

# ESTRELLA WARBIRD MUSEUM

## ESTRELLA SQUADRON NEWSLETTER

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### *About the . . .* Squadron Newsletter

Some of you, probably most of you, possibly all of you are noting that your monthly newsletter looks a little different. Nothing major, but it does look different. Your Board is attempting to spread the responsibility for this essential monthly contact with our members. A different editor has put this issue together.

We currently have three persons who are willing to alternate the editorship. We need two more. If we have four editors, then each need be responsible only once every three months. It is not that difficult.

Advantages of such a system include: Enjoying a change of format IF the editor for that month so desires. A different source of "filler" material from the differing editorial perspectives. For example, this editor happens to have a WWII background - some knowledge of how it was from 1939-1950. Threads of that era will probably fill space in my issues. An editor from the private aviation sector could provide insight on current problems. An editor from the field of commercial aviation, the same for the airline industry. And some one with no specific aviation interest could give us a differently refreshing point of view.

Above all, we need the help. Providing a monthly service is too much. Please give Betty Miller a call(466-1212) if you can help fill the void.

### *About the . . .* March Dinner Meeting !

The March Dinner Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 6, 2002 at Thomson Hall. You are encouraged to enjoy a social hour from 6 PM.

**CORNED BEEF and CABBAGE** will be served beginning at 7:00 PM. Dinner price will be \$8.00 per person. PLEASE

**MAKE YOUR RESERVATION** by calling 227-0440 and leaving your name and the total number in your party that will attend. We must have your assistance in planning. Last month we had 70 reservations and 96 showed up. Give us a break!!! The cooking crew THANKS YOU!!

**ITS MARCH**  
*Wearing of the Green*  
*is Encouraged*

*Who are these guys?*

RON BROOKS  
GARY CORIPPO  
JOHN DOLAN  
K O ECKLAND  
DAVE GEIGER  
CONRAD MARTIN  
AL SCHADE  
BOB SINGLETON  
GLEN THOMSON

Saturday's Heros, that's who. Consistently, they work for our museum whenever they have the time. Why not join them?

### *About the . . .* March Program !

Our guest speaker will be Colonel Colin C. Reilly, USAF (Retired).

Colin Reilly lives in Morro Bay, CA. His military career spans 32+ years. He enlisted in the Army Air Corps in 1942 and finished in 1974 as Air Force Mission Commander in Saudi Arabia. He served two combat tours, the first in WWII in North China flying the P-51 Mustang; the second in Viet Nam and Thailand flying the Super Spad A-1E.

Flying was not only a career, but also a real love. Of course, early on it was conventional tail draggers which included training aircraft, then over 500 hours in the P-40 Tomahawk and various models of the A-36 and P-51 Mustang. Moving into jets in 1949, he logged time in the F-80, T-33, F-84, F-86, F-102, F-104, F-106 and finally the F-5B and E.

There were assignments which moved him out of the cockpit. However, the thrill of flight was absent. It was a genuine privilege for him to serve his country in many capacities and to stand side by side with some GREAT American Airmen.

***I Pledge Allegiance to the Flag***  
***of the***  
***United States of America***  
***and to the Republic***  
***for which it stands,***  
***one Nation under God,***  
***indivisible,***  
***with liberty and justice for all.***

## Board Meeting Highlights . . . . .

. . . from the meeting held on 20 February, 2002.

The Board reviewed and reaffirmed the priorities for the Squadron in the weeks ahead:

- 1 Completing the sprinkler system for the building.
- 2 Continuing exhibit clean-up and placement for the museum. (The continuing artifact coordination and improvement on the museum floor by Betty Miller and Carol Weiss was noted and commended.)
- 3 Completion of the Bar-B-Que area  
Completion of the Navion restoration  
Finish the concrete and paving work
- 4 Delegation of projects.  
Fire protection
- 5 Work in the hangars  
Securities and Alarms  
Recruit a Newsletter staff of Editors

Obie Atkinson requested an additional printing of the Warbird Museum Brochure. Motion was made and passed to purchase 10,000. The map of county points of interest has to be updated.

The enthusiastic response of the Chamber of Commerce to the Open House recently held in Thomson Hall was again noted. Every effort will be made to improve our public image through this and similar activities.

Meetings have been held with the city regarding the Air Show, the Museum lease and the future role(s) of the Warbird Squadron. Optimism was expressed that the good relationship with the city that we have enjoyed would continue.

A volunteer is needed to tally the 2001 volunteer hours. If you would consider helping the Board in this endeavor, please contact President Wally Engle.

Additional concerns of the Board, including Board Elections, number of openings and the need for a Gift Shop Manager are mentioned elsewhere.

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## Docents

A reminder that the THREE MONTH DOCENT SCHEDULE is posted at the meeting hall. There are extra copies in the Docent drawer.

The Museum is always looking for additional docents. If you are interested in training for the Docents and becoming one of our volunteers, phone the Museum office and leave your name and number. You will be contacted.

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*Here's a couple you may have missed . . . . .*

Tower: "Eastern 702, cleared for takeoff, contact departure on 124.7"

Eastern 702: "Tower, 702 switching to departure...By the way, after we lifted off, we saw some kind of dead animal on the far end of the runway."

Tower: "Continental 635, cleared for takeoff, contact departure on 124.7; did you copy the report from Eastern?"

Continental 635: "Continental 635 cleared for takeoff roger: and yes, we copied Eastern and we've already notified our caterers."

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He who laughs last thinks slowest!

Change is inevitable except from a vending machine!

Women who seek to be equal to men lack ambition!

I didn't fight my way to the top of the food chain to be a vegetarian!

# ESTRELLA WARBLER MUSEUM

## GENERAL INFORMATION

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## MUSEUM HOURS

Saturdays 10 AM – 4 PM  
 Sundays 12 N to 3 PM

The Estrella Squadron Newsletter is published monthly for distribution to members and friends. The Squadron is dedicated to the restoration and preservation of aircraft and memorabilia and to those who flew and worked on them. The goal is not to glorify conflict but rather to assist in making future generations aware of the fact our way of life does not come without sacrifice.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chairman of the Board	Glen Thomson
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Vice President	Paul Clark
Secretary	Will Irwin
Interim Treasurer	Rosemary Netto

## BOARD MEMBERS

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Brian Webster	Marty Wright

## ADVISORY BOARD

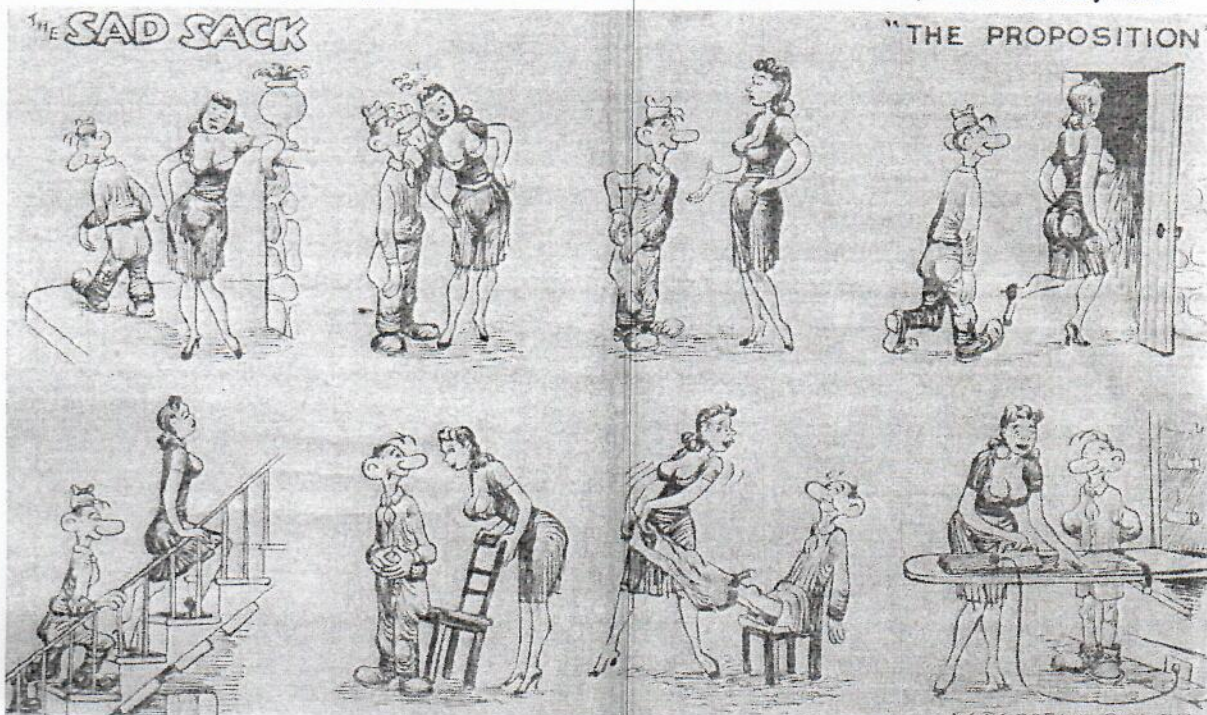
Tom Bordonero	R Adm James M Cain
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## COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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Because the copy was unavailable by the deadline to go to press, this SAD SACK was inserted.  
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### Bits 'N Pieces . . . . .

THERE WILL BE FOUR THREE YEAR TERMS UP FOR ELECTION TO THE ESTRELLA WARBIRD MUSEUM BOARD OF DIRECTORS THIS YEAR. Members interested in running for the Board should express your interest to President Wally Engle. The deadline for application to run is May 15, 2002.

Your museum is in great need of a Chairman (see major domo) for the Gift Shop Committee. A committee and chairman could be of real service to our organization. Further, a good committee could cut the hours needed by a great deal. Contact any Board member.

It is never too early to start thinking about our 2002 TROOP SHOW/DINNER DANCE. Our title and theme this year will be TALES FROM THE SOUTH PACIFIC! Dates are set for Friday and Saturday, September 20 & 21. Big band dancing is planned. More details coming!

**LOST DOG: 3 LEGS, MISSING RIGHT EAR,  
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### HIGH FLIGHT

Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of earth  
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;  
Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth  
Of sun-split clouds – and done a hundred things;  
You have not dreamed of – wheeled and soared and swung  
High in the sunlit silence, Hov'ring there;  
I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung  
My eager craft through footless halls of air;  
Up, up in the long delirious, burning blue  
I've topped the windswept heights with easy grace;  
Where never lark or even eagle flew  
And, while with silent, lifting mind I've trod;  
The high untrespassed sanctity of space,  
Put out my hand and touched the face of God.

Pilot Officer J. G. Magee, Jr. No 412 Squadron  
Royal Canadian Air Force KIFA 11 December, 1941



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