lightning-rods-marine-corps/>

## **First Flight of a Jet on Nov 1, 1939**

The endurance of the Heinkel 178 was 10 minutes.

<https://www.indiatoday.in/education-today/gk-current-affairs/story/worlds-first-fighter-jet-1324323-2018-08-27>

## **Tuskegee Crew chief James Sheppard Dead at 93**

His work ethic and style was portrayed in the movie "Red Tails" by George Lucas.

<https://www.pressherald.com/2018/08/26/crew-chief-with-famed-tuskegee-airmen-to-be-buried/>

## **Lucky Once, OK, but 7 Times?**

5 People who were at the wrong place but lived to tell about it.

<https://topyaps.com/amazing-life-stories>

## **Missing Portrait: Marine Commandant Lt. Col. Gale**

Out of the 37 who have led the Corps, he is the only one without a portrait.

<https://www.wearethemighty.com/history/historys-lost-marine-corps-commandant?rebellitem=1#rebellitem1>

## **History of Mt. Philo in Vermont**

<https://www.mychamplainvalley.com/news/this-place-in-history-mt-philo/1390341820>

## **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)

### ***Oregon Chapter 8<sup>th</sup> AFHS;***

### ***Next Chapter meeting November 3, 2018***

*Doors open at 10 AM at the  
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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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