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There is an online version of this meeting notice, and other information about
the 8th AFHS and the 8th AF.



SUBJECT: Quarterly Meeting
WHEN: Saturday **May 9, 2026**
Doors open at 10:00 AM for socializing
Meeting starts at 11:15 AM
Room clears at 2:00 PM (to avoid an additional room charge)

WHERE: Beaverton Elks Lodge
3464 SW 106th Ave
BEAVERTON OR 97005
<http://beavertonelks.org>

The Social Hour is from 10 A.M. to 11:15 A.M., and we have a short business meeting from 11:16 to 11:45.

CHAPTER DUES

\$15.00 annual dues for 2025 and/or 2026 can be paid at the meeting.

Program: Frederick A. Johnsen, B-24 Liberator Historian

On May 9, 2026, at 12:20 PM, Frederick A. Johnsen will present a program on the B-24 Liberator.

Mr. Johnsen is an award-winning aviation historian, writer, and photographer with more than 25 historical and technical aviation books published and thousands of articles to his credit. He is a contributing writer and columnist for General Aviation News, and the publisher of the Airailimages YouTube channel that has surpassed 128,000 subscribers.

Fred earned degrees in history and journalism from the University of Washington. He has worked as a daily newspaper reporter, aviation publications editor, U.S. Air Force historian and museum director, and writer and photographer for publications including Air Force Association Magazine (now Air and Space Forces Association), Experimental Aircraft Association AirVenture Today, General Aviation News, Wings, Airpower, Flight Journal, Aviation History, FlyPast, and more.

Fred's published books include 11 titles in the popular Specialty Press WarbirdTech Series.

Fred wrote two volumes in the McGraw-Hill Walter J. Boyne Military Aircraft Series. Fred has made more than 2,400 videos for his acclaimed Airailimages YouTube channel, ranging from fully produced and narrated warbird histories to original air show coverage shot by him.

Fred helped create the McChord Air Museum and retired from Air Force civil service as the director of the Air Force Flight Test Museum at Edwards Air Force Base. He is restoring a Liberator/Privateer cockpit section currently displayed in the Warhawk Air Museum in Nampa, Idaho, where he resides.

We expect him to present an informative and entertaining program.

Contact Donald L. Keller Program Chairman 503-310-7215

The Program will run from 12:20 to 13:40

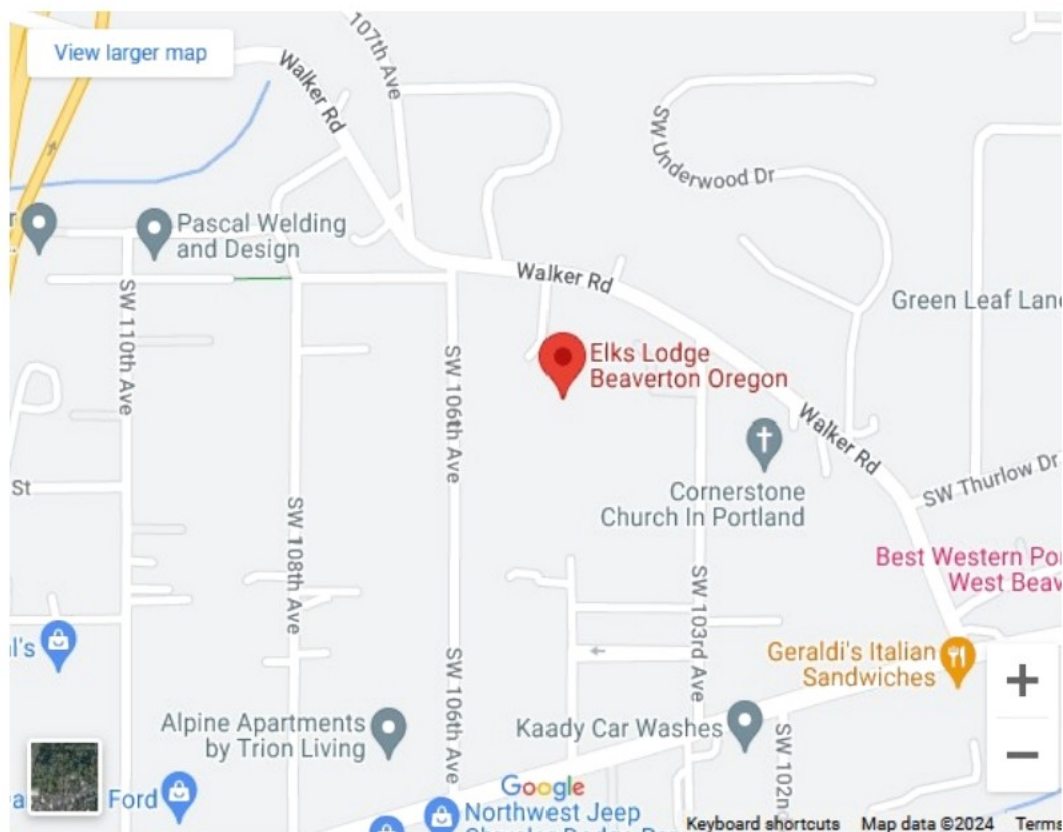
Lunch is from 11:46 to 12:15. You do not have to purchase lunch to attend.

FOOD

Should you choose to join us for lunch, it will be a "Build Your Own" sandwich bar, including home-made potato salad, chips, and cookies, for \$16.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS

Turn north on 106th Avenue from Canyon Road (Hwy 8) in Beaverton. Look for the Elks sign on the right and follow the drive to the Elks parking lot. The sign may be obscured by vegetation.



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A total of 797 B-17's and B-24's bomb A/Fs at Saint Dizier Robinson, Thionville, Juvincourt-et-Damary, Laon/Athies, Laon/Couvron, Lille, Nivelles, Saint-Trond, and Florennes; and M/Ys at Liege, Thionville, and Luxembourg. This is start of an offensive against A/Fs, set within a month of Normandy invasion so that the GAF will not have time to recover before D-Day.

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453d Bomb Gp, first bomb gp to be redeployed after cessation of hostilities, begins departure from Old Buckenham to US. It is only bomb gp departing by ship.

U.S. Army Air Forces in World War II
Combat Chronology 1941 - 1945

Compiled by

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PURPOSE:

To perpetuate the history of the "Mighty Eighth Air Force" of WWII; to revere the memory of those who served and those lost in combat; and to provide a forum for the public to learn about the 8th Air Force.

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 the people in this Army Air Force who performed in air and ground combat over Europe during the Second World War.

There is no cost to attend, and the meeting is open to the public.