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March 1 Program: Author of "War for the Hell of it!"

**Lt Col Nelson E. (Ed) Cobleigh USAF
(Ret)**

Background; Ed Cobleigh was born in New Orleans, LA and raised in Chattanooga, Tennessee. After graduating from Chattanooga High School, he earned a degree in Mechanical Engineering from Georgia Tech and a Masters Degree in Management at the University of Southern California.

Cobleigh was awarded two Distinguished Flying Crosses and the Air Medal for his service during the Vietnam War.

Military Career; Ed earned his pilot's wings with the United States Air Force and eventually achieved the rank of Lt Col. As a fighter pilot, he flew the F-104 Starfighter, the F-4 Phantom, the A-4 Skyhawk, the Anglo-French Jaguar, and the F-16 Fighting Falcon.

He flew 375 combat missions in South East Asia during the Vietnam War in the Phantom, earning two Distinguished Flying Crosses and the Air Medal. To pass on his extensive combat experience, he was assigned as a Fighter Weapons Instructor Pilot with the USAF Fighter Weapons School, the US Navy Fighter Weapons School (Topgun), and the Royal Air Force Qualified Weapons Instructor Course (Jaguar). He has flown with the US Navy, The Royal Air Force, the Imperial Iranian Air Force, and the French Air Force as well as with the USAF. Cobleigh also served as an Air Intelligence Officer and Squadron Commander with the USAF Reserve.

Civilian Career; Ed recently completed a 25 year career in International Marketing, retiring as Vice President, International Business Development for

Raytheon Missile Systems Co. He was responsible for worldwide sales of tactical missiles. His Civilian career provided extensive knowledge in working with print as well as broadcast media. He is a veteran of many international sales shows and conventions such as the Paris Air Show, Farnborough Air Show, and Singapore Air Show. He has visited 50 countries.

March 1 Menu:

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Literary Experience; Ed has had articles on fighter weapons and tactics published in numerous trade journals such as; Aviation Week, Armada Magazine, the Fighter Weapons Review, and Soldier and Technology. He has had Op/Ed pieces

published in the Arizona Daily Star. "War for the Hell of It" is his first book.

Interests; Ed Cobleigh resides with his wife, Heidi, in the Paso Robles, California wine country where they train and ride their Arabian horses.

About the book:

War for the Hell of It
One Fighter Pilot's War in Vietnam
By
Ed Cobleigh

WAR FROM 25,000 FEET

"With the aviation thrills of *Flight of the Intruder* and the military pathos of M*A*S*H, Cobleigh gives a stirring and emotional description of one man's journey into airborne hell and back."

Gift Shop Notes:

New "patches" are available at the gift shop at \$5 each. Or check with Jackie Brooks.

Older style computer monitors are available. Check with Jackie or Ron.

GOLF Shootout attracting entrants

Hunter's Ranch will host the first Estrella Warbird Museum "Golf Shootout" on Monday, May 8, 2006. This event is open to any golfer with an established handicap.

Entry forms for the museum's May 8 golf shootout are now available in the newsletter as well as various locations around the museum and the local community. Please help support this effort by playing, volunteering or recruiting players.

Wayne Rice (805) 467-9710
Email: ricefolk@tcsn.net

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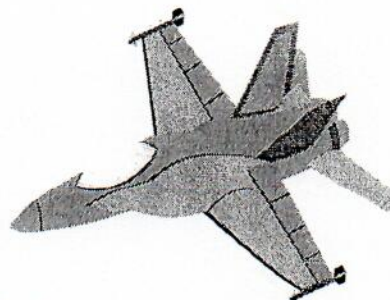
Dear Friends,
For you lucky folks who have spent the last few weeks on vacations in the South Pacific, Hawaii, Mexico, South America or Costa Rica, welcome to winter on the Central Coast!

For the second time in 34 years, we have had



snow at our house on the hill. In 1988 we had 6"-8" on our hill and our across-the-road neighbors hiked up to our house and skied down our 900 foot driveway to the bottom of the hill. They called us in Hawaii where we were on vacation and said it was a great run!

We recently had to fill two spots on our Board of Directors. **Paul Clark** is the current President of the Farm Bureau and has his hands full with that. Paul asked to be relieved of the balance of his term (1 year-3 months) so that he might have time to balance family time with work and the Farm Bureau. Long-time Board member, **Conrad Martin**, has relocated to Nipomo and between settling into a new home with his wife Jeannie and business commitments out of state, asked to take early departure from the three months left on his term. We will miss these two loyal members, and accept their resignations with regret. Both Paul and Conrad have worked hard to help develop the Museum and I thank them both for their past efforts and continued dedication.



On the plus side, our Board unanimously voted to have **Don Peckinpaugh** fill Paul's term and **Wayne Rice** to fill Conrad's term. Please join me in welcoming these two fine members to the Board of Directors.

The plan-check corrections for plumbing and electrical portions for **Freedom Hall** will be resubmitted to the City February 21st. Our architect, Ralph McCarthy is doing a very good job of staying on top of this for us.

We have started a new Star Lifetime Membership called "Thunderbolt Flight" Membership Chair, **Obbie Atkinson** already

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has several folks in the Thunderbolt Star Membership. A second case has been ordered and will display the Star members' names in that flight. Obbie will be presenting badges and certificates to those folks who have recently joined Lightning Flight and the new Thunderbolt Flight at the March 1st Dinner Meeting. We would encourage all of these new Star Members to attend that dinner.

I'd like to remind those who have not committed to donating to the Freedom Hall Building fund that a Donation Form is included in this month's newsletter. Remember we are trying to have 100% of all our members contribute. We will be grateful for any amount that you can donate to help achieve this goal!

Our Museum has grown in popularity on Saturday and Sunday. We are finding that with the increase of visitors, we need to have someone to work at the Gift Shop *and* someone to act as a Docent. With two people needed, we need more volunteers to work the Gift Shop. You don't have to know about airplanes, jeeps or tanks, just be friendly and write up a sales slip! Please contact our Docent Coordinator **Tom Weiss** at 239-2637 to volunteer as a Docent or **Jackie Brooks** at 462-8141 to volunteer to work the Gift Shop

My "Unsung Hero Award" goes to our new Librarian, **Charmaine Peckinpough**. She and her husband Don have spent countless hours cataloging and sorting out our many volumes of research books, rearranging the layout of the Library to gain more access and making it a place that members will be able to work in. Charmaine hopes to continue the dream of former Research Librarian, **K.O. Eckland** in having a top-notch Aviation Research Library. See you at the March 1st meeting!

Chuck Miller

Tour & Facility Update by Betty Miller

Group Tours and meetings are picking up at the Museum. Renting out Thomson Hall is our main source of income and group tours provide revenue from donations and Gift Shop sales as well. Thanks **Rob Kinnear, Don**

Peckinpough and Forrest Johnson for being Tour Guides for the Santa Clara Flying Club February 11th.

Noveon (formerly Chemron) rented Thomson Hall on Thursday Feb 16th for their monthly company meeting. Fresno Floaters RV Club toured Friday Feb 24th as well as a Model Aircraft Club. The National Guard Grizzly Academy worked on various projects around the Museum on Saturday, Feb 25th with squads overseen by **Rick Wells, John Himes, Gary Corippo, John Dolan, John Whitworth and George Taylor.**

MARCH TOUR & HALL RENTAL SCHEDULE:

Friday March 3
Cub Scout Pack 65

Saturday March 4

Flying Samaritans - Thomson Hall all day.

(Note: Saturday Volunteers please bring your own lunch and plan on eating on the Patio)

Monday March 13
Mountain Cats RV Club



Saturday Volunteers

Please make a note to pack your lunch for Saturday March 4th. You will be eating out on the Patio (weather permitting) or in the Hangar. Thomson Hall and Kitchen is rented out for the day to the Flying Samaritans of California for a state meeting.

More About our Members...New:

Edward and Ruth Veit/Morgan
Paso Robles, Ca. 93446

"Lightening Flight" Celebration

This month celebrates the completion of "Lightening flight." Conceived and designed to recognize members for their contributions of financial help or service. Do visit the "Lightening Flight" memorial cabinet as a salute to those who have given so much to our success. In all, \$130,000 was donated. As planned a "Thunderbird Flight? Cabinet will be in place soon, to recognize future contributors.

Obbie Atkinson

Museum Musings

We have added three more mannequins to our Museum collection. Because of a \$50.00 discount, we were able to get three for the price of two, (plus adding some extra that was left over from a donation for mannequins last year!)

We are really "stoked" as the kids say.

We have added member **Del Knight's** US Air Force Dress uniform to our grouping on the South side of the hangar. Del joins **Dave Rowe**, and **Chief Dennis Cassidy's** father, plus **Betty Miller's** grandmother and **Kevin Craig's** uncle!

Al Schade's USMC "overcoat, heavy, winter" from WW II is displayed over by the USMC jeep in the hangar. We had some docents that wished they could have borrowed the coat on Saturday! Thanks to **Dorothy McBain**, we have just replaced the inefficient heater in the Museum hangar Gift Shop area and added a new one in the Research Library.

Our third mannequin will be wearing US Navy white bell bottoms and will join our growing collection.

We still are in dire need of black and tan SOCKS, and military style BROWN and BLACK shoes size 10 to 11. We have several parts of uniforms but some have a size 28 waist (or smaller) and none of our mannequins are that small. Folks were thinner in the 30's and 40's!

We are framing some new pictures, but will not be able to display them until we get into Freedom Hall with more wall space that is not subject to damp.

Important! We need to have folks wishing to donate uniforms, pictures, artifacts to call us *before* bringing out your item. We are very limited now in available storage and we are starting to get duplicates. We appreciate the generosity of our past donors, but ask that all future gifts be approved by either one of us before leaving them with a Docent. You can reach us at: **Betty-466-1212; Carol - 239-2637**

All books need to be routed to our Research Librarian, **Charmaine Peckinpaugh**. Please call her at **239-9919**. She has found that we have up to 8 copies of the same book on Military Aircraft and WW II events.

On that note, we will have all our extra copies of some really great books arranged along the west wall of the hangar (under the uniform wall displays) priced at really **low prices**. This is a chance for you to pick up a bargain and help ease our duplication problems. The books will be out starting with our Dinner Meeting.

All money collected will go to the Research Library to help purchase some new materials as they are needed.

Our Freedom Hall Fund Raising Committee, headed up by Gary Corippo will be heading out into the local communities to raise funds to reach our \$500,000 goal shortly. We are sending out a Donation Form in this newsletter and are asking all of our members who have not yet donated to please do so. We are in need of any amount that you are comfortable with to reach our 100%

Member Participation. We can't expect the general public to open their wallets if we don't have the backing of all of our own members!

Carol and I wish all of you and yours a very Happy St. Valentines Day.

Betty and Carol

FREEDOM HALL

Help out, please donate today to the Freedom Hall Fund Raising effort. Let's make it 100% support from the membership. Your entire Board of Directors were the first to donate and pledge, many of your fellow members have already done so, and we have the support of many of our Community as well. Now it's time for all of us to contribute whatever you can to get to 100%

DONATION FORM FOR FREEDOM HALL

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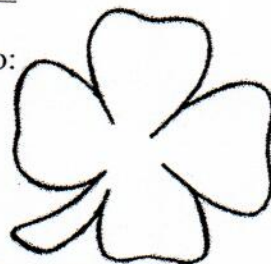
Email address _____

Amount of Donation: \$ _____ **

**If you wish to pledge an amount and make monthly payments, please indicate here:

Send this form and your check to:

Rosemary Netto, Treasurer
Estrella Warbird Museum
4251 Dry Creek Road
Paso Robles, CA 93446



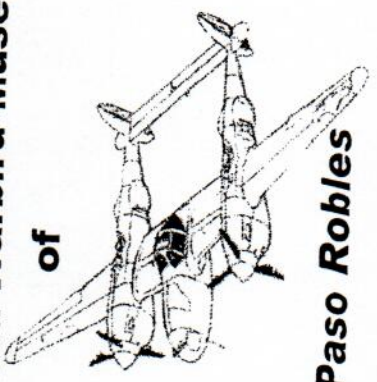
Or you may use your **Credit Card!** Please call Rosemary at 467-3521 between 7 am and 4 pm to arrange this .

Thank You!

(See the pledge form in this issue.)

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Yes, I want to support the Estrella Warbird Museum Construction Campaign with a gift. I would like to make a total gift of: \$ _____

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ENTRY FORM

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MONDAY, MAY 8, 2006 - 9:30 AM SHOTGUN AT
HUNTER'S RANCH GOLF COURSE, PASO ROBLES

ENTRY FEE \$125.00 PER PERSON:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	HANDICAP	NCGA or SCGA #	PHONE NBR. or EMAIL

Entries are welcome for any number of players. The Committee will pair entrants who do not specify partners. Please note that entries must be in the hands of the committee no later than Wednesday, May 3, 2006. Entries received later will be retained on a standby basis.

Tee Sponsorships are available for the Tournament from \$150.00 to \$250.00
Call Tournament Chair Wayne Rice at 805-467-9710 for details

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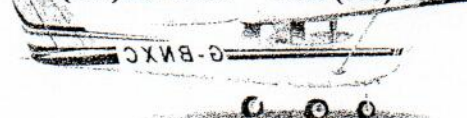
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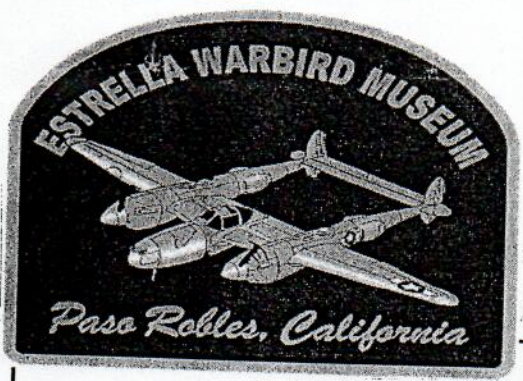
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