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Wednesday's **crash** of a World War II B-17 bomber in Connecticut was the latest in a long list of fatal **crashes** involving vintage planes used or designed for military purposes. Some other **recent** fatal **crashes** in the U.S. and abroad:

- Nov. 17, 2018: A privately owned vintage World War II Mustang fighter airport plane **crashed** into the parking lot of an apartment complex in Fredericksburg, Texas, killing the pilot and a passenger. The P-51D Mustang was returning after performing a flyover during a living history show at the national Museum of the Pacific War. The aircraft was destroyed, and several vehicles in the parking lot were damaged.

- Aug. 4, 2018: A 79-year-old Junkers Ju-52 plane operated by the Swiss company Ju-Air plunged into the Piz Segnas mountain near the Flims ski resort in eastern Switzerland, killing all 20 on board. Retired from Switzerland's air force in 1981, the German-built plane was carrying tourists who wanted to take "adventure flights" to experience the country's landscape in vintage planes.

- May 30, 2018: A small vintage airplane that was part of a GEICO stunt team with five other planes **crashed** in a wooded residential area in Melville, New York, killing the pilot. The World War II-era SNJ-2 aircraft, known as a North American T-6 Texan, had departed from a nearby airport and was heading to Maryland when it **crashed**.

- July 16, 2017: A pilot and an airport manager were killed in Cummings, Kansas, after their World War II-era P-51D Mustang "Baby Duck" **crashed** into a field. Authorities say the pilot was re-creating a stunt he had performed on the prior day at the Amelia Earhart Festival.

- Jan. 26, 2017: A World War II-era Grumman G-73 Mallard flying boat stalled and nosedived into the Swan River in Perth, Australia, during Australia Day celebrations. Both the pilot and his passenger died.

- Aug. 27, 2016 - A pilot from Alaska was killed when his 450 Stearman biplane, a World War II-era plane often used for military training, **crashed** during the Airshow of the Cascades in Madras, Oregon.

- July 17, 2016 - A T-28 Trojan, used by the U.S. military as a training aircraft beginning in the 1950s and also as a counterinsurgency aircraft during the Vietnam War, **crashed** at the Cold Lake Air Show in Alberta, killing the pilot. Thousands of spectators witnessed the accident.

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- Aug. 22, 2015 - A 1950s-era Hawker Hunter T7 jet **crashed** into a busy highway near West Sussex, England, killing 11 and injuring more than a dozen others. Investigators said the pilot, who survived the **crash**, was flying too low and slowly to successfully complete a loop-the-loop. He was charged with 11 counts of manslaughter but ultimately cleared.

- June 22, 2013 - A pilot and a wing-walker were killed when their World War II-era Boeing-Stearman IB75A biplane **crashed** into the ground and burst into flames during a performance at the Vectren Dayton Air Show in Vandalia, Ohio. Thousands of spectators saw the **crash**, which federal safety investigators said was likely caused by pilot error.

- Sept. 16, 2011 - The pilot of a 70-year-old modified P-51D Mustang called the Galloping Ghost lost control of the aircraft at the National Championship Air Races and Air Show in Reno, Nevada, and **crashed** into spectators, killing 10 and injuring more than 60. The pilot also died. Federal investigators blamed the **crash** on worn parts and speed.

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