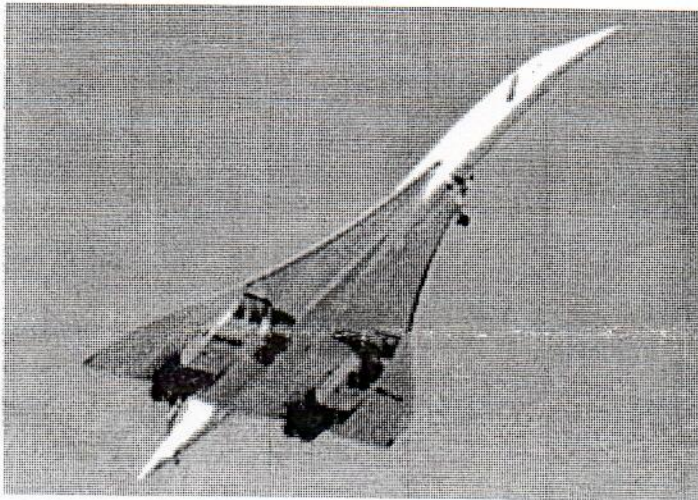


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"Le Concorde" - June 1 Program

The June Program will be presented by members Larry Campo and Dorothy McBain. Both have flown aboard the famed Concord and will tell us about their experiences and some details about this unique aircraft.



BBQ Top Sirloin for June Dinner

The dinner menu for June is as follows:

Top Sirloin
Western Style Beans
Garlic Bread
Tossed mixed green salad
Brownies

Memorial Day - Annual "FlyBye" THE SKY ABOVE YOU

As we visit our local cemeteries on Memorial Day, "Eagle Flight" from the Paso Robles Estrella Warbird Museum will perform a salute to veterans laid to rest.

For the 12th consecutive year, "Eagle

Flight", will perform a "Flybye" during ceremonies at Paso Robles, Templeton, Atasacadero and Los Osos Memorial cemeteries.

The "Missing Man" formation consists of four "Veteran" pilots:

Obbie Atkinson, a WW II B-29 instructor pilot,

George Marrett, former USAF test pilot and Vietnam combat veteran,

Rod Dykhouse, combat helicopter pilot in Vietnam, and

Mac Gleim, Navy, Vietnam veteran and carrier attack pilot.

During the "Flybye," Dykhouse will depart the formation and climb into the "Heavens West", honoring those who didn't return, and the "Missing Man" formation will continue their mission.

This performance is sponsored yearly by the Paso Robles Estrella Warbird Museum. The Museum is dedicated to the preservation and restoration of military aircraft and memorabilia and to those who flew and worked on them. The Museum's approach, however, is not to glorify conflict but rather to make future generations aware of the fact our way of life does not come without sacrifice.

The "Museum" is privately funded by its membership and has grown to be a "destination" spot for Paso Robles visitors from around the world. The "Museum" hosts a dinner meeting, open to the public the first Wednesday of each month beginning at 6 P.M., featuring notable speakers and entertainment.

Located on the southeast corner of the Paso Robles Airport, the Museum

welcomes new members. To become a part of the past and participate in future growth, call (805) 227-0440 for information or visit the Museum website at WWW.EWARBIRDS.ORG

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Dear Friends

We have Good News and Bad News--
The Good News: We are starting a new year with our 2005-2006 Officers and Board Members. Elections were held on May 18th. There were 6 incumbents, Ron Brooks, Gary Corippo, Dave Highland, Betty Miller, Rosemary Netto and Tom Weiss, plus 3 new candidates; Ed Morrison, Arnold Hermansen and John Dolan for 7 Director positions, with each term running for 3 years. The incumbents were re-elected and John Dolan was elected for the 7th opening, which occurred with Brian Webster spending more time at his home in Texas. The 2005-2006 Officers are: John Whitworth, Vice President, Jackie Brooks, Secretary, Rosemary Netto, Treasurer and Paul Clark Ex-Officio. The Bad News is that you all are going to have to put up with me as your President for another year! Some days you win, some days you lose. As we start the new Board year I would like to recap some of the things that were accomplished to make the Museum more attractive to our visitors. **Carol Weiss** and **Betty Miller** continue to add more exhibits and are working to have each exhibit tell a story about the men and women and the equipment they used to keep our freedom intact. **Gary Corippo** has spearheaded our efforts to acquire more and more aircraft and artifacts that our visitors and members enjoy seeing. **Al Schade** and his stalwart crew put together airplanes trucks and tanks together

so that visiting parents and kids alike can create memories for a lifetime.

John Himes and his **Kitchen Krew** of **Bob Chambers, Ed Chidlaw, Linda Hermansen, Jim Iverson, and Dick Kinsey**, create tasty meals for our meeting nights for everyone to enjoy. **Rosemary Netto** and **Cathy Nietz** serve our libations. A multitude of others have worked hard to help the Museum grow and improve. Our projects include everything from Landscaping, Membership Recruitment, Decorating Thomson Hall for our Dinner Meetings, to raking rocks, and the planning and construction of new buildings. Your Museum has become something to be very proud of and from now on it will only get better!

I thank you one and all and I am proud to say I know most of you and I am looking forward to getting to know even more of our new members in the coming days.

Chuck Miller

June Volunteers Needed:

We have some upcoming events that need hosts/hostesses. No lifting is required and you will be inside. We really need your help on these, so pick up your phone and help out your organization.

Thursday, June 2 from 11:30am to 1:00pm
Servers for Paso Robles Rotary Club BBQ Luncheon at Thomson Hall. This is a chance to meet some great folks and promote the Museum. Approximately 60-70 folks coming through the hot food and salad line. Please call Betty at 466-1212 if you can volunteer an hour and a half of your time.

Saturday, June 4 from 11:00 am to 12:30 PM
Servers for a chef's salad and fixings for the Sacramento Flying Club. Only 20 folks coming through the salad line. Please call Betty at 466-1212 if you can volunteer an hour and a half of your time.

Saturday, June 4 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Servers for BBQ Dinner for the IAC (International Aerobatic Competition) Banquet - about 70 folks coming through the hot food line. We will have the Oak Park kids doing clearing and clean up. Please call Betty at 466-1212 if you can volunteer an hour and a half of your time.

Attention All Vintage Aircraft Pilots:

San Luis Obispo Airport Day will be held Saturday, August 20. If you would like to put your aircraft on static display at SLO please contact **Oscar Bayer at 489-0915** and get more information. This should help you out on IRS deductions since this is a show.

Grizzlies Make EWM Shine

Saturday May 21 and Sunday May 22, we had 45 Grizzly Cadets present to help us make the Museum and aircraft sparkle. Thanks to Ed Chidlaw, Ron Brooks, Forrest Johnson, John Himes, Gary Corippo, George Taylor, Rob Kinneer, Betty Miller, Al Scahde and Bob Kelley for overseeing individual squads to clean up the Museum Hangar and all display cases, wax and detail the F-104, Clean up and organize the BBQ area, Wash all the windows inside and out in Thomson Hall, Vacuum, Weed, Paint the wood supports for our new patio cover, Sand the Huey Helicopter in preparation for painting, Thoroughly clean the kitchen-including the grease trap, Clean up areas in the Restoration Hangar, and wash & clean up the US Army truck in front of the Restoration Hangar. This was a super group and they really worked hard.

Treasure Hunt for Prizes

Don't forget to enter the Treasure Hunt at your 7 North County Historical Museums. Visit all 7, answer 3 questions at each Museum before July 1st and be entered into the Drawing for overnight stays at luxury hotels, dinners or lunches for two, movie tickets, \$100.00 Gift Certificate at Monterey Bay Aquarium and more! Entry blanks available at each Museum.

Camp Roberts Military Museum; Rios Caledonia Adobe; Pioneer Museum; El Paso de Robles Historical Society; Estrella Warbird Museum; Templeton Museum and Atascadero Historical Museum.

Membership report

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- Gene Morgan
Bradley, Ca. 93426
Retired from Rockwell
- Bruce and Rosie Hebron (Family)
Creston, Ca. 93432
- Ronald Boyte
Cayucos, Ca. 93430
Retired plumber

(2) Upgrade to sustaining member

John Everett
Pinky Jones
Bob Kelly
Robert Kinneer

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-Abraham Lincoln

Military Bases Offer Trip Through History

By NANCY BENAC
.c The Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) - A map of U.S. military bases is a chronicle of perils now gone, often long gone.

The forts protected British settlers in what was then the deep interior - central Pennsylvania. They helped fend off Indians along the Oregon Trail. They guarded against mortal danger and pesky smugglers from Canada, shipped troops across the ocean in two world wars and stared down Russians over the polar ice cap.

The lesson, as the government prepares a new round of base closings, is that the posts that have adapted have survived.

In other cases, they are where they are because someone did a good job of greasing government skids.

As the country's military needs have changed over the years, many of the country's 425 bases and several thousand smaller outposts have reinvented themselves and today fulfill far different roles. Those that haven't adjusted could find themselves on the new base-closing hit list.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld is to submit his recommendations to the independent Base Realignment and Closure Commission on Friday, and that panel is required to submit its final report to President Bush by Sept. 8. About 20 percent of domestic base capacity has been cut in previous rounds starting in 1988.

The Indian wars, the world wars and the Cold War are responsible for the largest constellations of military outposts, historians say.

Bases sprang up near airplane factories to supply the Soviet Union when it was a U.S. ally in World War II. Later, Northeast bases became home to long-range strategic bombers whose deadly, never-used payload had the Soviets as their intended target. Later still, with bombers able to refuel in midair and go farther, they moved into the greater safety of the heartland.

Some military property still in use dates back to the nation's founding or earlier.

The military presence at Carlisle, Pa., dates to 1757, when British settlers needed protection from attacks by the French and Indians. President Washington later put down the "whiskey rebellion" there. Now, this small Pennsylvania post is the bucolic home to the Army's Carlisle Barracks and the Army War College, but it is considered

vulnerable in the coming round of cuts. Fort Sill in Oklahoma was staked out in 1869 during a military campaign to stop hostile Indians from raiding border settlements in Texas and Kansas. Geronimo and other Apache prisoners of war lived there for a time.

Wright-Patterson Air Force Base got its start in the early 1900s as Wright Field outside Dayton, Ohio, where the Wright brothers did pioneering work on aviation out of their bicycle shop.

And the Strategic Air Command headquarters at Offutt Air Force Base in Nebraska takes its heritage - and still has the guard house - from old Fort Crook, which protected western expansion in the 1800s and began its aviation legacy in 1918 as base for the 61st Balloon Company. Apart from lobbying missiles, plain old lobbying has brought some bases into being. In Washington state, the local Chamber of Commerce and other businesses did an end-run around a resistant Army official and won President Wilson's endorsement to open Fort Lewis in 1917.

One installation with approximately nine lives over 400 years sits at the tip of the Virginia Peninsula in Chesapeake Bay. Fort Monroe was built in the early 1800s on the site of various fortifications that dated back to 1609, when the British erected defenses to protect the approaches to the Jamestown colony. Fort Monroe, built of stone and with a grand moat that still exists, became the first and largest of a system of coastal defenses after the burning of Washington by the British during the War of 1812.

Later it became an artillery practice school, then a key Union redoubt in the Civil War, then headquarters for an array of coastal artillery guns that could fire projectiles 25 miles in World War II, then a training center that since 1973 has been headquarters of the Army's Training and Doctrine Command. Many such bases have found a new mission, even as others lose their purpose - or the political clout to keep them open - and melt back into the scrub grass.

"The threat is different, the danger is different but other dangers continue and military installations can be readapted to meet current and future needs, as has been done over the decades and the centuries," said Richard J. Sommers of the Army

Military History Institute.

"What was once important in the 19th century may be less important in the 20th century, but certain constants remain," he said.

Among those constants is the need for appropriate weather and lots of open space. China Lake in California, the high-desert base of the Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division, has offered those qualities in the five decades it's been used to test airborne weapons systems. In places like that, said Daniel Goure of the Lexington Institute, "land was cheap and you could get big chunks and people wouldn't complain when you buzzed the cows."

On the Net:

Profiles of military bases:

<http://www.globalsecurity.org/military/facility/>

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"FORGOTTEN HEROES"

They return from every war
Thanking God to be alive.
They meld into society,
Feeling blessed to have survived.

Some, with daily nightmares
And memories hard to bear,
Some, with physical reminders,
Of limbs no longer there.

Some, with great hopes for the future,
Discover jobs are hard to find
And feel that this Country
is neither loyal or kind.

Some of them return,
To be confined to bed and chair
And never have a visitor
To offer thanks or a word of cheer.

They are the forgotten heroes,
Who answered this Nation's call,
Our brave, American Veterans...
Who were willing to give their all.

-- Freda Fullerton <Fjful@aol.com>

"WHAT FREEDOM COST"

The GI goes to War for us

They lay their life on the line
They do it proud, without a fuss
For Freedoms of yours and mine.

Sometimes the Battle may be won
And sometimes it may be lost
Sometimes the Battlefield at dawn
Will reveal the horrible cost.

Some were buried where they fell
Might have a white cross o'er their head
Some in places, where many markers tell
The stories of those Military dead.

They fight on land and sea, in air
Wherever they're told to go
In far off places, "over there"
Where we see their sense of Duty show.

We Honor them with Monuments
Pat their back and give them praise
We love our Warriors some moments
But forget them during Peaceful days.

In War and Peace they Sacrifice
Leave loved ones for months on end
For little pay, they pay a price
That most can't comprehend.

Not always in agreement
With all the powers that be
But without any argument
They'll fight the fight for you and me.

Before our young come of age
Or can have a drink or vote
They just may write a history page
And there are many we could quote.

So, to those who serve our country
Who protect us from every foe
In a message from you and me
We must make sure each of them know

They are in our heart and mind
And we thank them for their loyalty
They are a special breed and kind
Who defend this Land of the Free.

Now on this Memorial Day
Let us honor all those Heroes lost
Who gave their all, in such a way
To remind us all, what Freedom cost.

Del "Abe" Jones
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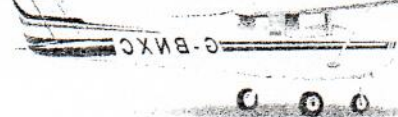
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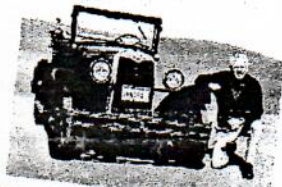
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On a Senate filibuster

"As I am writing this, (the Senate) is having what is called a filibuster. The name is just as silly as the thing itself. It means that a man can get up and talk for 15 or 20 hours at a time, then be relieved by another, just to keep some bill from coming to a vote, no matter about the merit of this particular bill, whether it's good or bad. There is no other body of lawmakers in the world that has a thing like it. Why, if a distinguished foreigner was to be taken around to see our institutions and was taken into the Senate and not told what institution it was, and heard a man ramble on, talking that had been going for 10 to 12 hours, he would probably say, 'You have lovely quarters here for your insane, but have you no warden to look after their health - to see that they doo n't talk themselves to death?'

Imagine a ball player standing at bat and not letting the other side play. Or an actor, the first one in a show, talking all night to keep the rest from going on. You know how long he would last. It's against all the laws of American sportsmanship, never mind the parliamentary part of it.

One Senator threatened to read the Bible into the record as part of his speech, and I guess he would have done it if somebody in the Capitol had had a Bible. Now that would have been a good thing, for it would have given a lot of them a chance to hear what it says. But, of course, that was even too sensible to go through. Instead, they just did their own act for 10 to 12 hours each, which they thought would be better than anything they could find in the Bible. To imagine how bad this thing is, did you ever attend a dinner and hear a Senator speak for 50 minutes or an hour? If you have, you remember what that did to you! Well, just imagine the same thing only 12 times worse." WA #12, March 4, 1923.

Military Insider Newsletter

U.S. Navy Still Has Enough Bases

United Press International

May 19, 2005

WASHINGTON - The head of the U.S. Navy says he is "confident" recommended base

closures are "more than sufficient to fully support the Navy force."

Gordon R. England, who also serves as acting deputy secretary of defense, told members of the Base Realignment and Closure Commission the world, the country and the Navy have changed, American Forces Press Service. In response, England said, the Navy must adapt its infrastructure to better meet this new environment.

That involves transforming the military so it's ready to meet current and future threats and demands eliminating excess infrastructure and consolidating operations, England told the commission.

To support this effort, the Defense Department has recommended closing nine major Navy bases and 46 smaller installations and realigning eight major Navy bases, U.S. officials said.

The recommended changes were based on saving defense dollars so they can be invested where they're needed and developing bases to support military readiness for the future, Anne Davis, deputy assistant secretary of the Navy, told the committee members.

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