

The Serious Side of UFOs Triumphs: How Did We Get Here?

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“Ancient” History: 1940s to 1980s (I)

- UFOs show up during WWII; military takes serious note, but make no press announcements. Los Angeles in 1942: military fires cannons at apparent UFO.
- In 1946, UFOs appear over Scandinavian countries. U.S. gov sends war hero Gen. Jimmy Doolittle to investigate. No report back.
- In 1947, UFOs appear all across America and Europe. In the news everywhere for weeks. Military has no coordinated response. In July, Roswell crash coverup orchestrated by General Roger Ramey.
- In July 1952, UFOs appear for a few weeks off and on over Washington, D.C. General Roger Ramey holds press conference and downplays UFOs.

“Ancient” History: 1940s to 1980s (2)

- In 1952, AF starts Project Blue Book, a public “scientific” study of UFOs. In reality, PBB was a public relations effort. Secret scientific study of UFOs went on at Wright Patterson AFB and elsewhere.
- Waves of UFOs occur in U.S. and Europe during 1952, 1954, 1966, 1967, 1973, etc.
- They are covered by the press as front page news through 1950s and 1960s periodically during waves.
- USAF commissions a “scientific” study again with the Condon Committee report of 1968-1970. Conclusion: UFOs unimportant. PBB shut down in 1970.
- Press avoids serious treatment of the subject 1970s, 1980s, except for huge wave year of 1973.

“Ancient” History: 1940s to 1980s (3)

- Meanwhile serious study shifts to private hands with J. Allen Hynek’s Center for UFO Studies in 1973 on. But no money, limited expertise and time.
- 1980s: Military ignores UFOs. But serious abduction research published in books of Budd Hopkins and David Jacobs.
- Book publishing on UFOs slows down some as UFOs continue low level activity.
- Early 1980s sees lots of low level, walking speed, huge UFOs activity in the Hudson River Valley. CIA fakes UFO fly overs to confuse public.
- Late 1980s European/Belgian triangle UFO activity causes some public concern. Belgian AF tells truth.

The 1990s (I)

- Roswell UFO crash researchers Friedman, Randle, and Schmitt break through with books. Roswell becomes public thing. Randle and Schmitt interest NM Congressman Steven Schiff. He begins probing AF and UFOs.
- Meanwhile billionaire Laurance Rockefeller starts 1993-1996 effort to break open UFOs as political issue by lobbying Congress. Mixed results.
- In 1995, Rockefeller succeeds in gathering the Clintons to his JY Ranch in Wyoming for a UFO briefing. This begins Hillary's serious interest. It pops up again in earnest in 2015-16.

The 1990s (2)

- Schiff probe more successful. USAF tries to beat back press interest with 3 separate, irrelevant Roswell crash “explanations.” Press interest dies by 1996.
- But press can’t ignore mass 1997 Phoenix Lights event.
- Independent Bassett and Greer public lobbying, conferences, and early press initiatives at NPC keep UFOs alive as serious issue in late 1990s.
- In decade, TV show X-Files and Internet fuel more public UFO interest. Some real military UFO info “sneaks” onto Internet. But lots of bogus info, speculation, misinformation, etc., runs rampant. E.g, alien autopsy film affair. What to believe?!

The 2000s

- Bassett and Greer press and lobbying efforts continue, but these are massively overshadowed by 9/11 and yet another Middle East war.
- Multi-millionaire Bigelow continues his UFO interests with NIDS study group, MUFON liaison, and other low level efforts from 1990s on. He becomes a serious player.
- Occasional news media interest only.
- Good Internet UFO information sites begin: Open Minds, UFO Evidence site, etc. Moribund UFO conference scene begins reviving.
- Out of public view, U.S. Navy continues to be bothered by UFO incursions.

The 2010s Players: Organization/Programs

- BAASS: Bigelow Aerospace Advanced Space Studies. A Bigelow company currently holding UFO “metamaterials” in a Las Vegas secure research facility.
- TTSA: To the Stars Academy “repurposed” in 2017 by Putoff and DeLonge.
- AATIP: Advanced Aerospace Threat Identification Program. Begun secretly by Senator Harry Reid in 2007 to study UFOs inside the Pentagon. Ended in 2012. Funded up to \$22 million.
- “metamaterials”: supposed “metallic” UFO artifacts.

The 2010s Players: People

- Tom DeLonge: Multi-millionaire rock musician with passionate UFO interest. Surprisingly makes serious contacts with Pentagon officers in the know about UFOs.
- Chris Mellon: Longtime Pentagon and Senate bureaucrat from legacy billionaire Mellon family.
- Hal Putoff: Stanford U. physics prof. In 1970s, did CIA-funded remote viewing research at Stanford. Does advanced speculative physics. Currently with TTSA.
- Luis Elizondo: Last head of AATIP. Former CIA officer. Currently with TTSA promoting UFOs.
- Robert Bigelow continues to play a part in on-going UFO research.

The 2010s (I)

- NPC press conferences by Greer, Bassett, and Hastings continue sporadically from the 2000s.
- Roswell follow-on research continues by Schmitt and Carey in books. UFO book publishing picks up. Conference activity grows, especially in latter half of decade.
- BOMBSHELL EVENT: On Dec. 17, 2017, NYT publishes first ever UFO article treating UFOs as a serious phenomenon. Two NYT reporters and Leslie Kean, UFO journalist, combine to write front page article on 2004 USS Nimitz routine war exercises interrupted by undeniable UFO activity. Cockpit video and named witnesses accompany article.

The 2010s (2)

- Clinton talks UFOs in 2016 campaign 3 times. Podesta is campaign manager and longtime promoter of UFO reality.
- In 2018 on, Commander David Fravor, featured in NYT article, continues to appear in public on Internet radio, UFO conferences, and documentaries.
- Pentagon official says Tic-Tac, Gimbal, and Flir I cockpit videos are real.
- Many more (10+) Nimitz incident Navy witnesses come forward in 2019.
- U.S.Army signs contract with BAASS 2019 to examine “metamaterials.”

The 2010s (3)

- In 2019, TTSA sponsors 6 part cable TV documentary: “Unidentified: Inside America’s UFO Investigation” about the AATIP effort.
- NYT continues to report occasionally on UFOs as a reality.
- Hundreds of news outlets like Washington Post, Politico, Time, Newsweek, NBC, CBS, etc., take UFOs seriously and continue occasional reporting after NYT breaks the ice.
- The Pentagon and AF continue their official low key, practically silent “no comment” on UFOs.
- Members of Congress are informed about the AATIP and its implications. But they are very busy now.

Conclusions?

- Because of the Trump chaos in government, the Pentagon, intelligence establishment, and Congress do not press the UFO issue! Probably would have been different in a Hillary Clinton presidency but Russia and Trump criminality prevented that.
- Further serious UFO revelations will wait for the next election cycle or the one after.
- But lower level official government/military interest seems to be increasingly public information.
- Debunkers continue their doomed mission to squelch official UFO interest. Debunker sirs: The cat is out of the bag; Pandora's box has been opened; the beginning of the end has begun; the train has left the station!

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Note: Wikipedia entries are a good place to start research on UFO topics, but you should be aware that debunkers are all over wikipedia, editing pages about UFO (and paranormal) information. They make sure that debunking information sourced to debunking or gratuitously skeptical publications — not just properly skeptical information — is included with every article they touch. However, you can trust the basic who, what, when, where information to be correct. It's their interpretation of the significance of the events that is bogus.

For an honest appraisal, you need to go to the people who actually study and research the topic. Debunkers rarely do original research. They do after the fact examinations of original research, and their intent is to dissuade you from believing that UFOs might be truly anomalous. You'll find honestly researched books in the Books link on oregonmufon.com. Debunkers are merely defending their idea of the scientific and scholarly status quo opinion on UFOs. They are not looking for the truth about UFOs. But times have changed now since the NYT in 2017 decided to make it OK to be educated and think UFOs just might be real. Debunkers are living on borrowed time now.

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