

# ESTRELLA WARBIRD MUSEUM

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### MUSEUM INFORMATION

#### Office Phone

(805) 227-0440

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Saturday & Sunday Only

(805) 238-9317

### MUSEUM WINTER HOURS

Saturday 10-4

Sunday 12-3

#### Mailing Address

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#### Web Site

<http://www.ewarbirds.org>



### February Dinner Meeting

The February Dinner Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 6, 2002 at Thomson Hall beginning with a 6:00 pm Social Hour and Dinner at 7:00 pm.

Bring your special someone and celebrate Valentine's Day with a delicious dinner of Roast Pork, vegetable, scalloped potatoes, salad and desert. Dinner Price will be \$8.00 per person.

To ensure that we plan for the number of folks attending, please make reservations by calling 227-0440 and leaving your name and the total number in your party that will attend. The cooking crew thanks you in advance!

### FEBRUARY PROGRAM

Our Guest Speaker will be  
**Captain Terry Rains, US Navy**

Captain Rains is the Commander of Strike Fighter Wing Pacific and based at Lemoore.

A native of Tennessee, Captain Rains entered the Navy in July of 1972 as a Machinist Mate/Engineering Laboratory Technician in the Nuclear Power Program. After a three year tour as an Instructor at the West Milton, NY Nuclear Prototype, he was selected for the Naval Enlisted Scientific Education Program (NESEP), and attended Auburn University. He was commissioned an Ensign in December 1979. Captain Rains received his wings in February of 1982, and was an Instructor Pilot in VT-4 until October 1983. He completed FA-18 training with VFA-125, Lemoore, California in July 1984, and was a plankowner in the first East Coast Hornet Squadron, VFA-131. During his first fleet

tour, "TR" completed two Mediterranean cruises on USS Coral Sea (CV-43), accumulating over 1000 Hornet hours and 300 carrier arrested landings.

Captain Rains has been Staff LSO and CAG Strike Operations Officer aboard USS America (CV-66) During this tour, Captain Rains flew combat missions over Iraq in support of Operation DESERT STORM. Following his CAG LSO tour, he served as a Department Head with the Marauders of VFA-82.

Upon completion of his fleet tour in September of 1992, Captain Rains was assigned to the Pentagon as the Aide to the Director of Air Warfare. In 1995 Captain Rains became the Commanding Officer of VFA-86. Following command, he served as Flag Air Ops for Cruiser Destroyer Group Two and then as the Executive Assistant to COMNAVAIRLANT in 1999. Following a tour as Flag Air Ops for Carrier Group Four, Captain Rains reported to Strike Fighter Wing Pacific in November of 2001.

Captain Rains has flown over 4000 flight hours, including 3000 FA-18 Hornet hours with over 900 carrier arrested landings. His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, four Meritorious Service Medals, three individual Air Medals with Combat "V", four Navy Commendation Medals, three Navy Achievement Medals and numerous unit and campaign awards.

Captain Rains is married to the former Janie Frances Murphy of Nashville, Tennessee and they reside in Lemoore, California.

This should be a very interesting evening so plan on attending.

### MUSEUM BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

This will be a new section of the newsletter and we will highlight items from the Board of Directors Meetings each



action has been taken.

Meeting of January 16, 2002:

#### **Membership:**

Membership Chairman Obbie Atkinson reported that the Museum has gained ten new members! We welcome **Mitch Culver, Richard Hamilton, Simon Timms, Richard Kinsey, Roger Moulin, Rod Dykhouse, Richard Dykhouse, Brian Kirk, Paul and Jane Sacks, and Vernon Yost.**

#### **Gift Shop (PX):**

We are looking for a new Gift Shop Manager. Board member, Marty Wright has been doing this for the past few years, but he has been transferred to a new position with PG&E which is requiring more time than before. Marty has everything organized and will be happy to go over the operation with whoever decides to volunteer to take this over. This will not be hard and we really need your help folks, so step up and help your Museum. Call Marty after work hours at 466-7707.

#### **Newsletter:**

Because of the costs associated with printing the Newsletter and subsequent postage for mailing, it was suggested we poll the membership to see how many have computers and email access. A sheet will be passed around on the February 6<sup>th</sup> meeting to get email addresses and then those folks will be queried as to acceptability of getting the newsletter via email. Don't worry if you don't have email, or are a Corporate Sponsor, you will still get your newsletters in the conventional manner. We just need to cut the costs if we can.

#### **Flight Simulator:**

Our Flight Simulator has been certified and can now be used for instruction. Contact Conrad Martin for details on using it.

#### **Children & the M-60 Tank and F4 Cockpit.**

Because of possible injury and liability it is strongly recommended that all of us ask for parental supervision when children are around the tank turret and the F-4 cockpit. Climbing and Hanging on the tank are to be discouraged and the height of the F-4 cockpit requires

adult standing up on the viewing platform with them.

#### **Site Improvements:**

Up to \$1000.00 has been approved for concrete work around the ramp areas of the Museum. This will help channel water and add equipment display parking area.

#### **BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING**

All members of the Board should mark their calendars for **Wednesday, February 20th at 7 pm.** at Thomson Hall. All members of the Museum are welcome at all board meetings. Please attend so that you can offer your input to the Board

#### **BITS 'N PIECES**

Thanks to **Doug Miner** for his loan of a US Navy Captains uniform; **Al Schade** for a WW II Marine Corp uniform, **Gary Corippo** for a leather flight jacket, USMC dress uniform and leather WW II fleece lined bomber jacket, **Frank Lane** for a WW II (CBI) First Sgt. Tunic, shirt and pants and **Phil Gould** for a complete WW II Army Air Corp uniform plus two Korean War era USAF uniforms.

**Carol Weiss and Betty Miller**, our "Artifact Coordinators", are doing a great job getting glass-covered cases set up to showcase these treasures. They are getting information about the former owners with photos and will be putting this information with each display. The uniforms will be rotated so that we will be seeing many interesting changes in the months ahead. Be sure to check out the displays when you come to the Dinner Meetings.

On that same vein, the gals have asked that you call them to arrange getting your loaned or donated artifacts to the museum. Please do not just drop them off! Carol and Betty want to get information and acknowledge the donor. Some uniforms and flight jackets have turned up and with no indication as to who the donors were. Also the gals request that you do not try to "rearrange" items in the displays yourself. They have a plan and would like to be able to showcase your items in the most flattering manner. Thanks for understanding.

#### **CHAMBER MIXER A SUCCESS!**

Members of the Paso Robles Chamber of

Chamber Mixer held on Wednesday, January 9 in Thomson Hall. We entertained 125 guests, and we have received many favorable comments about the improved facilities and Museum displays. Kudos to **Doug Miner** for arranging the Caterers, **Judy Corippo** and **Jackie Brooks** for overseeing the serving and **John Himes** and **Linda Hermansen** for the peeled shrimp arrangements. **Tom Gabele** and **Betty Gabele** were our official "Mixologists" for the mixer and were kept busy for the entire evening! Thanks to the above and to those of you, **our members**, for being guides and greeters for the evening. This was a very important event for the Museum and will really help get our presence known to our business community and civic leaders.

New Member **Rod Dykhouse** is a CFI for those of you needing a Biannual or Flight Instruction. You can contact him at 434-2748.

#### **MARCH SAFETY SEMINAR**

"Aeromedical Update"

by Dr. Henry Rowe

FAA Medical Examiner

This will cover the pro's and con's of new eye 'restoration surgeries', changes in FAA medical criteria, Medical Certificate Appeals process, and a multitude of health and medical subjects of importance to help pilots obtain and keep their medical intact.

Sponsored by the San Luis Obispo Aviation Safety Program, this program will be held on **Tuesday March 12, 6:30pm to 9:00pm** at the SLO Vets Hall/801 Grand Avenue, San Luis Obispo

#### **HELP!!!**

Betty Miller moved into a new home office and has misplaced her list of advertisers who have already signed up for the 2002-2003 Newsletter advertising space. Please contact her a.s.a.p so your ad can get into the March Newsletter. Your ads will run for a 12 month period. Betty can be reached at 466-1212.

#### **DINNER MEETING RESERVATIONS**



227-0440



## COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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Dinners	- John Himes 466-6102	Program	- George Marrett 466-7640
Facility Coordinator	- Betty Miller 466-1212	PR & Media	- Cathy Paine 238-9011
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