

Boxted Airfield History Evening

Wednesday 26th August, Boxted Village Hall, 7.30.
Admission donation £4 including refreshments.

Two guests from America to give presentations on the American 8th Air Force and Boxted Airfield

Bill Saling

“In memory of those who did not return”

A tribute to his cousin Thomas W Saling 111 a pilot with the 63rd fighter squadron, 56th Fighter group. Thomas was lost on a mission on 10th November 1944.

Bill has researched what happened to his cousin and has visited the crash site in Germany, talking to the local people who had information on the incident.



Thomas Saling

Bill Gibson

Will tell us about the life of Dave Schilling the charismatic Group Commander at Boxted.

Dave was a top scoring ace with the 56th fighter group.

Bill is authorised by the Schilling family to give this presentation.



Dave Schilling

Bill Saling

Commissioned February 1965 in the United States Army as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Infantry.
Decorated combat vet, served in Vietnam from August 1966 to July 1967 as a platoon leader and battalion adjutant.

Bill Gibson

Military Service: 1962-1970. Highest rank held: Major. Service in Vietnam, Korea.
Delta Air Lines; International Captain. 1970-2000.
Master of Arts in Military History, Norwich University, 2007.