

Oregon Chapter 8th Air Force Historical Society

History News for April 2019



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Modern Medicine is here due to Wars

This was true from the very beginning of wars. However, from the mid-1700s the use of organized medicine, and research to help the wounded get back into combat, was more organized. As the armies got larger the need became more apparent and with the advent of the Spanish American War, and the Boer War, due to the sizes of the armies it became even more pressing. In American for the Spanish American War: "The biggest problem at this time was the inadequate supply of health care, including hospitals, doctors, and nurses. This made care and treatments scarce, to the point that there was an incurable ward, where it was said that it was nearly impossible to differentiate between the living and dead."

The modern health care system for civilians is all due to the needs of the military to save soldiers since the training was becoming so long that it is more efficient to save them than to train another.

http://www.northwestgeorgianews.com/walker-county-history-sickness-at-camp-thomas/article_cf7b4b02-407d-11e9-8031-c35e7061ae84.html

Severe Weather Is Nothing New – Ask the Spanish Empire

A total of 91.2 per cent of Spanish ships over a 400 year period were sunk by tropical storms, hurricanes and other severe weather events, according to the results of the study.

https://elpais.com/elpais/2019/03/01/inenglish/1551436896_082581.html

Crossing the Rhine in March of 1945

Last time an enemy crossed the Rhine River from the west was by emperor Napoleon.

<https://www.pulse.com.gh/bi/politics/74-years-ago-us-troops-became-the-first-to-cross-the-rhine-since-napoleon-here-are-8/sgknxs7>

American Legion Turns 100

Founded as a fraternal order of military personnel of any branch soon after the end of World War I. This is just one post of many. Most fraternal orders or similar organizations, are disappearing mainly due to the modern Internet communications.

https://www.stwnewspress.com/news/local_news/american-legion-celebrates-th-anniversary/article_9e058a1d-46c3-576d-9bbd-db49fe6aeb2.html

US Aircraft Carrier Fleet to Shrink to 10

As times change the needs change. However, since it takes 3 to 5 years to build a carrier not deploying them does not mean scraping them. With small drones you can convert most any ship into an effective carrier in a few weeks – like what the British did during the Falklands war.

<https://foxtrotalpha.jalopnik.com/is-the-age-of-the-aircraft-carrier-at-an-end-thanks-to-1833297085>

Celebrating D-Day A bit Early

Lots of historical aircraft will actually be in Normandy for the 75th – so some places have to have the event a bit early if they want aircraft to fly.

Air Mobility Command Museum at Dover Air Force Base will commemorate the 75th anniversary of the World War II D-Day operations in France with a series of special events from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, May 3 and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, May 4.

<https://www.middletontranscript.com/news/20190317/amc-museum-to-observe-d-day-with-aircraft-flyovers>

Navy Museum in DC Gets a Plaque for Navy Ace Cmdr Charles Walter Brewer

Museum officials say the impressive 150-pound plaque — from a former Navy base named for Brewer on Guam — has been out of public view for the last 25 years.

https://www.tulsaworld.com/news/local/late-world-war-ii-flying-ace-from-tulsa-to-be/article_6c4d489a-e405-515c-acaf-82692aad8d4e.html

Richard J. Crosbie, 96, of Feasterville-Trevose, a Navy physicist whose research in aeronautics helped pave the way for the exploration of space, died Tuesday, March 5

In the years before and during World War II, the blackout problem encountered by Navy pilots, due to the accelerations of their aircraft during air combat and dive-bombing maneuvers, became of great concern to aviation physiologists," Mr. Crosbie wrote in an undated history of the device.

<https://www.philly.com/obituaries/richard-j-crosbie-physicist-aeronautics-research-space-flight--20190315.html>

Japan Commissions 10th Attack Submarine

The submarine JS Shoryu was delivered by Kawasaki Heavy Industries, the shipbuilder's 28th submarine since World War II.

<https://maritime-executive.com/article/japan-commissions-tenth-soryu-class-submarine>

PV-1 Gets a Display Stand In Orlando

Crews spent hours to carefully move and place a restored PV-1 Ventura plane. The twin-engine bomber will be housed and put on display inside the airport's newest terminal when it opens.

<https://www.clickorlando.com/news/new-airport-terminal-to-feature-historic-plane-at-orlando-sanford-international-airport>

America's First Jet Fighter XP-59A

The location was Muroc Army Air Field located between the San Bernardino and Shadow Mountains and named in reverse for the Corum brothers who had settled the area.

<https://news.yahoo.com/meet-bell-xp-59a-fighter-200600642.html>

Photos from the Afrika Corps

A photo essay of archival images taken by German and Allied Photographers 1940 thru 1943 in Africa.

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-6821659/Deadly-Panzer-tanks-heavy-weaponry-Rommel-used-against-Allies-WWII.html>

From The Telegraph, London.

Edward Simpson, who has died aged 96, was a mathematician and statistician who led the solution of some of the most important Italian and Japanese codes and ciphers broken at Bletchley Park during the Second World War.

Simpson was one of the cryptanalysts who broke the Italian Navy's Hagelin C38M cipher, allowing the Royal Navy to intercept the Italian supply ships taking fuel and equipment to Rommel's Afrika Korps. The Italian messages included the supply convoys' times of departure, routes and times of arrival at the various ports in North Africa, allowing Royal Navy submarines to pick them off at will.

So many supply ships were sunk that, in the wake of the Battle of El Alamein in late 1942, Rommel had only 11 serviceable tanks. T

Naming Ships After Land Battles – Not in the Canadian Navy!

"Although themes drawn from the War of 1812 were deemed viable, the naming of warships after historically significant land battles has not proven to resonate well with Canadians and is not consistent with Royal Canadian Navy practice."

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/navy-supply-ships-war-1812-1.5057292>

Diving for Artifacts

Some people scuba dive for the fun - Walter F. Olszowy did it for the artifacts that could be found. It was a fertile location. His favorite place to dive was the Niagara

River, assisted by a metal detector, Mr. Olszowy brought up jewelry, bags of cash, scores of discarded guns and hundreds of bottles.

<https://buffalonews.com/2019/03/14/walter-f-olszowy-87-scuba-diver-who-retrieved-thousands-of-items-underwater/>

New Book on a Forgotten Hero - Commodore Joshua Barney

Barney greatly distinguished himself during the War of 1812, commanding the Chesapeake Bay gunboat flotilla and then a brigade of sailors and marines who offered the stoutest resistance to the British in the Battle of Bladensburg (August 24, 1814). The US lost the battle which allowed the British to burn Washington DC.

Amazon link: [Joshua Barney: Hero of the Revolution and 1812](#)

<https://www.strategypage.com/bookreviews/1784>

Maritime Thrillers Inspired By Real Events

Robert N. Macomber's popular maritime thrillers describe the life and career of a U.S. naval officer, from the Civil War in Florida to the years beyond the Spanish-American War in 1898.

Amazon Link: [Honoring the Enemy: A Captain Peter Wake Novel](#)

<http://www.83degreesmedia.com/features/Tampa-history-featured-in-new-novel-031919.aspx>

Air & Auto Museum in Hood River

The Columbia River Gorge Scenic area is just that – but there are other things within the gorge to see besides water, woods and rocks. At Ken Jernstead Airfield 1600 Air Museum Road in Hood River, Oregon the Western Antique Aeroplane and Automobile Museum is there to visit 7 days a week 9 AM to 5 PM.

www.waaamuseum.org

Weather Events That Altered American Battles

The military can plan for even weather – but it does not always cooperate.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/history/2019/03/20/weird-weather-saved-america-three-times/?noredirect=on&utm_term=.f1c29edd4a42

69 Years of Navy Nurses

At least as formal part of the navy. It wasn't until the Army-Navy Nurses Act of April 1947 that Congress authorized permanent commissioned rank and permanent integration of Reserves into the Regular Navy.

http://www.camplejeuneglobe.com/news/globe-flashback-navy-nurse-corps-celebrates-anniversary/article_8ff0e008-4b29-11e9-81dd-2f943e96d1f6.html

Coming to Your Town Soon

Historical Firearm Collection Confiscated in Murcia. A total of 39 were sized and then given to a museum.

https://murciatoday.com/historic-firearms-confiscated-in-murcia_883770-a.html

A-26 Crew Recovered

On March 21, 1945, Army Air Forces 2nd Lt. Lynn W. Hadfield, 26, of Salt Lake City, was piloting a bomber from France to Germany in WWII when it was hit by enemy fire and crashed.

They were only discovered and recovered in November of 2018.

<https://www.deseretnews.com/article/900061457/after-74-years-utah-woman-on-thursday-will-bury-father-whose-wwii-bomber-was-shot-down-over-germany.html>

<https://www.argunners.com/2-pilots-missing-since-world-war-ii-finally-accounted/>

Analysis of The Boeing Max-8 Problem

Solving one set of problems created others and this led to fixes on fixes that made the plane NOT a 737 of old.

<https://www.vox.com/business-and-finance/2019/3/29/18281270/737-max-faa-scandal-explained>

New Flight Restrictions Proposed for Model Aircraft

Last month, the FAA issued an advanced notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPRM) regarding the safe and secure operations of small unmanned aircraft systems (UAS). In this ANPRM, the FAA is currently seeking comments on potential new rulemaking for operational and performance restrictions on UAS, including model aircraft.

Visit www.regulations.gov and search for Docket No. FAA – 2018 - 1086; Notice No. 18-08. The current deadline for submitting comments is 11:59 pm on April 15, 2019.

Never ask the Navy to Recover a Plane

In order to recover a plane under the water, or anywhere, you have to ask the Navy. And 99.5% of the time they will say no – they will rather have it disintegrate and disappear rather than have to be recovered and restored for display. And if you happen to not know the rules, recover and restore it, they come and take it away from you and you get nothing.

<https://www.pnj.com/story/news/military/2019/03/21/pensacolas-naval-aviation-museum-hopes-revive-trade-and-exchange/3155718002/>

Training accidents were Common in WW II

Over 10,000 occurred with around 6,000 planes lost in the USA during the war. One B-24 crashed in Florida in 1944.

The 129-building NAS Melbourne was commissioned from October 1942 to February 1946. Today, the airfield is Orlando Melbourne International Airport. More than 2,200 fighter pilots learned how to fly Grumman F4F Wildcats and F6F Hellcats.

<https://www.floridatoday.com/story/news/2019/03/25/wwii-eau-gallie-b-24-bomber-crash-killed-10-airmen-marks-75th-anniversary/3070667002/>

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Next Chapter meeting May 11, 2019

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The Oregon 8thAFHS maintains a person on the club roster for up to one year 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.