

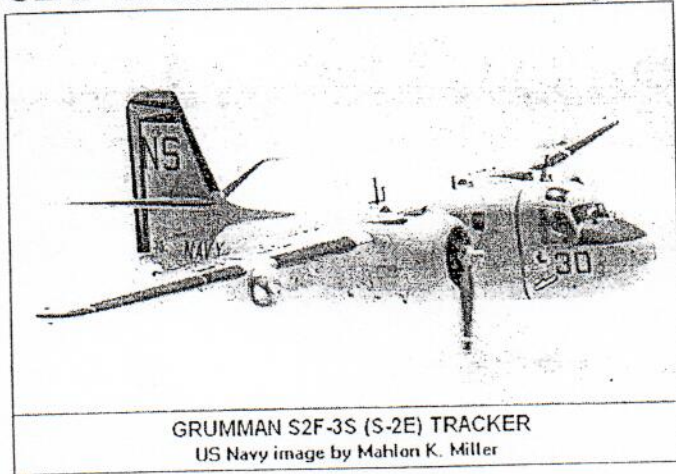
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CDF Grumman S-2F tankers flown by 5'1" lady pilot



GRUMMAN S2F-3S (S-2E) TRACKER
US Navy image by Mahlon K. Miller

Re-scheduled: CDF tankers flown by 5'1" lady pilot

After a one-month fire-season delay, speaker for Nov 2nd is Ann Le Bris. She is one of two female pilots statewide contracted to fly California Department of Forestry (CDF) tankers.

Ann grew up in rural France, didn't intend to come to the United States. She tried to get into the French Navy to fly planes but being 5-foot, 1-inch tall, she was not accepted because she was "too short."

Six years ago she applied to the CDF, was accepted and now flies the Grumman S-2F.

Another goal is to eventually fly humanitarian missions in Africa.

"I like the idea of fighting fires, it is useful, it's like going to war except everyone wants you to win."

Fellow CDF tanker pilot Chuck Lees: "In this business you get respect by how good a pilot you are and how well you get along with other people. ...She's prob ably one of the best."

Thank you to all the people who helped move & scrub things to make the Museum more attractive.-- Gary Corippo; Bob Kelly; Ron Brooks; Chuck & Betty Miller; Pam & Ed Morrison; Don & Charmaine Peckinpaugh; Paul Sacks and Carol Weiss. You are appreciated!!

Jackie Brooks

November 2 Menu

Turkey

Dressing

Mashed potatoes

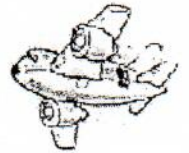
Gravy

Green beans

Rolls

Salad

Pumpkin Pie



Reservations, Please -November Dinner

To ensure that we have enough food for all who wish to attend, it is STRONGLY suggested that you call 466-1212 to make your reservations! Unfortunately we still have members who don't call and just show up. We love to have your company, but we want you to be able to enjoy a meal as well. Remember we can only seat 125 comfortably. Please RSVP!

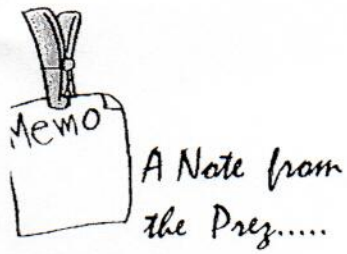
Due to the popularity of our speaker last month we had a group of 32 people book reservations for the October dinner program

Golf tournament planning...

The benefit golf tournament is the goal of a new committee now being formed. I need the help of Warbirders who know the territory and a couple of golfers.

Wayne Rice





ee, it is almost Thanksgiving and wonder where the time has gone. seems like only yesterday when I as a young recruit in the US rmy!

Many things are moving on in the useum. For those of you that haven't walked through it in the st week there are major changes at you should check out before inner on Wednesday. Jackie rooks has a new Gift Shop ocation that is bigger and better an ever. Just in time to hold all e new items that will be arriving on! A major work day was held n Monday, October 10th, and anks to **Paul Sacks, Don and harmaine Peckinpaugh, Ed and am Morrison, Gary Corippo, Betty Miller, and Carol Weiss-ackie and Ron Brooks** were able o get the entire Gift Shop moved rom the old location into the area where the Link Trainer used to be. Not only did everything get moved ut and rearranged, but **Paul Sacks and Gary Corippo** mopped the ntire floor!

Carol Weiss and **Betty Miller** noved many of the artifacts and earranged displays. For those of ou who offered to store some of he larger items (anti-aircraft gun, omb loading crane, helicopter ngines, etc) these are now ready or pickup! Call Betty at 466-1212 oday to coordinate.

On the outside, **Gary Corippo** and **Glen Thomson**, with a lot of help,

have gotten the Museum taxiway widened so that we can park visiting aircraft safely and turn larger aircraft (like the B-17) around without getting them stuck in the mud that will come with the winter rains.

"Freedom Hall" is progressing. We received our grading permit to start the initial foundation grading for the new exhibit hall. If all goes well you will see this accomplished by the dinner meeting. We now have all the engineering and architectural plans done and our application for the actual building permit from the City of Paso Robles will be submitted in the next week or so.

We hope that those of you who have not donated any money towards Freedom Hall will do so. Every dollar helps—whether it is \$25.00 or \$25,000, we really need it and it will be appreciated greatly. There are Donation Forms available by the main entrance in Thomson Hall as well as in the Museum, so pick up one and complete it today!

As I write this some of our stalwart members are on a *free* one week cruise! **Gary and Judy Corippo, Ed and Pam Morrison, Al and Bobbie Schade** and the always outstanding, do-everything **George Taylor** are on the high seas aboard the *USS Abraham Lincoln* aircraft carrier cruising up and down the coast of California as chaperons for 90 Jr. Navy ROTC cadets between the ages of 15 and 18 years old! Not exactly a luxury cruise and certainly they will have some great stories to recount when they get back!

We have a member who says very

little but does many things to help the Museum grow. She purchased many of the commercial items in our kitchen that have turned it into a place to be admired by caterers and visitors alike. Now she has purchased an AED (defib unit) for the Museum with all the extras. This will be extremely useful should one of our visitors or members have a heart attack or other problem. With our increasing number of members who have successfully completed CPR and AED training, we can save a life.

When this member is not improving our Museum she is selling drink tickets for every occasion we have. I am speaking of **Dorothy Renton McBain** who is my Unsung Hero for November!

I could go on and on about our members who have donated time, sweat, blood, tears and money to make us grow. We have so many who have done so much, but I will stop for now and wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving!

Chuck

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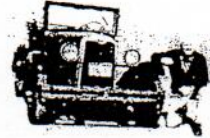
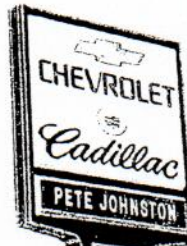
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 Texas - Red River Army Depot
 Virginia - NAS Oceana (moving the Fleet
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