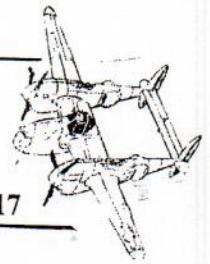


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### *From Hueys in 'Nam to Military & City Police*

#### **Atascadero Police Chief John Couch**

John Couch's military career began shortly after graduating from high school in 1970. He served a year of duty as an airframe repairman and door gunner on UH-1 Hueys with the 114th Assault Helicopter Company in Vinh Long, Viet Nam and a year and a half as a military policeman at Fort Ord before leaving the Army to attend college.

He is a graduate of California State University, Sacramento and the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. John began his law enforcement career in Santa Clara, where he worked a variety of assignments for 13 years including patrol, motorcycle officer, SWAT, internal affairs and training. He was an instructor at two police academies for 8 years.

In 1990 John transferred to the Atascadero police department where he rose to his current position of Chief of Police.

John and his wife Margie have been married almost 24 years and have two children attending college. Their daughter, Brittany, will graduate this year from Azusa Pacific University and son, Jared, will be attending Cal Poly next year as a junior. They have lived in rural Templeton for 16 years. John enjoys family activities that include sailing, boating, kayaking, bicycling and traveling.

***1st Annual Benefit Golf Shootout -  
Monday, May 8, 2006 - 9:30 a.m. at  
Hunter Ranch Golf Course, Paso  
Robles -- (see flyer inside)***

***Great Prizes \* BBQ Lunch  
Call Wayne Rice at 467-9710***

*Funds designated for the new Freedom Hall*

***May 3 Menu: Please RSVP a.s.a.p.***

#### **"Cinco de Mayo" Fiesta**

**Chile Verde Enchiladas**

**Beef Tacos**

**Spanish Rice**

**Refried Beans**

**Salad/Fixins Bar**

**Desert**

**Coffee, tea**

**Social at 6 pm, Dinner at 7, Only \$12 per  
Please RSVP: 466-1212**

#### ***The Prez Sez.....***

May is almost here as I write this. We have actually seen the sun for the last few days and it is almost balmy out. Of course, that also has made every weed in the county grow 200% and the pollen count is up as well. It still is the perfect place to live.

Everything has been turned in to the City and our permits for Freedom Hall should be issued shortly. We will have a Ground Breaking Ceremony in May, so watch for a Media release!

This will mark my last "Prez Sez", as my term as your President ends on May. I have really enjoyed the last two years, but I am looking forward to

devoting my new-found "free" time to getting Freedom Hall constructed and completed, as well as serving as a Director on the Board.

We have elected a new President, who I know will be a real asset for the Museum, and I will be introducing the 2006 Officers of the Board and turning over the gavel to him at the May dinner.

We have had so many projects going on this past month that have involved so many of our members that it would fill almost the entire column to list everyone of you here. Suffice it to say that our usual dedicated 30+ have been working like Trojans on our aircraft, vehicles, grounds, and buildings. Thank you all. It is great volunteers like you that make the Museum continue to improve and grow.

I have decided to have a group of people as my "Unsung Heroes" for May. All of these folks really work hard at making your Museum a better place.

For those of you who only come out on Saturdays, you may not realize the many hours these folks dedicate to the Museum during the week. Some you will see working at the Dinner Meetings, but you may not realize they work at other times on Museum projects as well. I want these Unsung Heroes of May to take a well-deserved bow. Please join me in saying "Thank You" to:

Doris Atkinson - Gift Shop

Jackie Brooks -Gift Shop Manager, Museum Secretary, Docent, and Group Tours

Jean Campbell -Docent and Gift Shop

Joyce Carlson -Docent

Judy Corippo -Decorations, Sunshine Chairman, and Food Services Volunteer

Jean Coulson -Docent

Ginger Cromwell -Gift Shop

Ruth Dickey -Docent and Raffle Ticket Seller

Betty Gabele -Gift Shop

Linda Hermansen -Food Service Staffer, Docent, and Facility Custodian

Mira Himes -Food Service Staffer and John's Right Hand

Dorothy Renton McBain -Libation Ticket Seller and Betty's support staff

Betty Miller -Director, Facility Manager, Group Tour Coordinator, Group Tour Docent, and Artifact Coordinator

Pam Morrison -Museum seamstress, Membership Support Staff and Gung-ho fills-in-where-needed Gal Friday

Rosemary Netto -Museum Treasurer, Bar Manager, and Decorations

Charmaine Peckinpaugh -Librarian, Docent and Group Tours

Cathy Neitz -Meeting Bartender and Event Bartender

Jayne Sacks -Docent and Gift Shop

Bobbie Schade - Gift Shop

Betsy Thomson -Decorations and Gift Shop

Stella Thompson -Decorations

Carol Weiss -Artifact Coordinator, Docent and Group Tours

I look forward to seeing you all at the May Dinner.

**Chuck Miller**

### **Museum Musings** By Betty Miller

Gloria and George Duck arrived mid-April to help Carol Weiss and I catalogue all of our museum artifacts, including pictures and photos. They spent three days working with us and we were able to make a great deal of progress. Please notice that all of the paintings, prints and photos in Thomson Hall are now labeled. They are cross-referenced in a card file and in the Accession Book as well.

We have a ways to go to get everything done but we have made major strides and really treasure the invaluable help the Duck's gave us.

#### **Do You Have....**

(1) Brown or Black military style (no tennis shoes or wing tips) shoes in size 10 ½ to 11 that you could donate to the Museum?

(2) Ration Stamps (food or gas) from WW II?

(3) Plastic or wood tube radio from the 40's-50's? (Doesn't have to be working-since we will rewire it anyway.)

#### **Reminder**

Please do not bring out items to donate unless you have called Betty Miller or Carol Weiss **FIRST!!!**

You can reach us at: **Betty- 466-1212; Carol - 239-2637** .

Carol and I are proceeding with the final layout for the interior of Freedom Hall. Even though we have 4900 square feet, over 300 square feet is allocated to the Gift Shop and we have so many displays that we don't have any vacant space! The only vehicle in Freedom Hall will be the 1912 Model T (Ambulance) The restored jeeps and trucks will

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remain in the Hangar along with the large engines. The Bede will be moved into Freedom Hall, along with the VariEze which will be fitted with the computerized simulator as part of our interactive flight exhibit.

We will have a small enclosed area with a large TV screen and separate speakers for showing historical videos & CD's.

There will be more wall space to display our many large paintings, prints and photos along with corresponding models and information. We have several display cabinets which are currently in storage that will be filled with artifacts that are also in storage at the present time.

Our proposed work room/office/storage area is rather small, but we will retain the current office/store room in the Hangar for any overflow. We have some four drawer filing cabinets (donated by Dick Reddick) and two desks with ample storage (Pt. Mugu) so we will be able to access files easily.

We will be keeping you all posted as we progress. See you at the May 3 meeting!

Betty and Carol

### "Wings of Freedom"

Would you like to fly a B-17, B-24 or B-25?

As you know we will have these historical aircraft here on Monday May 15, Tuesday May 16 and Wednesday May 17. The Collings Foundation will bring these historical aircraft in and are scheduled to base them at our facility rather than at the Airport Terminal. If you missed it last year, be sure to visit this year! We will be selling a chance for some lucky person to get a ride aboard one of these awesome airplanes. Details at the May 3<sup>rd</sup> Dinner!

Betty and Carol

### **EWM Gift Shop**

- EWM Weekly or Monthly 2006 pocket Calendars - reg. \$4.50 ea. NOW \$3.50
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• **A L S O** -- Aircraft Mouse PADS -- \$8.50 w/tax Assorted styles available.

• New "patches" are available at \$5 each.



### **CPR/AED Class Schedule**

OUR NEXT CPR/AED CLASS will be scheduled soon. CONTACT GEORGE TAYLOR AT 448-7402 IF YOU WISH TO ATTEND THIS OR OTHER CLASSES IN THE FUTURE. SIGN UP EARLY, CLASS SIZE IS LIMITED. THIS FOUR HOURS OF TRAINING COULD MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR SOMEONE YOU LOVE. *George Taylor*

### **"The High Flier"**

The sun is finally shining, the "bays" are filling with books and all is right with the world. And we only have approximately 5,740 more books to list for the first step, before cataloguing the 6,000 plus volumes. This will leave only about 300 technical pamphlets and magazines to be available to all members, as soon as Al and I have the opportunity to check each and every one of them over for the "need to have" status.

Such riches, and most of us had no idea the museum had such a large number of books available to us for research and general information on the history of the "aeroplane" and related subjects.

Please feel free to drop in at any time that the Library is open (almost every weekend) to browse. Don and I enjoy visitors.

Keep'em flying, *Charmaine*

### **Sue Everett, R.I.P.**

Sue passed away in late March while up at the Stanford Medical Center. John was there with her.

### **GOLF Shootout open for entrants**

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

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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

**DUES ARE DUE, MAY 1, 2006**

All members (not a Life or Star) are on an annual basis, 5/1/2006-4/30/2007.

Invoices were mailed to all annual basis members. Please note on the invoice there is three ways to pay:

by check, cash or credit card. If you have a question please call Rosemary @ (805) 467-3521  
Thank you for your continued support, it is appreciated.

**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**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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!**

**"Friends On Shore" has been launched**

"Friends On Shore" program is now underway. This program will enable the crew of the USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN72) to communicate directly with our members via e-mail. We hope to reach the sailor that does not get much family support or an occasional "Care Package" from home. The Warbird Museum has a wide range of talented members and many have spent countless years serving our country. Our members will be able to share their experiences and support with the men and women that are now serving. I feel that showing support to these young troops from both our former military and civilian members will be greatly appreciated. I wish to compile a list of Warbird Members that would like to be part of this program and as contacts from the Lincoln come in we will make them available for your response. Contact from our members with these young troops could be very rewarding for both parties. Contact George Taylor for more information about this program. The e-mail address for this program is [friendsonshore@msn.com](mailto:friendsonshore@msn.com)

The future is what the Estrella Warbird Museum is about.

*George Taylor*

**Interesting websites to surf:**

[www.collingsfoundation.org](http://www.collingsfoundation.org)

[www.dssdvd.com](http://www.dssdvd.com)

<http://www.military.com>

<http://edwards.airshowjournal.com/2005/>

<http://oldbluejacket.com/SeaPower.htm>

<http://www.ussyorktown.com/yorktown/certcoldwar.htm>

<http://maxair2air.com/>

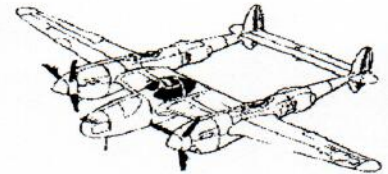
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2005 to June, 2006 (Updated 3/06)**

Obbie Atkinson, Ron & Jackie Brooks, Gary Corippo, John Cromwell, John Dolan, Dave Highland, Betty Miller, Chuck Miller (President May 2005), Rosemary Netto, Don Peckinpaugh, Wayne Rice, Al Schade, George Taylor, Glen Thomson, John Whitworth, Tom Weiss

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# Attention All Golfers!

Save Monday, May 8, 2006 at 9:30 am



## Estrella Warbird Museum will host Golf Tournament as Fund Raiser!

To commemorate the 61st anniversary of VE Day we will sponsor a golf tournament at *Hunter Ranch Golf Course*. The Tournament format will be 4-person teams at full handicap, counting the best two scores each hole.

Museum members desiring to play should set aside this date and help support the Museum. If you are not a golfer but have friends who play, please pass the word and encourage their participation. Cost for this event is \$125.00 per person. CASH prizes will be awarded for First through Fourth Place. There will also be a "closest to the pin" prize and we are working on a biggie for the Hole-In-One prize. The luncheon and awards presentation will be at the Museum after play is completed.

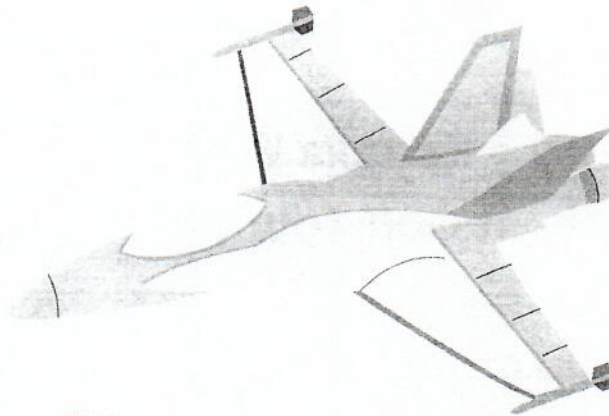
We are seeking Hole Sponsorship from local businesses as well as individuals. There are two levels of Sponsorships: Squadron Leader will be a \$250.00 donation and will earn a plaque as well as a sign on the respective tee box, recognition in Museum publications, and a letter from the Museum for tax purposes.

Section Leader will be a \$150.00 donation and will earn a sign on the respective tee box, recognition in Museum publications, and a letter from the Museum for tax purposes. More Sponsor incentives are in the works.

Volunteers are needed, and you do not have to be a golfer to help.

Please contact Wayne Rice at 805-467-9710

or email: [ricefolk@tcsn.net](mailto:ricefolk@tcsn.net)



ENTRY FORM

**ESTRELLA WARBIRD MUSEUM GOLF SHOOTOUT**  
**MONDAY, MAY 8, 2006/ 9:30 SHOTGUN AT HUNTER'S RANCH GOLF COURSE**

ENTRY FEE: \$125.00 PER PERSON:

Please mail your check(s) to: ROSEMARY NETTO, TREASURER  
ESTRELLA WARBIRD MUSEUM  
4251 DRY CREEK ROAD  
PASO ROBLES, CA 93446

LAST NAME      FIRST / HANDICAP/ NCGA or SCGA#/      PHONE # or EMAIL

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Entries are welcome for any number of players. The committee will pair entrants who do not specify partners. **PLEASE NOTE THAT ENTRIES MUST BE INTO THE HANDS OF THE COMMITTEE NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2006. ENTRIES RECEIVED LATER WILL BE RETAINED ON A STANDBY BASIS.**

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:

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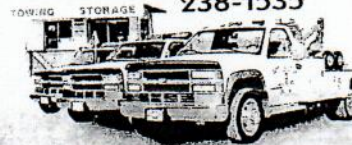
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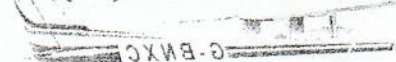
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