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Co-Chairman's Report – September, 2020



By: Doug Hoople

Well here we are at the same place we were last month, at home.

July was a terrible month for volunteering for me. As I rambled on in my July comments, I was out of town for most of the month and returned to do yard work. July was the first month in thirty years that I did not volunteer somewhere during the month. I should have done something to keep my streak alive. Too late, time to start over.

We are also still at the point where we do not know Boeing's commitment to the Bluebills. I still believe we should carry on with our meetings. Obviously, some things will need to change. Hopefully, we can still meet at the VFW in Renton. They have been a great host especially in that they are not asking for rent. However, we should have some way to reciprocate their donation to our group. We will also have to chip in for donuts if we still want to keep them coming. These are of course my thoughts our officers will have to get together after we find out Boeing's support criterion.

Last month I shared my discovery that the COVID-19 Virus quarantine had made too many changes to my life. Life with no volunteering (except for Zoom meetings), no star parties, no camping and work parties with Boy Scouts and no RVing with my Wife had made me soft. My yard has given me a great challenge to get it back into shape. Those previously listed activities kept me from fighting back the evasive ivy from my neighbors on each side and did nothing to keep the blackberries in line. I have made a pledge to fill my two yard recycling totes every week with clippings until it's all gone.

I decided I need to work on cleaning out the garage. Like most of my older neighbors, there are no cars in my single car garage, just a miscellaneous collection of stuff to put away (that never got put away). I need to find my old set of weights to get some muscles challenged.

I hope that everybody is still volunteering where possible. I will be able to return to the USO in another week.

The USO is reopening on September 2 and may need some new/additional volunteers. They have been closed since March, last month they opened for just the three weekly flights to the Far East. Some of their old volunteers may not be returning and they can always use new folks. I also enjoy volunteering with their mobile units as they go out for events at the various bases. Recently they have been delivering Chick-Fil-A sandwiches and ice cream to family housing areas.

I hope these rambling comments keeps our editor happy, he wants us to keep you informed and entertained.

Keep well and socially separated, maybe soon we can get together for a meeting and some donuts.

Doug

Chapter News



INFORMATION FROM YOUR HERITAGE CO-CHAIRMEN

From: Richard Vaughn

I recently received the following message from Rachel Peterson, Boeing Representative for the Bluebills. She has also given her approval for us to share this information with all Boeing retirees so feel free to inform your Boeing retiree friends.

“I hope you and your families find yourselves healthy and safe. In addition to sharing our August Boeing update I wanted to extend the offer to connect if we haven’t already done so! I would love the opportunity to learn more about you and your work at Boeing and its affiliated company, such as:

- *What is your field of expertise?*
- *What program did you work on?*

What would be topics of interest for you that we could feature in one of our upcoming events?

In these interesting times, we are working to move our in-person events virtual so we can continue to communicate and engage safely. We look forward to continuing our unique programming with briefings and events that cover topics that appeal to you and other retirees. We are grateful for your hard work to make Boeing the company that it is today.

Best,

Rachel Peterson

Boeing Representative for Bluebills

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[Confident Travel Initiative Continues Innovative Research into Safe Air Travel](#)

Earlier this year, Boeing launched the Confident Travel Initiative, a partnership with airlines, regulators, and organizations around the world to create a multilayered approach focused on keeping passengers and flight crews healthy. Learn more about innovative cleaning ideas such as anti-microbial coatings!

[U.S. Air Force-Boeing X-37B Team Win Collier Trophy for Aerospace Excellence](#)

The U.S. Department of the Air Force and Boeing [NYSE: BA] X-37B autonomous spaceplane is receiving the prestigious Robert J. Collier Trophy for the greatest American achievements in aeronautics and astronautics of 2019. The X-37B set a new 780-day on-orbit endurance record and completed an overflight of the United States, using Federal Aviation Administration airspace, before making a pinpoint landing at NASA's Kennedy Space Center.

[Boeing Inducts 20th U.S. Navy F/A-18 into Service Life Modification](#)

Boeing has inducted its 20th F/A-18 Super Hornet into Service Life Modification (SLM) supporting U.S. Navy readiness needs for mission-capable aircraft. Two SLM jets have already been delivered back to the Navy. Initially, SLM will extend the life of Super Hornets from 6,000 to 7,500 flight hours. Future modification plans in 2022 will enable the jets to fly 10,000 hours and incorporate Block III capabilities.

[Enter Air to Purchase up to Four Boeing 737-8 Jets](#)

Boeing and Enter Air today announced the Polish airline is expanding its commitment to the 737 family with a new

order for two 737-8 airplanes plus options for two more jets. An all-Boeing operator and Poland's biggest charter carrier, Enter Air began operations in 2010 with a single 737 airplane. Today, the airline's fleet includes 22 Next-Generation 737s and two 737 MAX airplanes. When the new purchase agreement is fully exercised, Enter Air's 737 MAX fleet will rise to 10 aircraft.

[777X Test Flights Continue](#)

Boeing began flying the third 777X flight test airplane this month. Captains Charles "Stu" Farmer and Mark Brown, flight analyst Elmo Valdez and systems operator Zach Lewis left Everett's Paine Field for a two-hour, forty-seven-minute flight over Washington state before landing at Seattle's Boeing Field, the home of Boeing's test operations.

[ecoDemonstrator Program Testing Quieter, Cleaner Flights](#)

A series of flights will gather the most detailed information to date about airplane acoustics from some 1,200 microphones attached to the outside of the 787 and positioned on the ground. The collaboration between NASA and Boeing will improve the agency's airplane noise prediction capabilities, advance ways for pilots to reduce noise and inform future quiet aircraft designs.

[Boeing to Build Four Additional 702X Satellites](#)

Boeing received a contract to build four additional 702X satellites from SES as the leading global content connectivity provider increases the number of O3b mPOWER satellites in its Medium Earth Orbit (MEO) to 11. These four additional O3b mPOWER satellites will enhance SES's next-generation MEO constellation throughput and efficiency as well as expand its unique capabilities to deliver connectivity services ranging from 50Mbps to multiple gigabits per second to a single user.

[End of an Era Announced for Queen of the Skies](#)

Boeing announced the decision to complete production of the 747-8 in 2022. The commercial aviation market has demonstrated a clear preference for more efficient twin-engine airplanes. As a result, Boeing is winding down 747 production and investing in its market-leading twin-engine aircraft, like the 777 family."

COVID-19 Month 8

From Dick & Earlene Beham

There has been little change this month in the COVID-19 restrictions. Here in Issaquah they have closed the main street from 2:00PM Fridays until 10:00PM Saturdays through September for "Streeterly". That has allowed the restaurants to expand seating outside to allow more service and still comply with COVID-19 capacity restrictions. Our weekly Thursday evening Gas Station Blues and Friday Concerts in the Park are now virtual on ZOOM.

We continue to harvest an abundance of fruits and vegetables from the garden with tomatoes, beans, blueberries, strawberries, zucchini, and apples. This is keeping Earlene busy with canning and freezing. Our socializing and exercising continues to be via ZOOM, or taking walks, visiting with neighbors, while maintaining our distance.

We have resident neighborhood Owls and still have bear visits occasionally. Keeps life interesting. Sorry I lost the video of the owl having a drink at the birdbath.

We will collect aluminum pop tops and crushed aluminum cans on September 10th. See Miki's article in this month's newsletter.

Autumn begins this month so enjoy the fine weather while it lasts.



hi fellow Bluebills!

From Malinda Stubbs

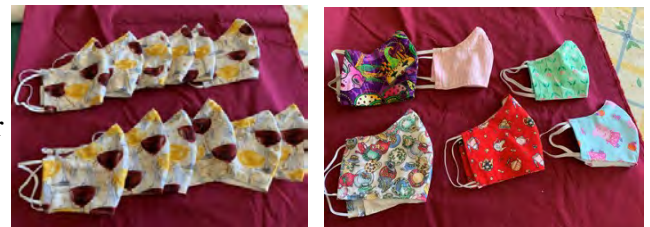
As many of us with sewing machines I've made my share of masks for friends & family. Exciting is my teenage neighbor wanted to make masks for her parents & friends. She caught on quickly. Then her excitement of sewing grew to making a quilt for a special friend of hers from soccer jerseys.... friends Mom gave us 20!!! Lucky for us my sister had taped Eleanor Burns directions on how to do that. With the help of 3 quilt stores we were successful although not likely to make another one. We learned to dislike soccer jerseys raglan sleeves trying to make a quilt square. However the sewing bug has bit & she hopes to get her own sewing machine & make more traditional style quilts. In the meantime she can sew on my machine any time.



With Lonnie & Heinz explanation months ago of not coming straight home from Gig Harbor reminded me of my family. First time my parents needed a car to get around was when we moved to Huntsville, Al in June 1951 for my Dad to get in on the ground floor of our space program. Sunday drives meant heading out on country roads & each of us 3 kids taking turns at intersections or forks which way to go. Nutshell version we ended up in Tennessee extremely low on gas & no food. Only because our license plate prefix of "47" did show we were from Madison county a guy sitting at the gas station broke TN law & sold us \$1.00 of gas, small jar of peanut butter & a loaf of bread with directions to the main road back to Huntsville. We never left home for future Sunday drives without a full tank of gas & snacks. At the same time the only trip any of us remember was ending up in TN. and my parents having only \$2.00 between them.

Since May was the month Bob & I'd collect food for the Kent food bank at our Bluebills meeting I did make a cash donation & got 48 cans of vegetables to them.

Now to finish 10 masks to get to my Portland area daughter this weekend.



Be well

Melinda Stubbs

Hatfields and the McCoys

Submitted by: Jim Beasley

The pandemic has reduced our social life to almost nothing. Visiting the kids is on the back burner. I received a birthday gift to Ancestors.com from daughter Michele. I took the spit test for DNA and found out that I had no Indian blood like my dad Price Beasley said, just German, English, Irish and Dutch.

Asking for data from my siblings I began to receive info from all and started to document it in an Ancestry family tree listing all the aunts and uncles. So far I have documented nine generations on my father's side My Dad was the youngest in a large Kentucky family with ten siblings. None are living, so off to the census records I went and gathered so much info I was getting overwhelmed. I plotted it and then realized that I forgot details on Grandma Evelyn and Grandpa Owen Beasley. She died before I was born and he died when I was one year

old. Some of my siblings remembered them but there was not much info there.

By chance, a friend, who is chasing her ancestors said “try Google, they are a source and maybe you can find something there.” I did and boy o boy did I. Typing Owen Beasley in Google I sorted out what was relevant. There was an article in several U.S. newspaper’s in September 1891 about a feud between two families in Salvisa, Kentucky. It seems there was bad blood between the Beasley’s and the Jordan’s for years but I couldn’t find the source. There was a knife fight in the market over watermelons. The Sheriff arrested Owen Beasley and put him in jail. The Beasley clan was organized and went to free Owen. The Jordan clan did the same but to keep Owen in jail. The Sheriff saw the numbers increase on both sides asked for troops to help which quelled the uprising.

In order to verify this I wrote to the Mercer County Kentucky Historical Society and got the whole story about the gory bloody knife fight, the arrest of Owen, the trial and other details which is too long to tell in this setting.

The upshot of this is when searching for ancestors you find some details that are startling, enlightening and positive. I think next I will start on Mother’s side of the family. I understand that my great aunt ran a tavern next to the railroad and she carried a silver plated pistol on the railroad payday when things could get out of hand. I have that pistol as a family keepsake.

Local Repair Location for Service Award Watches

From: David Plummer

Hi there!

According to the information I received from the Boeing Retirement Center, the only ‘local’ repair location for Boeing service award watches is:

Jerry’s Watch Repair

1511 3rd Ave.

Unit 501

Seattle, WA. 98101

Telephone: 206-467-9360

Cheers,
David Plummer

Birthday Greeting—Mary Ulibarri

From: Miki Brown

It’s the August edition of our wonderful *The Heritage* newsletter and I couldn’t have been more remiss than to not provide a Birthday greeting for my Boeing LCORP (corporate law department) gal pal, Mary Ulibarri!

It dawned on me that we still have people celebrating birthdays – and getting away with thinking we can’t post them in our online newsletter – it still counts as celebrating another



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trip around the sun!

So with that being said, if you celebrated your birthday or someone else's since our last *printed* edition, February 2020, how about sending in a photo of the occasion – remember to include your name and birthdate (year is *always optional!*) to our esteemed editor at bbbeditor@live.com

So, my husband Ron and I celebrated Mary Ulibarri's outside on the deck with a bit of "road kill on the grill" for her July 20th "trip around the sun"!

Note: We maintained distancing during dinner and held our breaths for the pic-- hahaha ☺!

POP TOP TABS AND ALUMINUM CANS à NORTHWEST KIDNEY CENTER RESEARCH



By Micki Brown

OK, you're staying healthy by consuming hundreds of beverages in aluminum cans ... but wait – what to do with all that aluminum!

If you read the March 2020 Boeing Heritage Newsletter, you saw a wonderful letter from Jane Pryor, the Vice President of Development and Communications, Northwest Kidney Center thanking us for our contributions to kidney research. In concert with the 'Jet Steppers' round/square dance club, a \$5,000 check was presented to them December 2019.



Pull tops are collected by many of the Square Dance Clubs in the State of Washington known as the Square and Folk Dance Federation of Washington, though primarily clubs in the Puget Sound Area. The Bluebills donations are combined with the Square Dancers donations. They are then recycled when they receive enough to fill a pickup or two. The proceeds are matched and together donated for Kidney Dialysis research.

Now, let's talk about all that aluminum that you've been so good about saving – tabs and crushed cans! It all needs to be collected and put to use but without our monthly meetings, the collection has somewhat fallen by the wayside, so here's what we can do.

On Thursday, September 10, 2020 from 9 AM to Noon, you can bring all those valuable crushed cans and/or tabs to the parking lot of the Red Lion Hotel, 1 South Grady Way, Renton, WA 98057 (the intersection of I-405 and WA 167).

Our Newsletter Editor, Dick Beham and I will be there with our vehicles (he's bringing his truck!) to accept your donations. While the year is in its last quarter, let's make an effort to gather as much as possible and again make a difference for Northwest Kidney Center.

If you cannot make this date/time, feel free to send me an email at micki_brown@yahoo.com and through the month of September, I'll be glad to coordinate meeting you!

We already have a good start, take a look at this – that’s about two (2) pounds of just the tabs! Imagine what could be accomplished if the aluminum cans were added – WOW!



IN 1918, YOU COULD BUY A HOME FROM A SEARS CATALOG FOR UNDER \$1300



Keep Smiling!!

I hope this brings a smile to your face. It brought a smile to mine.

Enjoy! <https://www.youtube.com/embed/-1w48qPF5hc>

Writing Your Family Story

Twin Towers 9-11 By Denise

It was time for me to apply for advancement into a level II position. I had previously applied for the position a few years ago, and although I was overqualified, it went to a coworker with seniority. You have to realize that although this was a professional office team, it was organized and controlled with a union shop type of mentality. Longevity was preferred over qualifications.

My application was in and I was ready for the interview. My morning routine was to have coffee, watch the local Seattle news, stretch a bit and plan the workday activities. This was a typical uneventful morning in September with no other worries like snowstorms or holidays to divert or slow me down. With a Type A personality, I was pumped with interview questions and answers streaming through my head. Things were good; I was ready.

T.V. News Break! 6:30 am PT. A low flying commercial jet has slammed into the Twin Towers. I could not believe my eyes and ears. My jaw dropped. I had to turn away and sit down as I listened to the story. The weather was clear in New York. Why was an airplane flying so low near Manhattan?

The news continued to show further incidents occurring in Philadelphia and at the Pentagon. But my heart and mind were in Manhattan. A dear friend worked for the federal government's Tobacco and Firearms Division in that building. Was he there?

After containing some composure, I left for work. In Washington State, most businesses went on as usual, although, airports did reduce flights. In the Renton area, phone lines were tied up and the overall atmosphere in King County was subdued.

My interview was scheduled for 11AM. Even with the Twin Tower crash and my dear friend in mind, I feel that I answered questions correctly but with less enthusiasm than would have normally been displayed. The head of the department was encouraging, but the lead supervisor actually fell asleep! I should have not wasted my time but instead gave her the benefit of the doubt since she had brain surgery a couple of months before. Still, perhaps another manager should have filled in. As expected, the opening did not fall to me, but to an inexperienced co-worker whom I found out later had copied portions of my resume. Seniority certainly did not work in that interview.

All phone lines were still tied up most of the day. It wasn't until the next day that I was able to reach my friend in New York. He told me that he was in training that day a few blocks away from the towers! However, forty of his friends and coworkers did not make it out alive. A few friends who went in as first responders have since come down with blood disorders due to inhaled asbestos and other chemicals.

We will always remember that day. 9-11-2001





MJ Sobotta August 17, 2019

This is a really interesting, but not well known, account of Nez Perce tribal member Henry George, who was born in 1891 at White Bluffs, WA on the Columbia River on what is now the Hanford Site.

The US entered World War I in 1917, & though not a US citizen, nor not having the right to vote, Henry George volunteered & served as a scout, along with over 12K other American Indians.

"According to Army reports, the Indian recruits were physically superior to whites & were rarely rejected for physical reasons. Generally, Indians were healthier than others, & records show that according to their numbers they had fewer cases of illness and showed up in camp hospitals less frequently than other troops.

Henry George, Scout: George, a Nez Perce, from Orofino, Idaho, (also noted address of Nespelem & Kamiah) voluntarily enlisted. In civilian life he raised stock and busted broncos. In the Army he scouted for his company. Under personal remarks, Lt. Owen H. Perry, with the 77th Division, Co. C, 307th Inf., wrote:

'I was in command of half of the company and had occasion to use [Henry] George (Nez Perce) several times in scouting. Many times the woods were so thick that it was possible to see for only a few yards, but George without any compass followed the line and I leading the platoon [sic] with compass in hand came behind. Invariably George was in front holding the right direction. He acted as scout for me during nine days of fighting at the front, which was continuous. When I sent him out for information almost invariably he brought it back, and the information he [he] gave was always reliable. He was recognized by every man in the company as the best scout in the unit. He was still a scout when I was wounded and sent to the rear on October 4th. He remained with the company until he was killed on Oct. 13th while on outpost duty near Grand Pre. Out of a party of four who were sent out on this duty, three were killed, including George. They were killed by shell fire, and no trace of them was left after the shell had exploded. I found it necessary to put in a new white man every day or so to do scouting work, but George was on duty all the time. George was well liked by the men of the organization and proved to be a good soldier. At the time when he went to the front George's military training was rather limited.'

Army commanders found that the Indians had, in the officers' words, "natural characteristics and dispositions" that proved useful. In a survey among commanding officers who had Indians in their units, not only did the officers report that the Indians were the most physically fit but that they had useful abilities. They were the best crawlers and crawled on night patrols. They had "a non-light reflective countenance" at night (Army bureaucratic language for "they were dark skinned"). They had good night vision, were silent at work and stoical under fire, and better than other soldiers at handling the bayonet. They were the best snipers and the best scouts. They seemed to have an innate sense of north and therefore of directions and could always find their ways back to their starting points. They worked better alone than in groups and had a propensity for going out into no man's land in search of Germans. They didn't hesitate, under fire, to go over the top or to risk exposure to machine gun fire to retrieve wounded comrades. These characteristics and habits, the officers said, were peculiar to their race.

Because of their abilities, the Indians were primarily used as scouts. As scouts, they preferred working alone and going out at night in search of Germans. Their purpose was to secure prisoners from whom information could be taken. They were highly successful. Captured documents told American commanders that the Germans recognized the effects of the Indian night raids. The German colonel of the 97th Landwehrs, for example, issued an order to his battalion commanders at St. Mihiel that because American Indian scouts and runners were on the front, they should detail more snipers to pick off these dangerous men."

The cost to American Indians was high: about five percent of Native soldiers were killed in combat, compared to one percent for US troops overall. Henry George had a daughter named Elizabeth George. He is noted as the 1st Indian fatality (probably meaning 1st Nimiipuu fatality) he is now buried at No Kidd Lane in Kamiah, ID.... Information is primarily pulled articles from the American Indians in WWI Centennial Commission, & archivist Constance Potter.



Calendar of Events 2020

Jan 9	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Jan 31	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Feb 13	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Feb 28	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Mar 11	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Mar 27	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Apr 24	Chapter Monthly Meeting
May 29	Chapter Monthly Meeting (Potluck)
Jun 10	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Jun 26	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Jul 31	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Aug 28	Chapter Picnic— <i>Canceled</i>
Sep (TBD)	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Sept 25	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Oct 30	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Nov 20	Chapter Monthly Meeting & Pizza Party
Dec (TBD)	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Dec 18	Chapter Monthly Meeting (Potluck)

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**Don't Forget to
Report Your Hours!**

Food Bank Schedule For 2020

Cash donations collected at each monthly meeting to be given to a different food bank each month.

January	Highline	Heinz Gehlhaar
February	Bellevue	Doug Hoople
March	Federal Way	Lonnie Stevenson
April	Maple Valley	Vaughn's
May	Kent	Melinda Stubbs
June	Auburn	Martha Battles
July	West Seattle	Heinz Gehlhaar
August	Tacoma	Ted & Judy Leyden
September	Renton	Eleanor Skinner
October	White Center	Heinz Gehlhaar
November	Des Moines	Lonnie Stevenson
December	Issaquah	Eleanor Skinner

Bluebills Heritage Chapter Meeting

“MEETINGS SUSPENDED DUE TO COVID-19”

WE WILL POST A NOTICE IN NEWSLETTER AND ON THE WEB AT BLUE-BILLS.ORG WHEN THEY RESUME

10:00 AM Social, 10:30—12:00N Meeting

VFW Post 1263 Renton

Website: vfw1263.org

- **Address: 416 Burnett Ave S, Renton, WA 98057**

Phone: (425) 255-9010

Please Note:

The Bluebills monthly meetings are held at the VFW Post 1263, 416 Burnett Ave South, Renton, WA. Parking is available in the lot immediately across the street from the VFW.

Bluebills Monthly Volunteer Hours

Volunteer Name _____

Phone Number _____

_____ **Hours worked** _____ **For** _____
(month/year) (agency name)

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(month/year) (agency name)

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Please send completed hours form to Bluebills, PO Box 3707 1K-B02, Seattle, WA 98124
Email to bluebills@boeing.com or bring to Bluebills monthly meeting