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THE GLENN MILLER STORY

Major Alton Glenn Miller USAF on December 15, 1944 lifted off from Twinwood Air Station at about 1400 and bound for Paris, France in a Norseman UC-64 single engine aircraft. With him in the plane was Lieutenant Colonel Norman Francis Baessel and pilot Flight Officer John Morgan. The weather at that time was overcast with clouds at 2,000 feet and the temperature was 34 degrees. However, the forecast was for the weather to deteriorate in the coming hours. The plane headed toward Langley Point which is near Beachy Point. It was last seen by Richard Anderton at 1420 at Woodley Berkshire, which is just east of Reading, England and fifty miles from the English Channel. The plane was never seen or heard from by anyone again. Glenn Miller is still listed as missing in action by the U.S. government.

The IMMF, Search, Inc. and Dennis Spragg, author of Glenn Miller Declassified are all working together to obtain a grant from NOAA to support a mission to locate the remains of Miller's aircraft and bring the remaining aircraft back to Sarasota, Florida and place the aircraft in a Sarasota museum to honor and Glenn Miller whose music in the late 1930s and early 1940s were an American sensation and the man himself was making one million dollars a year and agreed to an eighteen hundred dollar a year salary in the U.S. Army Air Force to entertain the U.S. troops in England. The question is asked how many persons in history would have taken such action in those circumstances. The answer is not many persons.

In addition to Sarasota's mayor letter of support, the IMMF has received a letter of support From Congressman Vern Buchanan, representing the Bradenton/Sarasota area which is enclosed with this newsletter.

BATTLE OF MIDWAY 80TH ANNIVERSARY CEREMONIES:

There will be two Battle of Midway ceremonies in the Pacific /Hawaii area. One will be held at 0900 on June 7, 2022 at the National Memorial Cemetery in Honolulu and will be hosted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The other is on Midway and will be more limited in its number of attendees due to the passenger number that the plane can hold which is nine persons. VIPs and the Navy will be among its guests.

SEARCH INCORPORATED AND THE IMMF ARE NOW WORKING CLOSELY TOGETHER TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE GLENN MILLER PROJECT:

Search, Inc. has joined in the effort to raise funds for the effort to discover the remains of Glenn Miller's aircraft in the English Channel. We will be filling out applications for funding from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) for the coming year 2023. Dennis Spragg, author of "Glenn Miller Declassified" and Search, Inc have been in close cooperation with Search, Inc.. in creating a *search map box* which would identify the precise location of where Miller's aircraft went down into the English Channel.

IMMF TO BE CONSULTANT TO NOAA:

The IMMF is scheduled to receive from NOAA in June to be a consultant to NOAA in its authority over the Papahānaumōkūākea Marine National Monument. NOAA shares this authority over the Monument with U.S. Fish and Wildlife and the state of Hawaii's Office of Aquatic Affairs. The Monument extends from Midway to French Frigate Shoals.

THE SECOND BATTLE FOR MIDWAY:

"The Second Battle for Midway" is the title of the third book I am beginning to write. It is a narrative about the origin of Midway and its eventful takeover by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. It clearly illustrates how the Service is systematically allowing the history of Midway and the historic battle that occurred there to fade into oblivion by its policy of "demolition by neglect". This is a policy whereby its historic structures on Midway are allowed to decay without any real maintenance to preserve them. The latest example is the seaplane hangar on Sand Island.

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