

Pentagon UFO Program

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It has been recently reported from the many news outlets around the country that our nation's top military headquarters, the Pentagon, has conducted a study of unidentified flying objects. It was the first time in recent years that the UFO subject was carried nationwide by the media. For example, in the editions of the Columbus Dispatch and the New York Times of Sunday, December 17 of 2017, it was revealed that \$22 million of the Defense Department budget in the past was spent on the Advanced Aerospace Threat Identification Program. The study began in 2007 and ended in 2012. But its backers say that, while the Pentagon ended funding for the effort at that time, the program remains in effect. Some of the questions raised were what new metals may have been involved in any possible recoveries and what is their origin? In the news articles there was an admission about a strange encounter by U.S. Navy planes of F-18s of the aircraft carrier USS Nimitz with UFOs off the coast of San Diego in 2004. Video footage was also shown of an unknown object from one of the plane's gun cameras. Strange craft have been observed by our military and civilian pilots over the years. This event is unusual because it has become public. President Trump's press secretary was asked at a recent press conference from a New York Times reporter about the President's comment about this information. She said that he would be asked about it. So far as I know he has not replied. This Pentagon study proves that some UFO reports are taken seriously by our military and government and is being accepted as a reality. I have been involved in UFO research and investigations for many years. I am director of the Roundtown UFO Society. The news articles about the Pentagon program were collected by our chief researcher, Jon Fry. At our next public monthly meeting on January 11th at the Circleville Library we will be starting our 30th year of existence. Ironically, at our last RUFOS meeting in December at the library, we had a 11-minute video shown of a former U.S. Navy pilot Fred Fox. I had personally met him at a MUFON Symposium at Irvine, California in 2001. He even drove me around Los Angeles to show me the sights. Google Fred Fox and UFOs and watch him explain his close UFO sighting off the coast of Vietnam during the war. He later became an American Airlines pilot. Many believe it is time to have serious discussion about the UFO issue in the media. Should the public be informed about any future developments? I say, definitely, as it would help to have more scientists involved in the study of ufology. MUFON's mission is the scientific study of UFOs for the benefit of humanity. Our local newspaper on December 26 had an article by a Mr. Danny Tyree about the Pentagon program. He made fun of the situation. You could see by his writing that he had never done any research on the UFO subject. You can laugh if you want, but many people are taking this information seriously. UFO discussion is on the rise because of this revelation. Many people over the years have refused to even think that UFOs exist. Unless you have not observed them yourself and you have not researched the subject I can understand of you being uninformed. The giggle factor has been attached to it for many years. Besides the average citizen, there have been many military and law enforcement personnel who have reported dramatic UFO sightings. They, like others, tell of observing strange lights or craft. Do you disrespect them by thinking it is a joke? Many UFO

reports are never made because of the atmosphere of embarrassment attached to them. The following is what you can do if you want to research the UFO subject yourself. On the internet you can go to our website, at roundtownufosociety.com. Webmaster is Michael Moore. There is much information there. Be sure to check out the Updates. Also, the following at nationaluforeportingcenter.com; and mufon.com. Locally you can go the Visitors Center in Circleville and look over the binder of the Bruce Stevenson of 1948. His sighting occurred just about two miles from Circleville. This February is the 70th anniversary of the event. The Circleville Library has issues of the monthly MUFON Journal since 1994. We have supplied them. The new January issue has listed their 10 best UFO events of all time and with the latest reported sightings. Last, but not least, the Pickaway County Historical & Genealogical Library has the Spring, 2012 Quarterly where it discusses over 20 UFO sightings that occurred in Pickaway County over the past several years that I was told about. The witness names are listed with their permission. If you want to contact me you can do so by email at rufos@columbus.rr.com; mail at Roundtown UFO Society, P.O. Box 52, Circleville, Ohio 43113, or phone 740-474-6773