

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

September 4, 1901 End of the Boxer Rebellion

In 1901, the Peace of Peking, ended what was a years long rebellion against non-Chinese people in China.

A good book about the US Effort on Relief of Peking is: [Reilly's Battery: A story of the Boxer Rebellion](#) (amazon link)

Why Canadian Military is often Forgotten – In Canada

The last real American Military Invasion occurred in the War of 1812 – and it failed – and now only tourists invade Canada from the USA. Their military is often ignored in debates due to that fact.

<http://theconversation.com/why-canadians-pay-little-attention-to-their-military-101236>

Victory Day in Malta

Malta celebrates two Victories on September 8- a 1565 and the other 1945.

<http://www.independent.com.mt/articles/2018-09-08/local-news/Turning-the-tide-The-path-to-World-War-Two-victory-in-Malta-6736196026>

Victoria Cross Recipient Filip Konowal

"I mopped up overseas with a rifle and here I just mop up with a mop."

<http://www.independent.com.mt/articles/2018-09-08/local-news/Turning-the-tide-The-path-to-World-War-Two-victory-in-Malta-6736196026>

Factory Work is not always Safe

On July 1, 1918 the shell filling factory at Chilwel had an explosion. They put the 130+ killed into a mass grave. Similar explosions have occurred for centuries. One reason many manufacturer's built factories into the side of hills – so incase one blew the rest of the work did not stop. DuPont had one factory explode in the USA. Also ammunition ships sometimes exploded – on their own.

<https://www.derbytelegraph.co.uk/news/nostalgia/cause-deadly-ammunition-factory-blast-1987595>

10 Unexpected Victories in War

Victory or disaster all depends on which side you are on. This new book examines 10 battles where, on paper, one side should have easily won – but did not.

[Snafu: Unexpected Military Disasters in History](#)

Dam Busters Bomb on Display in Canada

Custom made replica of the Wallis “depth charge bomb” and the special rack for it on the Lancaster is there.

<https://www.skiesmag.com/news/bouncing-bomb-at-bomber-command-museum-of-canada/>

Restoring Aircraft in Danville Illinois

World War II aircraft restorer Mike Vadeboncoeur says the airplanes he and his business restores are kind of like children. After it takes years to restore them, “off they go to their homes.”

He is based at Vermilion Regional Airport.

http://www.commercial-news.com/news/local_news/restoring-aviation-s-past/article_9cfcb5e8-55bc-53f3-82c0-ac7ca3a795b0.html

Annual Wheel and Wings In Camas

Put it on your calendar for next year.

<https://www.camapostrecord.com/news/2018/sep/13/wheels-wings/>

The Boer War and the Creation of the Boy and Girl Scouts

“Lord Robert Baden-Powell wrote a book titled “Scouting for Boys.” A cavalry officer during the Boer War, he wrote about the games and techniques he used to train his troops in scouting.”

<https://www.japantimes.co.jp/community/2018/09/12/how-tos/century-baden-powells-scouts-span-169-nations-including-japan/#.W72qVGhKhhE>

Win The War But Get Fired

Not too many leaders win a war and get fired due to it. PM Churchill is one, right for war wrong for peace so he was booted out of office.

Russell Alger was Secretary of War under President McKinley during the Spanish American War and he so miss-managed the military, both before the war and the year afterwards, he was fired.

He wrote a book blaming everyone else for the problems in the Military – except himself.

<http://www.tribtoday.com/news/local-news/2018/09/secretary-of-war-alger-offers-his-resignation/>

Flying Cars Still Being Created

Ever since the 1930s people have created flying cars – but only in the comics. A new modern take on the car without props.

<https://robbreport.com/motors/aviation/jetcopter-vtol-could-land-in-parking-lot-2818265/>

Tecumseh Put out to Pasture

When it is time to retire most people get a pension, this retiree just gets a pasture.

<https://toronto.citynews.ca/2018/09/19/tecumseh-police-horse-rides-sunset/>

1st Production Boeing 777 Flies to Museum

The 777 flew on September 18 from Cathay Pacific's Hong Kong hub to Tucson Arizona, destined for that city's Pima Air and Space Museum.

Read more: <http://www.traveller.com.au/first-ever-boeing-777-donated-to-aviation-museum-by-cathay-pacific-h15wi1#ixzz5TVz81ARf>

Bombing the Fleet in 1923

Gen. Billy Mitchell of the U.S. Army Air Service began testing weapons launched from Bombers. In 1923 he convinced the War Department to Test his ideas and as a result the Virginia and New Jersey, decommissioned in 1920, were anchored off Diamond Shoals as bombing targets and sunk by bombers.

<https://www.charlotteobserver.com/news/state/north-carolina/article217851625.html>

Pack Mules and Men – The Mules have it Easier

You go into combat with what you can carry, and for men, and women, the combat weight that you carry around during combat has gone up from around 15 pounds of “stuff” in the early 1700s, to over 140 pounds you take with you into the field.

<https://www.defenseone.com/ideas/2018/09/us-military-must-lighten-warfighters-loads/151673/>

Don't Know Where You Are – Look Down

Common in the USA in the 1930s, towns along flyways spelled out their names in white rocks so that pilots could see where they were by looking down. This was done in Ireland in WW II so that Allied and Axis planes would know they are going to be interned if they land there. Around 300 British and 100 Germans were interned in Ireland during WW II.

<https://www.independent.ie/irish-news/news/wwii-ire-sign-discovered-by-drone-footage-in-donegal-37360686.html>

Around the World in 76 Days

Unlike Phineas Fogg in the novel, Mason William Andrews got into his PA-32 and flew solo around the world setting 3 aviation records in the process.

<https://www.thenewsstar.com/story/news/local/louisiana/2018/10/06/louisiana-teen-brings-home-three-world-aviation-records/1536737002/>

Japan to get a real Carrier?

The Chinese has built and launched a homebuilt carrier recently, and Japan WAS the leading carrier maker for the first 50 years of the 20th century till the end of WW II when they all had been sunk. Then their constitution prohibited having them when it was written. Times have changed and now Japan may change their constitution to allow it.

<https://www.defenseone.com/ideas/2018/10/does-japan-need-aircraft-carrier/151802/>

Medical Advances IDs another USS Oklahoma Serviceman

Killed as a result of the Japanese attack on December 7, 1941, Navy Seaman Second Class William V. Campbell's remains was positively separated and IDed from the other 46 unknowns recently.

<https://www.johnsoncitypress.com/History/2018/10/05/Carter-Pearl-Harbor-casualty-finally-returning-home-thanks-to-advances-in-science>

C-109 Missing Crewmen from July 1945 Identified

1st Lt Allen Turner and flight engineer Joseph I Natvick were reported missing on 17 July 1945 flying to China. Their plane was a tanker aircraft carrying aviation fuel to the 14th Air Force in China. 14th still exists and is now at Vandenburg Air Force Base.

http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/articleshow/66093960.cms?utm_source=contentofinterest&utm_medium=text&utm_campaign=cppst

Two Stones 1 Death

A government issued headstone was delivered to his next of kin, but they already had one so they used it as "fill" in their new house.

"Sgt. Charles Hammer, a veteran of the Spanish-American War, is buried in Oakwood Cemetery near Beaver Dam." A headstone was discovered at his sister and brother-in-law's former home at the corner of Rowell and South Center streets.

https://www.wiscnews.com/bdc/news/local/headstone-mystery-solved-missing-soldier-s-body-buried-at-oakwood/article_23c385e1-4c33-5ab2-859e-704c2bc05d20.html

Preserving Battlefields and Non-Battlefields related to Battles

This week, U.S. Sen. Roy Blunt, R-Mo., joined his colleagues from Georgia, Virginia and Mississippi to introduce the Preserving America's Battlefields Act S.3505. It reauthorizes the Battlefield Land Acquisitions Grants Program, which provides matching

grants to acquire and preserve battlefields from the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812 and the Civil War.

http://www.joplinglobe.com/opinion/columns/our-view-preserving-deathless-fields/article_c1caf6df-cfb7-50b8-ad9e-7ae5e745d60b.html

Boer War to Dunkirk

John 'Pop' Kennedy got his start before the turn of century in the Boer war and saw first-hand how combat had changed from charging horses to charging tanks when he was still serving at Dunkirk in 1940.

<https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/7440654/john-pop-kennedy-servedboer-somme-dunkirk-in-ww2/>

Peter Jackson – Colorizing WW I

Lord of the Rings director Peter Jackson has taken over 100 hours of original WW I film and colorized and soundized it to show WW I events in color. The effects seem to be more accurate than previous colorization attempts of B&W film footage even of the 2nd WW.

<https://www.indiewire.com/2018/10/peter-jackson-world-war-one-footage-restored-colored-1202010938/>

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Next Chapter meeting November 3, 2018

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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.