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Estrella Squadron Newsletter



All the news that's fit to print and then some

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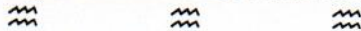
Saturday 10am - 4pm

Sunday 12n to 3pm

In reality, whenever the gate is
open!

June Meeting

The June Meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 4, 2003 at Thomson Hall with Social Hour commencing at 6:00pm and Dinner at 7:00pm. Chef John and dedicated crew will be offering a delicious meat loaf dinner....



Our speaker for the evening will be none other than our own Life Member, Obbie Atkinson, M.D.

Obbie began his military career as an Air Force Academy Cadet in June 1963. On graduation he became one of 26 "Distinguished Graduates" of the Class of 1967 and a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Air Force. After receiving his pilots wings at Williams AFB, Arizona, Obbie was assigned to the 18th Military Airlift Squadron at McGuire AFB, New Jersey. He spent his first year as a Copilot on C-141 jet transports before being assigned to the 12th Special Operations Squadron (Ranch Hand) RVN

Over the next five years, Atkinson enjoyed a variety of flying experiences: Instructor Pilot, UC 123K; Lead Pilot 310th Tactical Airlift Squadron, Phan Rang RVN; Malaria Control Mission, Bien Hoa AB RVN; Aircraft Commander C141 A 86th MAS Travis AFB, California

The highlight of Obbie's military service was to fly "Patches" C123, tail

number 362. This machine became one of the most beloved aircraft in Vietnam before being retired to the Air Force Museum after surviving more than 1000 "hits" from enemy small arms ground fire.

At the completion of his Air Force career, Atkinson had flown over 200 combat air missions and was awarded the Air Medal and the Distinguished Flying Cross. He now lives with his wife, Connie, and family in Paso Robles and works as a physician with Family Medical Group.

This should be a most interesting evening and you are reminded to make reservations for the dinner!

New Directors and Officers to be Elected at June Board Meeting

Seven seats are available for the Board of Directors, six for three years terms and one to complete the balance of a term for a member who is resigning. Nominations have been made as follows: Paul Clark, President; Wally Engle, 1st Vice President; Ed Chidlaw, 2nd Vice President; Jackie Brooks, Secretary; Rosemary Netto, Treasurer. Incumbents running for reelection are, Obbie Atkinson, Glen Thomson, Paul Clark and Al Schade.

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btoomey@tcsn.net



Final hand folding sealing and stamping of the newsletter as well as the cost of mailing is being paid for as a donation from Pete Johnston and his helpful crew at Pete Johnston Chevrolet Cadillac.

Fred Hahn, Jackie Brooks and Conrad Martin are running for the balance of the seats. Elections will be held during the June Board meeting and results will be announced at the July Meeting as well as being posted after the June Meeting.

Board Accepts Resignation of Cathy Paine

The Board of Directors reluctantly accepted the resignation of Cathy Paine as a Director and as Secretary of the Board because of the press of other business commitments. Reluctantly is definitely the word because Cathy has been a very active and effective member in many areas. She, and husband, David, have been most generous in their support of the Museum but Cathy has gone far beyond that in her voluntary efforts on behalf of our group, having taken on the task of Secretary as well as her handling of publicity and the media. In addition to these, her dynamic and enthusiastic approach to problems in all administrative areas has been of great assistance to the Board and the Museum in general. We sincerely hope that her other duties will not keep her away from the monthly dinner meetings where we will, at least, get a chance to see her and thank her for all she has done.

Jackie Brooks to Become Secretary

As another classic example of volunteerism, Jackie Brooks has agreed to take over the balance of Cathy Paine's term on the Board and will assume the post of Secretary. This is in addition to her already time consuming position as the head of the Gift Shop! Plus a few other jobs that she is usually asked to take on such as

decorating for Meetings etc! The old saying, "If you want a job done well, give it to a busy person", is certainly proven in the case of Jackie!

New Carpeting in Thomson Hall!

Those of you who have ventured to the Museum in the past few days will note that we have NEW AND BEAUTIFUL CARPET ON THE FLOOR replacing the old stuff that served us so well. We are indebted to Ron and Jackie Brooks who voluntarily put up the first half of the cost in the hope that others would follow. To date, donations have come in from Chuck and Betty Miller, Rosemary Netto, Bruce Toomey, John Kendall, Ed Chidlaw, Arnold and Linda Hermanson, Marie Kinsell and Art Britton. We still have a bit over \$900 to go so it would be much appreciated if some more of you would kick in a few bucks so we won't have to tap the overworked Museum till.

It has been suggested that a diplomatic statement be made with regard to cleaning up spills and the like. Therefore, let it be stated that whoever spills food or beverages on the carpet **better damn well clean it up themselves before it gets walked on!!** This may not be written exactly as the person suggesting it wished but please friends, if you spill something, just bend over and pick it up. This goes for beverages too. Ask for a rag and do the best you can to sop it up.

In the past, the morning cleanup crew, usually composed of a few caring Board members and a few others, has crawled around for hours on their hands and knees with 409 and a knife blade trying to pry stuff out of the nap.

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This is an excellent grade of commercial carpet and should last us for many years with just a modicum of care. Please do your part! 'Nuff said!

IAC Contest at Paso Robles Airport

The annual International Aerobatic Competition, local Chapter, will be held on Thursday June 5, Friday June 6 and Saturday June 7 at the airport. Since there is no kitchen yet in the Terminal Building we have been asked to prepare a couple of different kinds of sandwiches as well as chili and cole slaw to be served to the competitors at lunch time. This is an opportunity to make some money for the Museum as well as getting us some positive exposure and it will help the city as well since these people expect some sort of meal facility.

We will be preparing the food in our kitchen at the Museum and will then truck it over to the Terminal. We will be serving in a nice **air conditioned** area so it should be quite pleasant.

WE WILL BE NEEDING SOME VOLUNTEERS!

We will need several people to work Friday and Saturday from 9am to 11am preparing sandwiches in our own kitchen and will need some additional volunteers to serve in the Terminal between 1pm to approximately 2pm. Please call Betty Miller at 466-1212 and see what you can do to help. There will be quite a few interesting people in attendance and the competition is a lot of fun and pretty intense.

IN ADDITION!!!

We will also be hosting the IAC Awards Banquet at the Museum on

Saturday June 7. We will be offering BBQ beef and chicken. The food will be served by the Oak Park kids and they will wash up the pots and pans after the dinner. Since the IAC group was offered a dinner served on china plates we will be renting them from Taylor Rents because we don't have enough of our own.. After the dinner the plates will simply be rinsed and then put back in the boxes. Taylor has facilities to wash large quantities of dinnerware at their shop. This will save us a lot of work. Taylor has always been pretty good to us, offering items at a good rate and helping out on short notice.

We will need a couple of adults to oversee the kids and to bring out the carts of food into the dining room. Again, please call Betty Miller 466-1212 if you can help. It won't be a lot of work and we stand to make some good money for the Museum to say nothing of the good will that can be generated from helping them out and for making the city look good as well.

Regular Saturday Museum workers please note:

Because Thomson Hall will be prepared and decorated for the Awards Dinner it will not be possible to have a volunteer lunch in the Hall on Saturday the 7th. Please understand that we will be putting quite a bit of effort into the preparations and we do not need spilled food and messed up chairs after all the work.

New Museum Inventory Completed

Thanks to the efforts of several individuals we have had a complete inventory of the Museum contents

as well as the outside storage area. This has been a massive job as well as a royal pain as most inventories are when things are so poorly organized. Betty Miller, Carol Weiss, Jackie Brooks and Betsy Thomson spent hours pouring over a mountain of stuff to get an accurate count on hundreds of different items. This is of considerable value to the Museum and their efforts are much appreciated.

F-4 On Hold

Our stalwart group was ready to go back to get the wings off when war was declared in Iraq and the base was closed. Chuck Miller and Bob Miller and one other (hopefully) will fly down in a couple of weeks to oversee a civilian contractor's removal of the wings with a plasma torch. After that the parts should be ready for transport by a Warbird Trucking Company since it is too big for anything we have in the way of trucks and trailers. This will be one terrific addition to the fleet. The F-4 is a gnarly looking weapon and we're lucky to be getting it.

T-33

Check this bird out when you come for dinner. It looks great and the restorers have been working diligently getting the fairings on and it look like it's ready to take off. A lot of guys doing a lot of work. We owe them!

M-60 Tank On The Pad

Something else to check out!! I haven't even seen it myself but it was placed today on it's concrete pad. THIS is a piece of machinery!

Membership News

from Obbie Atkinson, Membership Chairman

Welcome new "STAR" Life Members, Ron Brooks, Jackie Brooks, Del Velton and Gary Corippo!

Again a reminder to all of you faithful "Paid up" members. Now is the time to pay the difference in

your own membership level and upgrade to a higher level with credit for what you have already paid.

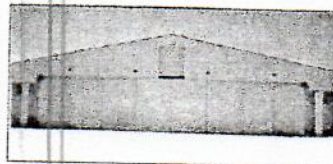
This offer, for a limited time, is a "once in a lifetime opportunity" for our members who have so unselfishly donated in the past to make it possible for the Museum to be the success it is today!



Pictured, "Eagle Flight" pilots of the Museum along with guest passenger, Joe Benson, with KPRL Radio (in white). Joe is one of our newest members. Once again on this Memorial Day, "Eagle Flight" performed their "Missing Man" formation over several of the Central Coast Cemeteries. The pilots are all Estrella Warbird Musuem members and all are military veterans. We thank them for their service, then and now...

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This handsome group comprises a major portion of our dedicated Restoration Crew!! From left to right: Fred Thacker, (Our Prez, Betty Miller providing moral support), Ron Brooks, John Dolan, Paul Sacks, Dave Geiger, Glen Thomson, Doug Anderson, Conrad Martin and Restoration Chief, Al Schade. These are the guys who make our displays look so good!!

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Invitation to Our Past Italian Cooking Class Participants ~

We are happy to announce Italian Cooking Classes for June and July at the Estrella Warbird Museum ! We are moving back to the kitchen and the classes will be limited to a maximum of 16 persons to ensure "hands-on" participation for those who desire to don an apron as well as offering a more intimate setting to learn about Italian food.

Class #1 Tuesday, June 10 at 6:30 pm Thomson Hall Kitchen
PANINI GRAVIDI (Italian Style Sandwiches - Hot and Cold)
Mufalleta Made with Grilled Vegetables and Cheeses
Mufalleta Made with a Variety of Meats and Cold Vegetables
Breakfast Grinder with Pancetta, Cheese and Eggs
Meatball & Cheese Grinder with Tomato Sauce
Grilled Portobello Mushroom Panini with Cheese and Tomatoes
Panini with Salami, Goat Cheese and Salad Greens
Grilled Panini with Ham, Roasted Peppers and Cheese
Gourmet Meatloaf Panini Grosso
Sausage and Pepper Grinder

\$48.00 Per Person - Payable in advance. Sorry, no refunds for "no shows"
Call 466-1212 to reserve space and then send your check, payable to
"ESTRELLA WARBIRD MUSEUM" - cooking classes
to: Estrella Warbird Museum, 4251 Dry Creek Road, Paso Robles, CA 93446

Class #2 Tuesday, June 24 at 6:30pm Thomson Hall Kitchen
PIZZA, PIADINA and ITALIAN FOOD
Neapolitan & Roman pizza will be discussed and at least one type of each will be made by the class- Covers the preparation of dough, how to determine what to use on the pizza, laying out the preparation area, etc.

Piadina - a flatbread that is prepared on the stove-top, which can be used alone or in combination with other foods. Jerry and Marsha will demonstrate how to prepare and how to select ingredients to be used as accompaniments.

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Class #3 Tuesday, July 8 at 6:30pm Thomson Hall Kitchen
VIAGGIO d' ITALIA - Exploring the Regions of Italy through its foods and food customs.

The regions of Calabria, Tuscany, Abruzzi, Liguria and Emiglia-Romagna will be featured in a culinary journey.

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Come join us for a tasty learning experience! Call to reserve your spot
TODAY - 466-1212

Flag Display Days

New Year's Day.....	January 1st	National Korean War Armistice Day (half-staff).....	July 27th
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.....	3rd Monday in January	Labor Day.....	1st Monday in September
Lincoln's Birthday.....	February 12th	Patriot Day (half-staff).....	September 11th
Washington's Birthday (Presidents' Day).....	3rd Monday in February	POW/MIA Recognition Day.....	3rd Friday in September
Easter Sunday.....	variable	Constitution Day (Citizenship Day).....	September 17th
Mother's Day.....	2nd Sunday in May	Columbus Day.....	2nd Monday in October
Peace Officers Memorial Day (half-staff).....	May 15th	Navy Day.....	October 27th
Armed Forces Day.....	3rd Saturday in May	Veterans Day.....	November 11th
Memorial Day (half-staff until noon).....	last Monday in May	Thanksgiving Day.....	4th Thursday in November
Flag Day.....	June 14th	National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day.....	December 7th
Independence Day.....	July 4th	Christmas Day.....	December 25th

and such other days as may be proclaimed by the President of the United States; the birthdays of states (date of admission); and on state holidays.

Information outlined above is part of the Federal Flag Code or enacted by Federal legislation. Fly your POW/MIA flag with your American flag on Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, National POW/MIA Recognition Day and Veterans Day.

For more information regarding flag history, or how to properly display the U.S. flag, please refer to the VFW Website, www.vfw.org, or to the "Our Flag" brochure available for purchase in bundles of 25 from VFW Emblem and Supply, product 4421.



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How to Fly The American Flag

Ten Guidelines

1. The flag should be hoisted briskly and lowered ceremoniously.
2. The flag is never allowed to touch the ground or the floor.
3. When hung over a sidewalk on a rope extending from a building to a pole, the union stars are always away from the building.
4. When vertically hung over the center of the street, the flag always has the union stars to the north in an east/west street, and to the east in a north/south street.
5. The flag of the United States of America should be at the center and at the highest point of the group when a number of flags of states or localities or pennants of societies are grouped and displayed from staffs.
6. The flag should never be festooned, drawn back, nor up, in folds but always allowed to fall free.
7. The flag should be displayed at half-staff until noon on Memorial Day then raised to the top of the staff.
8. Never fly the flag upside down except as a signal of distress in instances of extreme danger to life or property.
9. The flag is never flown in inclement weather except when using an all-weather flag.
10. The flag can be flown every day from sunrise to sunset and at night if illuminated properly.

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