

# Estrella Warbird Museum Newsletter --September 2005

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MA - Webster College, St. Louis MO, 1977

US Army -Active duty 1964 - 1978

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California National Guard 1990 - 1996

*Bronze Star, Commendation Medal (4),*

*Achievement Medal*

Infantry - 2 years

Military intelligence - 25 years

Korea - 1st Cavalry Division

2nd Infantry Division

Vietnam - 82nd Airborne Division

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1st Armor Division, Ft Hood TX

25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks HI

40th Infantry Division, Fresno CA

14th Military Intelligence Battalion, Ft Bragg NC

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Public Affairs Officer at NAS Lemoore 24 years

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Married with 14 year old child



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

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## September 7th Dinner Menu

### BBQ Top Sirloin

- Beans
- Green Salad
- Garlic Bread
- Desert
- Coffee/Ice Tea



See you at Thomson Hall, 6 p.m. Wednesday  
*Reservations please: 466-1212 or 227-0440*

**John & Mira are back from vacation, will be in the kitchen & around the museum**

## A Note from the Prez...

### From President Charles Miller

Dear Friends,

My, how time flies! It seems like only yesterday that I was writing my last "Note from the Prez" to you all. I must say that the last four weeks have been interesting and time well spent.

Since our last meeting the Museum has acquired a new display item, It is the large (8' wide x 18' long x 14' high) Kiosk that formerly was at the Templeton Historical Museum. The Templeton Museum no longer had room for it with the addition of the railroad station house and offered it to us free if we would move it. Three of our members volunteered their time, know-how, and equipment to get the kiosk moved from Templeton to our Museum.

Fred Thacker, who owns Oak Leaf Equipment Company brought his crane and heavy equipment trailer as well as his brother-in-law to help John Dolan, Ron Brooks and myself get the job done. What seemed insurmountable went very well with the right equipment and knowledge! Thanks Fred!  
Take time to visit our sister museum in Templeton on a Saturday, you will enjoy

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seeing all their items showcasing Templeton's past.

On Saturday, August 20, Kevin Craig, John Cromwell, Dave Geiger, Rob Kinnear, Chuck Miller, Betty Miller, Wayne Rice, Al Schade, George Taylor, Andrea Taylor, Betsy Thomson, and Glen Thomson completed a four hour Red Cross-approved CPR & AED class at the Paso Robles Fire Station. George Taylor coordinated the training with Chief Ken Johnson. George will be setting up another class (see newsletter article) and hopes to have at least 2/3 of our membership trained in CPR and the use of the AED by the end of 2006. Because of the amount of training aids the classes will held to 12 people per session. After you complete the course you will be able to help save the life of someone experiencing a heart attack, stroke, or even choking. This will be the best investment of \$17.00 and 4 hours of your time you can have.

The Museum has also received a donated manuscript that may be used to raise funds in the future. We have some wonderful aircraft pictures and photos and even 24 years of Air Classic magazines--all professionally boxed and organized for the Research Library.

My "Unsung Hero for September" is Fred Thacker. Fred is generous with his time, expertise and equipment to help the Museum grow and develop. Thank you Fred for making the Museum a better place!

*Chuck*

*Miller*

### **Museum Musings**

We continue to grow with many new items to display. Artifact Coordinator, Carol Weiss, has just completed framing some rare WW II posters and they will be up in Thomson Hall for you to see at our next Dinner Meeting.

Because we have outgrown the Hangar, you will notice that items get rotated. It is not always possible to display everything that folks donate. For instance pictures have to be re-framed with preservation materials and frankly it costs money that isn't in our budget at all times. The items are stored in a dry, insect-free environment until we do get some money and we frame on a pay-as-you-go basis! Uniforms have to be cleaned and since we only have a limited number of manikins we can't display all of them. Models of aircraft, tanks, engines are great, but we are very limited at the moment for display space. Call Tom Weiss at 239-2637 if you have a model you think we should have.

We have been collecting display cabinets , but we have many in storage until we have room in the proposed new Museum. You will notice that signage isn't keeping pace with the items in the existing display cases. Carol and Betty are working on this and hope to get more done this fall.

One of the biggest problems is the dust and dirt that seems to accumulate on a weekly basis. If anyone would like to help out the Docents by volunteering to take a dust rag and paper towels and windex and clean off the outsides of the cases it sure would be appreciated! Just come out on a Saturday after 10am or on a Sunday ,between 12noon and 3 pm, and the Docent on duty will be happy to give you the things necessary to accomplish the task!

We continue to acquire some marvelous memorabilia and but we ask that if you have something to donate you always call Carol Weiss at 239-2637 or Betty Miller at 466-1212 BEFORE you drop your donated item off. We can only use so many of any one item and have many things stored. We will need to consult the inventory to be sure we are not duplicating pictures or models. We also get disappointed when something "appears" with no donor name and no information about the item.

Keep visiting and see many new surprises!

*Betty and Carol*

### **EWM BUDGET COMMITTEE --**

Needs all Committee Chairman to prepare the Committee's itemized Budget for 2006. To be received by the Budget Committee, no later than September 10. Leave Information in Secretary Jackie's Mail Box -- next to the sign-in sheet in the Dining Hall.

Thank You, Budget Committee.

### **EWM To Participate in Airport Days**

**-- September 10, 2005**

*We will need help moving vehicles and airplanes. Contact: Chuck Miller or Gary Corippo to volunteer.*

Gift Shop Volunteers needed at the Museum & at the Airport From 8 am to 3:30 pm. at the airport. Contact Jackie Brooks 462-8141

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**Jackie hunting for volunteers to work as Welcoming committee and serve in the Gift Shop.**

Please contact me at: 462-8141 for details.

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## GOLFERS

"Attention golfers and other interested souls. To help raise cash for our various projects, to have another opportunity for interaction among members and to cast a wider net to lure new members, EWM is forming a committee whose object is to put on our first (of many) annual fund-raising golf tournaments. The target date for this event is in April or May of 2006. Preliminary talks have been held with local courses, and it appears that Hunter's Ranch seems to offer the best choice for us with them putting on the tournament and EWM hosting the post-round awards event/Bar-B-Q in the Glen Thompson Hall.

The task of this committee will be to firm up the tourney format, coordinate with Hunter's Ranch, solicit sponsorships for local businesses and to orchestrate the action of EWM volunteers before, during and after the tournament. Pre-tourney publicity will be one of the most important aspects of event preparation, for without adequate participation, we will have a nice day, but not much else. People with ideas are encouraged to join up. There are many areas that need attention by good people.

Volunteers for this committee are essential if we are to put on a successful event. If you are interested in helping, please contact Wayne Rice who is the current committee (of one). Wayne's home phone is (805) 467-9710, cell (805) 423-8828. If there is no answer, please leave your name and contact info. Planning meetings will be scheduled soon."

Hope this is useful.

Wayne

### **Librarian Needed**

Our long-time Research Librarian K.O. Eckland will be moving mid September to Paradise, CA. If you are interested in taking over the care and organization of our wonderful books in the Research Library we need you!

Please call K.O. Eckland at 466-5373 to ask about the duties involved and he will be happy (in the midst of packing!) to get you checked out!

K.O. will continue to handle our website [www.ewarbirds.org](http://www.ewarbirds.org) (we have an award-winning site if you have not checked it out do so today!)

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## *Work November Special Election?*

Museum Members to Work November Special Election

We will once again staff a precinct for the November 8, 2005 Special Election. This enables the Museum to earn \$425.00 for "manning the polls". Jackie Brooks is the coordinator and Betty Miller will be the Precinct Supervisor. The following members have volunteered to work the polls:

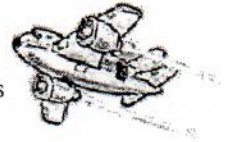
Jackie Brooks, Gary Corippo, Judy Corippo, Ruth Dickey, Betty Gabele, Bob Kelly, Rob Kinnear, Chuck Miller, Betty Miller, Rosemary Netto, Don Peckinpugh, Charmaine Peckinpugh, Frank Ragland, Noreen Ragland, Clark Scott, Glen Thomson and Carol Weiss.

Please take time to thank these folks for helping the community AND earning some money for the Museum!

### **Summer Docent Schedule**

Estrella Warbird Museum

Sept. 3 Sat. 10-1 Miner, 1-4 Sacks  
Sept. 4 Sun. 12-3 Corippo



Sept. 10 Sat. 10-1 Blomquist, 1-4 Open  
Sept. 11 Sun. 12-3 Passon

Sept. 17 Sat. 10-1 Dickey, 1-4 Hermansen  
Sept. 18 Sun. 12-3 Weiss

Sept. 24 Sat. 10-1 Dickey, 1-4 Bishop  
Sept. 25 Sun. 12-3 Corippo

### **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]

### **Base closures BRAC [in process]**

August 24, 2005: Update (compiled from various news sources)

Below is the current list of recommendations by the BRAC Commission. This list is not final; the panel must send its final proposal to President Bush by Sept. 8. The president can accept the report or order the commission to make changes. Check back here often as more announcements are made by the commission.

Bases Voted to Remain Open:

California - NSA Corona

Connecticut - Naval Submarine Base in New London, Connecticut

New Hampshire - NS Portsmouth

"American Thunder" 9/11/05 in SLO

BBQ and Rally to honor and support our US troops. Profits go to military parents organization for support of soldiers and families of deployed troops.

Sunday, 9/11/05 2 to 4 p.m. at Mitchell Park, SLO (Osos and Pismo Streets by Grace Church). Barbecue is free to military in uniform, \$10 for others. Music, speakers, honor guard. Order tickets or for information call Matt K at 541-3950:

<www.9-11AmericanThunder.com>

"CPR" Class a success!

The Estrella Warbird Museum first "CPR" class was a huge success. We plan more classes in the very near future.

I will be the contact person for enrollment. People that want to be scheduled for a class should use my voice mail 448-7402. I will need name and phone number so that I may contact them with class dates and time. The cost is \$17.00 per person. This is an open enrollment for "EWM" members, their family and friends.

You may wish to contact Betty Miller for as to what all we should include in the news letter regarding this topic.

I will also have enrollment forms the Museum on Saturdays and of course at our monthly dinner meetings. We have an informal committee for this project that includes Chuck Miller, Betty Miller, John Cromwell and George Taylor. Thank You

George

Taylor

"Thank You card"

Thank You to everyone for their Love & Support through the loss of my husband Dewey "Jack" Killion. S/Willa Killion

Former Member to hold Garage Sale

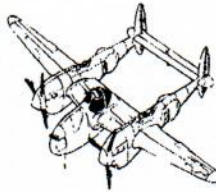
As many of you know long-time member Tom Cameron passed away late last year. He was one of our two BBQers Extraordinaire (the late Mike Wing being the other) Tom's wife Virginia will be holding a garage sale on Saturday and Sunday September 2 & 3 at their home - 714 Creston Road from 8:00 am to 1pm each day. Tom collected aviation, vehicle and assorted memorabilia and I think many of those who knew Tom will find some interesting things to purchase.

Sunshine committee

Judy Corippo is our Sunshine Chairman, so please let her know of anyone who we could/should call or send a card to.

Either e-mail to [travelbugg@charter.net](mailto:travelbugg@charter.net)

OR phone Judy at: 238-2090



Membership - Newcomers

Rick R. Wells (wife Candy)  
Paso Robles 93446  
Occupation: truck driver  
Sponsor: Gary Corippo

Dale Gustin  
Paso Robles, Ca. 93447  
Attorney

CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

For Arthur J. Britton  
To: Mariposa, Ca. 95338

Dropped from List:

Marie Kinsell  
Vernon Yost (newsletters returned)

Non payment of dues 8/1/05:

Buzzetti, Charles  
Coffin, Mike & Diane  
Grant Family  
Kempthorne, Hal & Carol  
Leet, Al  
Lewis, Wayne  
Moody, Jim  
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Bases Voted for Realignment:  
 Texas - Red River Army Depot  
 Virginia - NAS Oceana (moving the Fleet Atlantic Master Jet Base to FL)  
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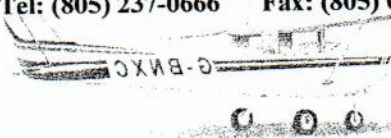
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- Aircraft Acquisitions - Gary Corippo
- Automobile Acquisitions - Gary Corippo
- Aircraft Maintenance - Al Schade
- Artifacts/Museum Exhibit Hall - Betty Miller and Carol Weiss
- Bar - Rosemary Netto
- Building Maintenance - Ron Brooks
- Budget Coordinator - Ed Chidlaw
- Concrete Construction - Glen Thomson
- Culinary Depart (Dinners & Lunches) - John Himes
- Decorations - Judy Corippo
- Facility Rental - Betty Miller
- Gift Shop - Jackie Brooks
- Grounds Maintenance - John Kendall and Ron Thompson
- Janitorial - Linda & Arnold Hermansen
- Membership - Obbie Atkinson
- Newsletter & Publicity - Dick Reddick
- Safety - John Cromwell
- Secretarial & Office Expense - Jackie Brooks
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