

# 97<sup>th</sup> ERAU Prescott Aviation History Presentation



## Gliders: A World Wide New Weapon Presented by Francois Gauthron

As a follow-up to his latest book "*Colors of War – not Black and White but Nuances of Gray*", Francois is in the process of completing his new book on the use of gliders in combat titled "*Gliders, A World Wide New Weapon*". Military gliders (a variation of the common glider) have been used by the military in various countries for carrying troops and heavy equipment into a war zone. They were used mainly during WWII. These aircraft, which had no engines, were towed into the air and most of the way to their target by military transport planes. Francois will cover American, British, and German gliders and help us understand how effective this new weapon was in the world military strategy.

Francois' new book will be available sometime in 2020.

Francois is a WWII battlefield expert and has been guiding WWI and WWII tours for 20+ years. Francois is very passionate about his work - in his 20+ years he has met hundreds of WWII Veterans from the US and from many other countries from both sides and both theatres. He believes it is essential to talk with both sides to thoroughly understand WWII. He houses a library of 500 books and maps at his home in Normandy and has worked with many WWII authors. This is a return visit to ERAU for Francois, as he spoke last year on the D-Day landing.



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