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Mystery of the Missing Wallets

Camp Roberts Public Affairs Office

[Social Hour @ 6 p.m. -- Dinner @ 7 p.m.]

Staff Sergeant Thomas Murotake

You may have read coverage in the Tribune and/or L.A. Times on the missing wallets found at Roberts.

"In an interesting development, as a result of the LA Times story, we have had a family member come forward to claim the wallet of Perfecto Pacheco-Ramos. That story may also run in the LA Times this week; the family is finalizing plans to come to Camp Roberts with the NBC "Today" show to have the wallet presented to them and to see the base Perfecto served at -- we are expecting them in ...July."



Staff Sgt. Tom Murotake began his military service with the regular Army in 1973, leaving active duty in 1980. He joined the Army National Guard in 1989 and has served continuously since for a total of 23 years of service to our nation.

He presently serves as a Public Affairs Non-Commissioned Officer at Camp Roberts and is an instructor in Media Awareness and Media Interaction at the Theater-Specific Individual Readiness Training Site. He has been working in the Public Affairs branch since 1996 and is also qualified as an Army

August 3rd Dinner Menu

Tropical Theme

August Menu:

BBQ Boneless Pork Loin

Potato Salad

Cole Slaw

Rolls

Ice Cream Sundaes

See you at Thomson Hall, 6 p.m. Wednesday

Reservations please: 466-1212 or 227-0440

medic.

His decorations include multiple awards of the Army Commendation Medal and the Army Achievement Medal. His service in the Northridge Earthquake and 1997 El Nino relief efforts have earned him two awards of the Humanitarian Service Medal and his work for the "reading-challenged" at a

public television station in Orange County earned him the Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal.

Although he has been serving at Camp Roberts for most of the past year, he is a "traditional Guardsman" and in civilian life, he is a freelance off-road desert racing photographer whose work has appeared in the Toyota Motorsports and Quaker State Racing calendars and in numerous industry publications. He also produces and hosts a weekly radio show that broadcasts in Orange County and on the Internet. His diverse work experiences have included positions in the computer and telecommunications fields and work as an ambulance driver, Emergency Medical Technician and volunteer firefighter.

In his off-duty hours, Tom enjoys comedy, current events, science, history and delving into the unusual, the curious and the off-beat -- the last of which probably goes far in explaining his work in locating the owners of the lost wallets of Camp Roberts.

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John's News From Latvia:

"Weather is in the 80's, unusually warm, with no air conditioning in homes, offices or public transportation! Mira and John are walking everywhere...5 to 6 KM They are looking forward to coming home, but hope the "heat wave" has passed by the time they get back."
[Flying back on the 29th.]

ATTENTION All EWM Members Judy Corippo is our **Sunshine Chairman**

Please let her know of anyone who we could/should send a card to.
Either e-mail to travelbugg@charter.net
OR phone her at: 238-2090

A Note from the Prez...

From President Charles Miller

Greetings from the top of hill on a very hot day in Atascadero.

If you haven't walked the flight line at the Museum lately you have missed seeing our newest addition the OV-10 Bronco emerge from a trailer load of parts into a beautiful newly-painted flying machine, only lacking two engines and propellers. Gary says we shall have the engines and propellers shortly.

It makes one very proud to be part of an organization with so many talented people that give so much of themselves to make the museum what it has become. And it will continue to grow and get better.

Our fund-raising efforts towards our new museum "restoration building" are off to a great start. So far in cash-on-hand and pledges we have \$115,000 with many of our members still to be heard from. If you have not made your pledge yet, please dig deep and do the best you can because we are on the way to make this the best fly-in/drive-in museum on the Central Coast.

I must apologize for making my letter so short as at the moment I am rushing off to do two other

things Looking forward to seeing you all at our monthly dinner meeting on August 3.

Cordially
Chuck Miller

Minutes of Board Meetings

Current board minutes can be found on the bulletin board in the Meeting Hall across from the bar. If anyone wishes to have a copy emailed to them, have them call Jackie Brooks, Secretary, at 462-8141.
Space allowing, a brief recap may be included in the newsletters.

Suggestion for naming the newsletter?

"Hi Dick, Good suggestion. How about "Eagle Flyer" ? Obbie
"Eagle" is good, so is "Lightning" or "The Star" (Estrella). Dave Highland

Dinner price now \$12

Reminder that cost of Monthly Dinner has increased to \$12.00 per person. (If we have something like Lasagna or Mexican we may charge less - but normal price for BBQ, Prime Rib, Roast Pork, etc will be \$12.00)
Price increase necessary due to rising food costs, which are probably due to our current increase in gasoline prices.

Annual Dues are Past Due

The Museum uses May 1st as the Annual Dues date. "Reminder Letters" were sent out to all current members and Rosemary says the response has been good. There are still a few longtime members that have not responded. Please take a moment to call Rosemary at 467-3521 and let her know if you will be renewing.

Your "DUES" help pay the Museums fixed expenses and assure our future, and we thank each of you for your continued confidence and support.

Obbie Atkinson, Membership Chairman

Membership - Newcomers

- (1) Vic Martinez
Paso Robles
retired State/USAF
- (2) Jim Cvancara
Atascadero
retired/ USAF
- (3) George Mayer (wife Sondra Fay)

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Bradley, Ca. 93426
Retired = WSA (??)
(4) Thomas Kosanke (wife Barbara)
Paso Robles
Occupation: Airline Pilot (retired??)

UPGRADE

Sherman Smoot - for upgrade to LIFE
MEMBER 07-01

Saturday work group projects

A steady group comes to the Museum each and every Saturday. We have about 20-25 of the members that make it each weekend to complete work that needs to be done. The work includes projects such as clean up, weeding, sanding on aircraft, misc. work on the old trucks, jeeps, trailers, etc. It works on the electrical of the buildings, paints, works in the kitchen, retrieving aircraft and aircraft parts, hauling junk away, cleaning up the restoration building, emptying waste cans, sanding and masking aircraft for painting, sorting out all of the parts that we have acquired, etc, The list goes on and on. If you will get involved, we will do our best to keep you busy. With all of this hard work that we perform, you get a free lunch and have the chance to work with a great bunch of guys (and girls) that are striving to make the Museum a wonderful place to call our own. Without the great people that we have, it would be just another building with stuff in it.

Gary Corippo

Visited Camp Roberts Museum?

If you have not been out there in the last 10 months, you will be amazed at all the changes, it is well worth the time! We hope to be able make our Museum displays as attractive.

The Camp Roberts Historical Museum, two large buildings covering the history of the army camp, located inside the main gate.

You only need to produce a picture ID and possibly your registration and Proof of Insurance for your vehicle to get on base. They are open on Thursdays and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; FREE.

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462-8141

Notes: The First "Computer Bug"

Moth found trapped between points at Relay # 70, Panel F, of the Mark II Aiken Relay Calculator while it was being tested at Harvard University, 9 September 1945. The operators affixed the moth to the computer log, with the entry: "First actual case of bug being found". They put out the word that they had "debugged" the machine, thus introducing the term "debugging a computer program".

In 1988, the log, with the moth still taped by the entry, was in the Naval Surface Warfare Center Computer Museum at Dahlgren, Virginia.

Courtesy of the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Dahlgren, VA., 1988.

U.S. Naval Historical Center Photograph.

Take a look at this page. I think you'll like it.
<http://wandascountryhome.com/united/index.htm>

Subject: Concorde's Last Flight
http://www.catsprn.com/concordes_last_flight.htm

THIS MONTH IN 1860, THE PONY EXPRESS STARTED

"It was this week in 1860, the first Pony Express mail was delivered. It took 3 weeks to get the mail across the country, half the mail was lost, and every postal worker carried a rifle. So basically, nothing's changed." - Jay Leno

Summer Docent Schedule

Estrella Warbird Museum
[August & September]

July 30 Sat. 10-1 Peckinpaugh
July 31 Sun. 12-3 Brooks, 1-4 Weiss

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Aug. 6 Sat. 10-1 Miner
Aug. 7 Sun. 12-3 Corippo, 1-4 Sacks
Aug. 13 Sat. 10-1 Dickey
Aug. 14 Sun. 12-3 Passon, 1-4 Blomquist
Aug. 20 Sat. 10-1 Weiss
Aug. 21 Sun. 12-3 Johnson, 1-4 Hermansen
Aug. 27 Sat. 10-1 Dickey
Aug. 28 Sun. 12-3 Corippo, 1-4 Bishop

Sept. 3 Sat. 10-1 Miner
Sept. 4 Sun. 12-3 Corippo, 1-4 Sacks
Sept. 10 Sat. 10-1 Blomquist
Sept. 11 Sun. 12-3 Passon, 1-4 Open
Sept. 17 Sat. 10-1 Dickey
Sept. 18 Sun. 12-3 Weiss, 1-4 Hermansen
Sept. 24 Sat. 10-1 Dickey
Sept. 25 Sun. 12-3 Corippo, 1-4 Bishop

Jackie is looking for volunteers

to work as Welcoming committee and
serve in the Gift Shop.

Please contact me at: 462-8141 for
details.

NCHC (North County Historical Coop) "Museum Musings..."

Info for the Treasure Hunt sponsored by the North County Historical Co-Op. Drawings from the correct questionnaires returned were obtained and the following are the results: First Prize: Betty J. Smith (Atascadero Historical Society questionnaire), Atascadero; Second Prize - Bill Smith (Camp Roberts Museum questionnaire), Atascadero; Third Prize - Pat Schudlich (Templeton Historical Museum questionnaire), Templeton; Fourth Prize - Regena Orr (Templeton Historical Museum questionnaire), Paso Robles.

Visit all seven of the North County's Museums:

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1) Estrella Warbird Museum, 2) Atascadero Historical Society, 3) El Paso de Robles Historical Society/Museum, 4) Pioneer Museum, 5) Camp Roberts Museum, 6) Rios Caledonia Adobe and 7) Templeton Historical Museum.

"Surviving Pearl" -- & WWII Dale J. Schwartz, local author

Our July speaker was local author Dale Schwartz. He is a US Navy Pearl Harbor survivor.

Dale's booklist includes: "Kill Without Remorse," "That Riley Girl," "The Frenchman and the Fox," "Pearl Connection," "The B's and B's," and he has just completed "Mayday."

USS Columbus Reunion in September

From 1944 through 1976 CA-74/CG12 shipmates and SSN-762 past and present will convene in San Antonio, Texas for a reunion September 21-25, 2005. Contact Allan R. Hope, president of the USS Columbus Veterans Association, hope4391@comcast.net, or phone 260-486-2221 in Indiana.

Warbird Museum docent orientations

Another docent orientation will be planned soon. We would like anybody interested in being a docent to attend. Call Tom Weiss [239-2637]

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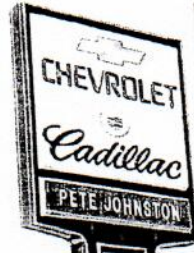
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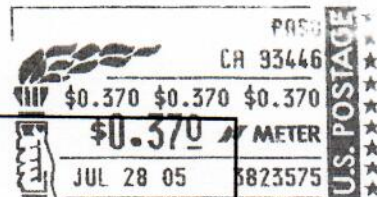
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