



The Oregon Chapter of the Eighth Air Force Historical Society was organized to perpetuate the history of the Mighty Eighth Air Force from 1942 to the present, to revere the memory of lost comrades, to provide opportunities for

8th Air Force veterans and others to get together. The chapter consists of many veterans who flew in combat over Europe as well as the supporting ground crews in the 8th Air Force. Additional combat veterans of WW II are in the organization as well as members who saw combat on land, sea and air from military conflicts in Korea, Vietnam, Gulf War, and Iraq / Afghanistan.

The organization is open to anyone who has an interest in World War II aviation. It is dedicated to preserving and passing on the knowledge of what the people in this Army Air Corps (later renamed Army Air Force) units performed in air and ground combat over Europe, the Balkans, North Africa, India, and in Russia, in World War II.

Meetings are held on the first Saturday of the first full week of February, May, August, & November at the Beaverton Elks Lodge at 3500 SW 104th Avenue, Beaverton. The doors open at 10:00 a.m. and the social hour to meet and talk with others starts at 10:30 a.m. The meeting program starts at 11:30 a.m. and lunch is served at noon. The speaker for the current meeting will then start their presentation around 12:30 p.m. which usually lasts about 30 minutes with 10 minutes for a question and answer period.

Not all chapter meeting presentations are directly about the 8th Air Force. Some meetings have the presenters who talk about ground combat and how air power affected them on the ground. The chapter also welcomes talks about air combat in other wars and how similar or different it compares against the 8th Air Force's combat experiences in order to put World War Two air combat in context. Some tactics used in modern wars were pioneered by the Eight Air Force in the NAZI-owned skies over Europe.

Anyone interested in attending any of the meetings should contact Tom Philo, the Chapter Secretary to receive meeting notices. Tom can be reached by calling (503) 591-3227 or sending him an email: secretary@8thafhsoregon.com.



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