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The Jaguars are coming...

The Jaguar Car Club will be visiting the BCWM on 5th October at 10am, so there will be a chance to see some fine examples of these cars if you are in the area.

Cold War Walk – Sunday 26th October, 2014

After a successful tour last July, here is another chance to walk around Bentwaters and sample the atmosphere of a Cold War airfield and view the architecture of a former United States Air Force front line air base.

The tour will start with an hours visit to the museum to find out the history of the site and then a guided walk around the airfield going past and through different areas of interest and finishing back at the museum.

Cost will be £15.00 per person. It is advisable to pre-book to make sure of place on the walk.

All proceeds go to the Bentwaters Cold War Museum, charity No 1124197

Numbers will be limited to 25 people (sorry but no children under 12), dogs are allowed if kept on a lead.

- The walk is about 4 miles long and is mostly on a hard surface
- The walk will be cancelled if weather conditions are extreme
- Instructions from the guides must be followed at all times due to Health & Safety factors, failure to do so may result in the cancellation of the walk
- Allow 4 to 5 hours for the visit, starting at 11am

Thanks to Bentwaters Parks for their kind permission for airfield access.

Email info@bcwm.org.uk to book your place or to ask any questions.

Cold War Walk Complete

Another successful 'Cold War Walk' around Bentwaters airfield was conducted on Sunday 27th of July, with twenty-three people enjoying a four and a half hour guided tour which started at the museum then moved on to the upper part of the control tower which gives a superb view of the airfield.

The route then went past the Transient aircraft ramp, Hanger 45, Law Enforcement building, and then past the Western end of the runway and between the Victor Alert 'Barns' on the way to the Weapons Storage Area (WSA).

The tour was treated to a working display of the sliding gates which gained entry to the WSA before walking around this area looking at the earth covered bunkers which are surrounded by triple razor wire fences and a security tower.

After leaving the WSA the tour proceeded to the museums restoration hanger where they viewed four of the museums aircraft which are being worked on, out into the sunlight again the route then led along the old aircraft taxiway amongst the Hardened Aircraft Shelters to the engine test building known as the 'Hush House' for a look inside.

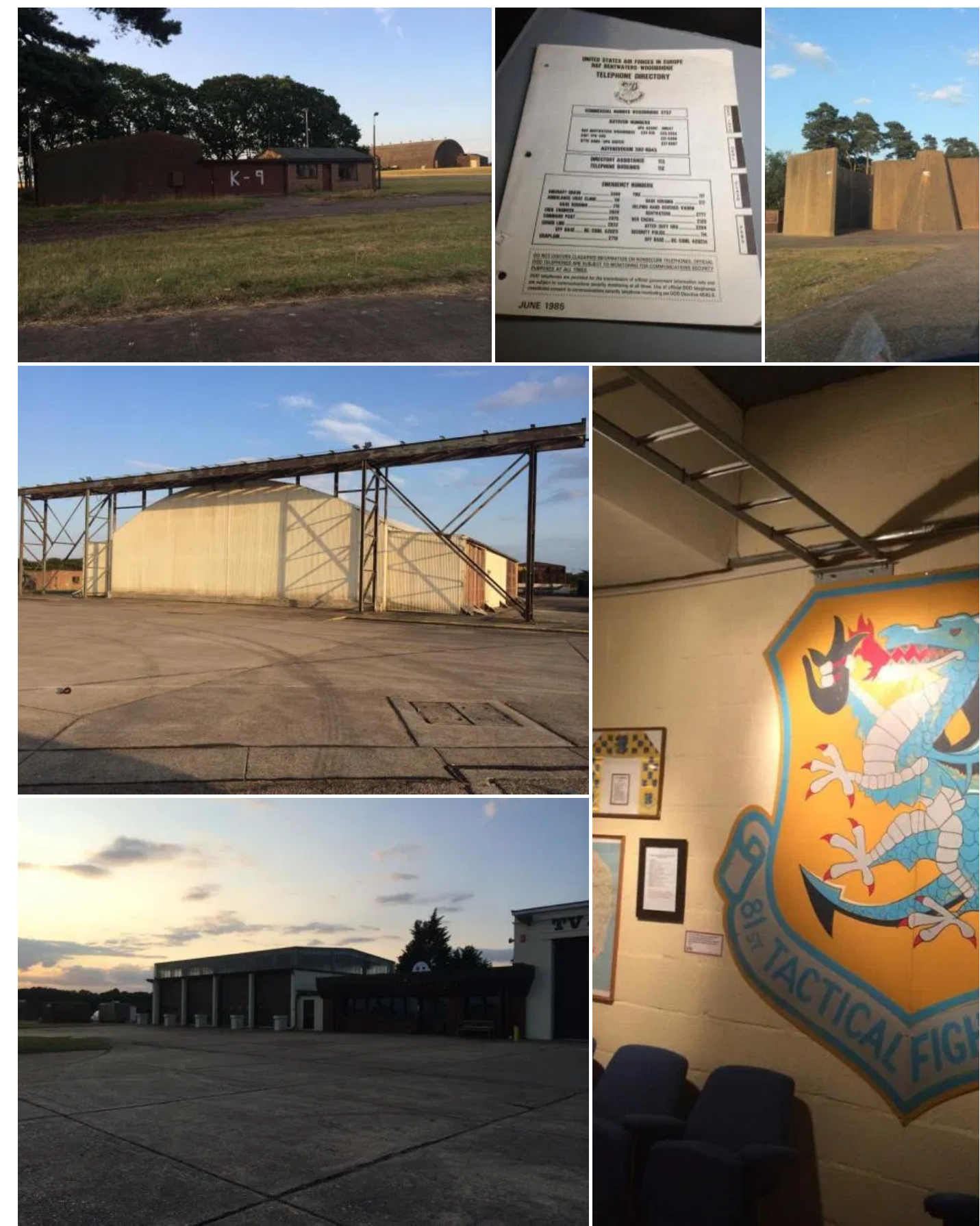
It was then back along the taxiway past Hanger 74 and the site of the long since demolished 'Bentwaters' cottage and past the Eastern end of the runway before going onto the grass to have a close look at a Defensive Fighting Position. The tour then headed back towards the museum going past the Rod and Gun Club, Fire Station, Ivy Lodge gate security checkpoint, and a look at the old baseball field before finishing back at the museum and a well deserved rest and a drink.

Thanks to Bentwaters Parks for granting access to the airfield and the museum staff for giving talks in various areas and for safely guiding the tour back to the museum.

Keep an eye out on the BCWM website or Facebook page for future walks.



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