

"Oregon Chapter 8th Air Force Historical Society *History News for April 2020*



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.

This "Milk Run" is way late since I spent most of the year moving from Oregon to Florida. However, now that I am here, 2030 miles from Beaverton Oregon in St Cloud Florida, I am going though and creating all the missing Milk Runs. I never stopped collecting articles. So, until I catch up, every few weeks another issue will come to your email box. Tom Philo your editor.

How to Paint Aircraft

Gone are the days where you just take an oil-based paint, which weighted around 36 pounds per gallon, and you just slapped it onto a plane. Once the oil in the paint evaporated the paint actually left on the plane weighted ½ that.

https://magneticmro.com/interviews/art-aircraft-painting/?NL=SPD-01&Issue=SPD-01_20200914_SPD-01_641&sfvc4enews=42&cl=article_3_b

Aircraft in the CAF

Here is a photo page of all the aircraft that are part of the Commemorative Air Force and where they are based at.

<https://www.commemorativeairforce.org/aircraft>

Tennessee adopts 'The Volunteer State' as Official Nickname

During the War of 1812 1,500 men left to fight in the war – percentage wise this was a large portion of the population. Now the unofficial motto is official.

<https://fox17.com/news/local/tennessee-adopts-the-volunteer-state-as-official-nickname>

Fluid Battles on the Eastern Front in WW I

Unlike the static warfare in the west after September of 1914, the Eastern Front in WW I was on a massive scale and involved large amount of land taken – and lost – over the whole 3 years Russia was in the war.

<https://nationalinterest.org/blog/buzz/how-russia-nearly-crushed-austria-hungary-world-war-i-121236>

20 WW I Movies that Take you Into the Trenches – and the Air

None of them deal with the Eastern Front. I have never seen, or heard, of any movies about the WW I in the East.

<https://www.wearethemighty.com/entertainment/wwi-movies-show-war?rebellitem=11#rebellitem11>

Omaha Beach Defense Bunkers Excavated and Examined

Used by the Germans inland from the American beach landing zone, they were buried and forgotten till "Expedition Unknown" went into France and started digging.

<https://www.foxnews.com/science/secret-nazi-world-war-ii-bunkers-discovered-near-d-day-beaches>

The Accident that sparked a War

It is now believed that a coal explosion is what sank the USS Maine in Havana harbor, thought at the time it certainly looked like an external explosion did it in – and so we went to war.

Since the war lasted only 10 weeks, it is seldom mentioned in any history book other than a few sentences saying that is how we gained control of Puerto Rico, Guam, The Hawaiian Islands and the Philippines.

Lots of people, some now famous some not, served in the war. It also the reason why there are no State Controlled "Citizen Militias" in the USA anymore – they became part of the Federal Armed Forces under the National Guard moniker nominally controlled by each state.

<https://thejewishnews.com/2020/02/08/looking-back-ben-shiffman-michigans-oldest-spanish-american-war-veteran/>

<https://www.japantimes.co.jp/opinion/2020/02/10/commentary/japan-commentary/japan-former-kingdom-hawaii/>

Got your \$10 Buffalo Bill?

Currency changes over time, but not that often. Some are created for a few years – some for a few hundred without much change – so to speak.

<https://www.krqe.com/news/albuquerque-metro/albuquerque-coin-club-highlights-history-of-1901-10-bison-bill/>

Benjamin O. Davis – Major General

Does not seem like a lot – until you find out that he was Black and was promoted to the General rank in 1941. From Buffalo soldier to a senior Army Commander in 50 years.

<https://connectingvets.radio.com/articles/benjamin-davis-the-armys-first-black-brigadier-general>

Truk Lagoon Reveals 3 WW II A/C missing from February 1944

12 aircraft were lost in the raid against this major Japanese base.

<https://www.foxnews.com/science/us-wwii-bombers-missing-for-76-years-discovered-in-pacific-lagoon>

Last Flying Tiger Pilot Dies at 99 Years of Age in Georgia

Frank Losonsky, who joined the AVG in 1941 like the rest of the American pilots and ground crews, went to China in 1941 and the AVG Group became operational in mid-December 1941 fighting the Japanese both in Burma and China. Like all the pilots they had lots of flight experience and resigned from the US military in order to fight for the Chinese.

<https://www.af.mil/News/Article-Display/Article/2082908/last-of-the-legendary-world-war-ii-flying-tigers-dies/>

A Pilot's Story - Wayne Shearer's World War II Memoir

Diaries were discouraged from being kept in WW II in case the people were captured and intelligence was gleaned from them. Pilots did not have that issue since they never took them on flights – and they could store them on base. Ground troops did have to worry – plus they had to lug everything around with them.

<https://www.chattanooga.com/2020/1/25/403076/Wayne-Shearers-World-War-II-Memoir.aspx>

Surfing and Eddie Rickenbacker

What they have in common – when something goes wrong and you survive it you change procedures in order for the next person to have a better chance of surviving it. Accidents are more likely to occur when people are tired.

<https://www.surfertoday.com/surfing/surviving-world-war-flight-missions-and-the-nazare-waves>

Italian Tanks Good for 1939 – Outclassed by 1941

Tank, like aircraft production, is a long-term undertaking. From design to operational status takes from 2 to 4 years for even simple systems. For a few years there was no big effort to improve their tanks since they were not facing anyone else's tanks. When they did, the crews found their tanks outclassed.

<https://nationalinterest.org/blog/buzz/why-italy%E2%80%99s-world-war-ii-tanks-put-tougher-fight-you-think-124001>

Creil Airbase North of Paris Closed- but now a solar panel array

Built during WW I and used till it was closed down a few years ago, the large track of land is now going to be a solar panel complex to generate electricity.

<https://www.pv-tech.org/news/world-war-airbase-to-get-new-lease-of-life-as-246mw-pv-complex-in-france>

Oregon Chapter 8th AFHS;

Next Chapter Meeting: **UNKNOWN**

*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 106th Avenue. 106th 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.

Archivist 8th AFHS of Oregon
Tom Philo
3713 Mystic Pl
St Cloud, Florida 34772-8261
archive@8thafhsoregon.com
<http://www.8thafhsoregon.com>

The Oregon Chapter is a registered Non-Profit 503(c) with the IRS and within the State of Oregon.

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.