

Oregon Chapter 8<sup>th</sup> Air Force Historical Society  
*History News for October 2019*



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## **Collings Foundation 909 Landing Accident**

There are lots of articles on this out there but here is a summary of what occurred after reading / watching / listening to around 15 different ones – and also reading the preliminary NTSB report.

1. Took off normally then a few minutes into flight contacted tower requesting return to land due to a #4 engine magneto problem
2. Did a normal downwind and turned onto final
3. Did not lower flaps
4. No indication of what the throttle settings were
5. Other 3 engines normal
6. No issues with fuel at airport
7. *Landed short of runway onto the grass and veered right into the de-icing complex*
8. Caught fire
9. People not initially hurt evacuated out after it stopped
10. Nose to tail then burned out

A lot of the reported stated it crashed which most people understand as falling from the sky in an uncontrolled manner. It was on the ground on rollout and hit airport items.

The final NTSB report, like most of them, will take two years or so before we get their known facts and guesses ("probable cause" in their language) as to what happened.  
*A short history of 909*

<https://www.popularmechanics.com/military/aviation/a29355534/nine-o-nine-b-17/>

## **95<sup>th</sup> BG Reunion in Savannah Georgia Nov 7-11**

Need to fill out a registration form to attend.

<http://95thbg.org/j3migr/83-events/brads-reunion-blog/427-join-us-in-historic-savannah-november-7-11-2019>

## **Forgeries Are Not New**

One of the best to be used in the past 100 years was the fake one that claimed to be from Nazi Germany plan about taking over South American once they won the war.

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/world/1174437/WW2-news-hitler-map-nazi-propaganda-roosevelt>

## B-29 at Hill AFB

Exterior only, it cannot fly, named "Straight Flush" it entered US Army Air Corps service in 1945 with the 509th Composite Group. The group conducted atomic warfare and nuclear weapons training at Wendover Field in Utah.

[https://www.standard.net/news/military/hill-afb-museum-s-restored-wwii-bomber-has-a-story/article\\_2ce595d1-b2ff-5bf5-99b0-2cc72fd3f755.html](https://www.standard.net/news/military/hill-afb-museum-s-restored-wwii-bomber-has-a-story/article_2ce595d1-b2ff-5bf5-99b0-2cc72fd3f755.html)

## He-111 Artwork for a Rock Band

Some things you would not expect to see on an Album Cover – a night Version of an diving HE-111 with a rock band logo.

In 1979, artist Adrian Chesterman used the Heinkel kit to help him create the sleeve for the album, which features Lemmy Kilmister, "Fast" Eddie Clarke and "Philthy" Animal Taylor crewing the World War II German aircraft.

Note: Real He-111-H6s did not have ball turrets!



Airfix has put out a model kit with the bands' logos on it.



The classic photo of an HE 111 over the bend of the Thames during a daylight raid on London. The Night Blitz of London started September 6, 1940. Luftwaffe photo.

<https://ultimateclassicrock.com/motorhead-bomber-model/>

## **Georgia WW II POW Camps**

New book out detailing the camps where German and Italian (and othes) were held after being captured during World War II.

Amazon Link: [Georgia POW Camps in World War II \(Military\)](#)

<https://gwinnettcitizen.com/local-news/4906-georgia-pow-camps-in-world-war-ii-a-book-about-georgia-s-little-known-history-in-the-second-world-war>

## **Competing to be the best actor of “Napoleon”**

For Phil Hodges, playing Napoleon on St Helena would be “like a Sunday league footballer having the chance to play at Wembley”.

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/briton-prepares-for-battle-to-be-st-helena-s-new-napoleon-lcw8380mt>

## **From Riding a Horse to Riding a Motorcycle in WW II**

Robert "Bob" Stanley Calvert joined the Army during WW II and became part of the 1176 Military Police Company, after lying about his ability to ride a motorcycle. He figured if he could ride a horse, he could ride a motorcycle.

[https://www.yakimaherald.com/obituaries/robert-s-calvert/article\\_769af558-d030-11e9-853d-1b0ba37879c9.html](https://www.yakimaherald.com/obituaries/robert-s-calvert/article_769af558-d030-11e9-853d-1b0ba37879c9.html)

## **Flag Etiquette**

It designates what military personnel and civilians should do while the national anthem plays. Individuals in uniform should salute the flag during the duration of the song. Veterans or military personnel not in uniform can salute the flag as they would if they were in uniform. Civilians should face the flag and place their right hand over their heart, while men should remove their hats.

<https://uscode.house.gov/view.xhtml?path=/prelim@title36/subtitle1/partA/chapter3&edition=prelim>

In a movie set before WW II there are 2 Americans sitting at a Berlin Café when the German National Anthem was being played and two SA men were about to pummel them before they found out that they were American and had no idea what the song being played was. It was a punishable offense to NOT stand for the German song during the NAZI era – if lucky you were just beaten up -if unlucky you were sent to a concentration camp and if a minority you were just killed.

It is normal etiquette to stand an honor flag / national song of any country you are in – even your own.

## **Spain Returns to the Philippines**

After a 121 year absence, a Spanish warship has come to the Philippines for a visit. The last time Spain had ships there was in 1898 before Admiral Dewey came to Manila Bay.

<https://thediplomat.com/2019/09/whats-in-the-first-spain-warship-voyage-to-the-philippines/>

## **The National Museum of World War II Aviation in Colorado Springs features 24 World War II**

And they all fly.

<https://kdvr.com/2019/09/09/veteran-keeps-planes-flying-at-national-museum-of-wwii-aviation-in-colorado-springs/>

## **WW II Veteran Turns 110**

You did not have to be young to get into WW II – you could be 46 and still join. Lawrence Brooks was born in 1909 which meant he was 32 when WW II came to the USA and was assigned to the Army's 91st Engineer Battalion.

The oldest WW II veteran still alive is thought to be the German Gustav Gerneth who fought on the Eastern Front and was captured.

<https://www.nationalww2museum.org/events-programs/events/125512-110th-birthday-celebration-wwii-veteran-lawrence-brooks>

## Keeping Time in the Trenches

Before the "The Great War" (WW I) most people had pocket watches. The reality of life in the 350 plus mile of trenches from Belgium through France to the Swiss boarder, and the need to know what time it was meant that that style was impractical – thus the wrist watch came to be. The US factories stepped up and produced a variety of styles – each the unique needs of each branch of service.



<https://www.hodinkee.com/articles/the-ironic-elegance-of-trench-watches>

## The First Airfield In England?

It did not last too long – the ground was too soft and muddy in Essex.

<https://www.maldonandburnhamstandard.co.uk/news/17901811.riverside-village-site-britains-first-airfield/>

## The Calvary Comes to Ft Reno

Each nation still has some cavalry troops, some ceremonial some are still practical. This means there is still a nationwide US competition for the best Calvary.

[https://www.edmondsun.com/news/local\\_news/fort-reno-to-host-u-s-cavalry/article\\_52ccd0e0-d4c9-11e9-9d2d-b7c30932a3bf.html](https://www.edmondsun.com/news/local_news/fort-reno-to-host-u-s-cavalry/article_52ccd0e0-d4c9-11e9-9d2d-b7c30932a3bf.html)

## **Unless You've Been In The Military – You Don't Really Know It**

And even then you may not unless you are actually in it, or worked around it, for at least five years. This is true for most all militaries – they are a world unto their own and most people never interact with them at all. The USA's army has been around since 1775. There are 330 million people in the USA as of 2019, only around 1 ½ million people are in the military at any given time. Overall, less than 2% of the total population has any inkling of the military and how it works.

<https://nationalinterest.org/feature/americans-have-faith-military-they-dont-understand-it-79831>

## **The USA Became a World Power in 1898**

After the Spanish-American War the USA now had oversea possessions – and no ability to get there reliably with the Navy. Thus, coal now became very important to be produced, stored and shipped to support the Navy.

Amazon book link: [Coal and Empire: The Birth of Energy Security in Industrial America](#)

<https://www.energy-reporters.com/opinion/book-review-coal-and-americas-grappling-with-empire/>

## **Nobel Peace Prize – Not what it Used to Be**

As it presently stands, this higher ideal is being ignored in order to award the Peace Prize to those who may have “contributed to peace” in a much more narrow fashion—a peace that is often lacking justice and thus short-lived.

<https://www.counterpunch.org/2019/09/19/the-sorry-state-of-the-nobel-peace-prize/>

## **Hitler's Meeting With The Arabs in 1942**

WW II was a global war, and there were attempts to add more people into the AXIS camp.

As German historian Peter Longerich explained, when Hitler met the Grand Mufti on November 28, 1941, at the Reich Chancellery in Berlin, Hitler informed him that Germany was “resolved to urge one European nation after the other, step by step, to contribute to the solution of the Jewish problem, and when the time comes to non-European peoples with a similar appeal.”

<https://jewishlinknj.com/features/33359-the-mufti-s-meeting-with-hitler-in-berlin>

Winston Churchill & Alexander Korda – Preparing America for WW II

It was much easier to control the message in the 1930s. You had radio, print and movies. If you coordinated all three you could get your message out very effectively. Movies though, has much more impact since it could combine all three methods into the movie at once. Korda's movies subtly convinced America to help the UK before we got into the active war.

“But the truth is that nobody goes to war for one reason alone and there’s no doubt these films helped shift public attitudes and convince the Americans there was an injustice that needed to be addressed.”

<https://jewishnews.timesofisrael.com/winston-churchill-the-jewish-mogul-and-the-films-that-swayed-america-to-war/>

## **Dog Tags and A River**

What do you do with a brand-new state of the art waterproof metal detector? You test it in your local river to see how it works.

[https://www.ncnewsonline.com/news/local\\_news/watery-find-reunites-family-with-dog-tags-lost-decades-ago/article\\_676b002f-c22e-53ea-af56-cff3ef210d3d.html](https://www.ncnewsonline.com/news/local_news/watery-find-reunites-family-with-dog-tags-lost-decades-ago/article_676b002f-c22e-53ea-af56-cff3ef210d3d.html)

## **The Goodwin Sands DO-17Z**

After resting at the bottom of the Channel since 1940 – the RAF Museum saw it was time to salvage the only known remaining DO-17Z in the world. Once it was raised real work begins. It is believe it is Wk-Nr 1160 , code 5K-FAR of 7./KG 3 lost on 26 August 1940.

<https://theaviationgeekclub.com/the-mystery-behind-raf-museum-dornier-do-17-world-war-ii-german-bomber/>

## **The US Army Air Corps May Return due to US Air Force “Foot Dragging”**

The US Air Force is supposed to provide all air needs of the US Army. However, due to the goals of the Air Force and Army seldom co-inside – the US Army may get its own fixed wing ground attack aircraft due to Air Force not really wanting to be in that business.

<https://www.wearethemighty.com/gear-tech/the-army-getting-attack-plane?rebellitem=2#rebellitem2>

## **US Air Force T-7A Red Hawk**

The Boeing built jet trainer now has an official name: Red Hawk.

The red tail is in Tribute to the Tuskegee Airmen and the “Hawk” is in honor of the P-40 Warhawks that they first flew in combat in North Africa in 1942/43.

<https://www.airspacemag.com/daily-planet/air-forces-new-training-aircraft-gets-old-and-honored-name-180973228/>

## **Need a Carrier?**

Brazil is set to auction off their carrier, which it had purchased from France two decades ago.

It is a bargain at \$1.275 million. It does not come with crew or planes.

<https://www.thedrive.com/the-war-zone/30023/brazils-aircraft-carrier-so-paulo-to-be-auctioned-off-after-years-of-disappointment>

## See a part of the USS Arizona without Going to Hawaii

Go to the Brevard Veterans Center to see part of the USS Arizona superstructure complete with 7.7 mm bullet holes in it.

If you go to Hawaii and go to the Museum there you can still see the bullet holes in the hanger windows – they left them there to remind people of the attack. They have both 7.7 and 20mm holes in them.

In early September Lauren Bruner died in California at age 98. He was one of the last four living crewmen who were aboard the Arizona the day of the attack.

<https://www.floridatoday.com/story/news/2019/09/24/piece-uss-arizona-battleship-pearl-harbor-arrives-brevard-veterans-center/2420005001/>

## A USS Oregon Floats Again

Well at least some of the time. The 3<sup>rd</sup> ship to carry the state's name this time is a submarine. Virginia-class submarine designated SSN 793.

<https://kval.com/news/local/uss-oregon-a-navy-attack-sub-to-be-christened-with-water-from-crater-lake-and-wine>

## Maine Memorial Wall for those who remain MIA from WW II

At the American Legion's state headquarters in Winslow a wall was dedicated on Sept. 28 to service members from Maine who went missing in action or were taken as a prisoner of war and remain unaccounted for.

In the article there are short synopsis of some of those who are MIA. It covers a wide range of service members deaths from combat – and even POWs killed by accident.

<https://bangordailynews.com/2019/10/06/news/midcoast/a-new-memorial-honors-mainers-who-never-returned-from-combat-overseas/>

## While Looking For Uncle Ben He Found the Pilot Instead

On his own time and money Alfred D. Hagen went to New Guinea to hunt for his uncles' B-25 that was lost on a mission. He instead found the remains of the pilot of the B-25 and after 21 year wait for approval the pilot was buried at Arlington.

<https://www.wusa9.com/article/news/local/virginia/world-war-veteran-laid-to-rest-in-arlington/65-106ff662-c5e5-4e3c-ac46-f230f21f2fd1>

## Why History Matters – The Past Shapes Us

"We can't escape the grip of the Second World War, because the overall global architecture was created in its wake. It is not because of its present economic power that China has a seat on the UN Security Council, but because of the oft-forgotten 15 million Chinese who died fighting forces allied with fascism[Japan], and President Franklin D Roosevelt's insistence that China should be represented there."

[Note: Thousands of Chinese also died fighting with the British during WW.]

<https://www.historyextra.com/period/second-world-war/why-cant-we-escape-the-grip-of-the-second-world-war-two-obsession/>



Two UK Shows on WW II Training: Spitfire Ace (Channel 4, 2004) and Bomber Crew (Channel 4, 2004).

## **IJN Kaga Found off of Midway**

The Kaga was found in the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument off the Midway Atoll by the crew of R/V Petrel who is part of Vulcan ventures who have been scouring the seas hunting for famous sunken ships.

<https://news.usni.org/2019/10/18/video-wreck-discovered-of-wwii-japanese-carrier-key-to-pearl-harbor-attack>

## **New Book about the Long Range Desert Group of WW II**

Founded by Major Ralph Bagnold in 1940, it started off very small and as needs and their capability were shown, they expanded to even have their own air sections.

Amazon link: [The Long-Range Desert Group: History & Legacy](#)

They have their own web site: <http://www.lrdg.org/>

<https://www.argunners.com/long-range-desert-group-world-war-ii/>

## **How to Turn A Bolt Action Rifle into a Light Machine Gun – KIWI Style**

When you are suddenly found to be without enough equipment to fight both the Germans and the Japanese you have to come up solutions. Philip Charlton came up with a way to take old .303 bolt action rifles left over from the Boer war and turn them into useable light machine guns.

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/116584862/rare-kiwi-machine-gun-the-ugly-jewel-in-the-crown-of-museum-collection>

## **A Short History of the Springfield 1903 Rifle**

There are revolutions and evolutions. Smokeless gun power sparked a revolution in firearms while the 1903 Springfield was an evolution step due to the earlier revolution.

<https://nationalinterest.org/blog/buzz/over-70-years-1903-springfield-rifle-fought-america-everywhere-88846>

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

### ***Next Chapter meeting November 2, 2019***

This is the annual *Salute To Veterans* meeting. All veterans are encouraged to come – and speak about your service too!

Lunch is a build your own sandwich bar. Price is \$16.00.

*Doors open at 10 AM at the  
Beaverton Elks Lodge  
3464 SW 106th Ave*

Beaverton, Oregon 97005-1941

<http://www.beavertonelks.org/>

Take Highway 8 - aka Canyon Road, to get to 106<sup>th</sup> Avenue. 106<sup>th</sup> is on the north side of Canyon road. The entrance to the club is ¼ mile down the road on the right – a very small sign points to the entrance.

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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.