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## **“The Last B-24” Documentary Airs on OETA, Features Tulsamerican-The Last B-24 Bomber made at Tulsa Douglass Aircraft Plant; “Tulsamerican” Exhibit at Tulsa Air and Space Museum**

The documentary “The Last B-24” will air on OETA/PBS on May 27, 2020 at 8pm. Dive beneath the sea to the wreckage of a WWII bomber, the Tulsamerican. The documentary features the dive and search for the remains of its fallen crew. This documentary originally aired November 7, 2018.

<https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/video/last-b-24/>

The Tulsa Air and Space Museum (TASM) is home to the Tulsamerican B-24 Exhibit that features a full-size mock-up of the famous “Tulsamerican” B-24 bomber along with images, artifacts and a four minute virtual reality experience. The Tulsamerican was the last B-24 manufactured at the Tulsa Douglass Aircraft Plant on July, 1944. The cost of the Tulsamerican was paid for by war bonds purchased by the Douglass Plant employees.

The Tulsamerican had a crew of ten men on the fateful day of December 17, 1944. The bomber received significant damage in battle and tried to fly back to the island of Vis, off the coast of Croatia, but hit the water, just short of reaching the runway. TASM Curator, Alex London encourages visitors to experience this uniquely Tulsa exhibit, “The Tulsamerican display at TASM gives visitors a detailed chronology of the last B-24 bomber ever built. Visitors can experience her intricate history through objects belonging to the original crewman or even preserved pieces from the aircraft that still rests on the bottom of the Adriatic Sea.”

The Tulsa Air and Space Museum dedicated the Tulsamerican Exhibit on the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its final flight and crash into the Adriatic Sea on December 17, 2019. Family members of the crew shared stories of their fathers that had served as crew members on the Tulsamerican.



**Pictures of the Tulsamerican exhibit included.**

