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August 2: Colonel John R. Whitworth, USMC

Chopper Pilot - HMM-262 "Flying Tigers"

EWM Board member John Whitworth will be the guest speaker for EWM meeting of August 2nd. John and Janis' home is in Morro Bay, California. They have three adult children.

John retired in 1997 from the Reserves after 30 years total service in the Marines, a helicopter pilot who served in Vietnam beginning in March of 1969. Colonel Whitworth's personal decorations include the "Distinguished Flying Cross" and 38 awards of the Air Medal.

His aviation adventures including flying later helicopter models while at MCAS(H) Tustin and with the guard! The California native has held a number of squadron duties with the Guard.

-- George Marrett, Program Chmn.

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The Prez Sez.....

"Greetings"

It is said "Build It And They Will Come". I invite everyone to come visit the Museum and see the progress on "Freedom Hall". We now have walls and a roof that have sprung up since our last dinner meeting. This is a tribute to the members and the community that has made it possible. Many of our members have spent countless hours working in some very harsh weather conditions to enable the progress. Last week Ron Brooks and Chuck Miller were repairing broken water and telephone lines in 100 plus degree heat.

In the next few months we will see results from the long- range planning of a new museum building and as a redesigned aircraft display area become a reality. I look forward to the increased activity and stature these changes will bring to our organization.

All of this construction and activity is taking place while we continue to conduct museum activities as usual. I wish to thank all the members that continually provide their abilities and time to make our museum the great place it is. While many of our crew has been diverted to new and disserving projects normal maintenance and staffing of the museums many events must still go on.

I wish to thank Dave Highland for jumping in and keeping our landscaping cleaned up and looking great. Braulio Quezada for being there to rebuild or weld that broken item we seem to always

August 2 Menu:

Please RSVP a.s.a.p. @ 466-1212

BBQ Tri-Tip Beef
Ranch Beans
Green Salad
Garlic Bread
Dessert
Coffee and Iced Tea

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

have. Ron Brooks not only has himself involved with a major portion of building "Freedom Hall" but also somehow keeps all of our other items repaired. He is also involved with installing the new 18,000 BTU air conditioner for our library. This unit donated by Sisse Kurowski and Lloyd Plymate is greatly appreciated and will make our library useable on these very warm days that seem to go on and on.

Charmaine and Don Peckinpaugh have somehow managed to stick out the very hot conditions in our upstairs library. Charmaine has organized and turned our library into a true aviation research center.

It is the generosity and commitment of our members that makes the "Estrella Warbird Museum" the great place it is. Yes we do have some very significant aircraft and artifacts, but our greatest asset is our members. Recently Gary Corippo has made a couple of trips to NAS Lemoore and as usual talked the Navy in to giving us some great items for our museum. Looks like we will get an F-18 simulator for static display!

We announced the trip to Vandenberg Air Force Base at the July dinner meeting. However we did not have adequate lead-time to announce the trip in the July Newsletter. We will travel to VAFB by charter bus on July 31. Colonel Jack Weinstein, commander of the 30 th. Space Wing has invited us to have lunch followed by a two-hour tour of Vandenberg. Please check with Betty Miller for ticket availability at 466-1212. The cost is \$32.00 per person and that includes travel and the buffet-style lunch.

It is my goal to offer more events like this in the future. I would like to put together a visit to the Ronald Reagan library and other points of interest that we can accomplish within one day. I am open to ideas such as Hearst Castle, Monterey Aquarium, Castle AFB Museum and the like.

I wish to extend an invitation to members and guests to join us at our Dinner Meeting August 2,. Please RSVP (466-1212) so that John Himes and crew can prepare you a fine meal as usual. I wish to thank our great kitchen crew that also works long hours in some very hot conditions to make it all happen.

Very Respectfully

George

George Taylor

President, Estrella Warbird Museum

"Honoring The Past Inspiring the Future"

Museum Musings

By Betty Miller

Freedom Hall construction exterior has been almost completed! The foundation was poured on Friday, June 23, the slab poured on Friday, June 30th. Nunno Corp. began erection of the building in mid-July and now all the exterior walls are up. What a great tribute to all our members of the "greatest generation" and those young men and women who are trying to bring democracy and freedom to areas who have never experienced being able to disagree with elected leaders without getting marched off in the middle of the night never to be seen again. We are so lucky to live in a culture where we can agree to disagree.

Carol Weiss and I have spent a great deal of time getting all the posters, historic photos and paintings entered from our Donor Log into our Accession Log. We still have many smaller artifacts to do, but we feel that we are finally seeing a glimmer of light at the end of the tunnel!

Unfortunately items are still being dropped off with sticky tabs saying "A man left this for Betty. He said she would know who it is from..." and this is not always the case! Pleeeeeeze try to call Carol or myself first **before** accepting something. If all else fails, at least get a name and phone number! Thanks.



Desperately need you to donate toward Freedom Hall if you have not already done so. We have had many wonderful monetary gifts, but we do not have participations from 100% of our membership. Remember, it may only mean sacrificing dessert or a cup of a designer coffee, but it will buy a light fixture for Freedom Hall. The building will go up, but without your help it may not be useable for a while if we can't get the interior completed.



Thanks so much to all of you who have been so supportive! You can reach us at:
Betty-466-1212; Carol - 239-2637 .

Betty and Carol

Membership News

Welcome New Members, by Obbie

As the "Museum", continues to serve the community and our nation with the visual reminders of what our "Freedom" is about, we welcome, this month, more new members and supporters as we grow.

Welcome Star members to "Thunderbolt Flight", Dick Wilhoit, Nancy Batrum, Betty Cooper, John Everett, and his memorial gift in memory of Susan B. Everett. New "Life Members", include Mike Gordon and Sisse Kurowski. And, welcome "Family" members, Doug and Janya Mondo.

Members, share this great experience with your friends. Ask them to visit, to join, and to share in our success.

Obbie

Member updates:

John Everett to **Star member**

Kevin Craig to **Star member**

Add the following:

Richard Willhoit **FIVE Star**

Paso Robles, Ca. 93446

Harry & Nancy Batrum **STAR members**

Bradley, Ca. 93426

Wim & Betty Cooper **STAR members**

Bakersfield, Ca. 93301

"DUES ARE DUE, MAY 1, 2006"

New member:

Doug and Jayna Mondo (family)

Paso Robles, Ca. 93446

John Couch

Templeton, Ca. 93465

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Community Outreach

We received great exposure for the Museum.

We were the location of 2 voting Precincts June 6, for the "Adopt-a-Poll" program of SLO County.

This was not easily accomplished!! It took many volunteers, in different capacities.

A BIG Thank YOU to those "Manning the Polls" and to those who helped take down & stack the voting booths and equipment and those who stayed to "tally" and return the results ---after working till the polls closed. ---- Judy & Gary Corippo; Bob Kelly; Rosemary Netto; Betty & Chuck Miller; Charmaine & Don Peckinpaugh; Norene & Frank Ragland.

And Thank You also to those who helped on June 7th with decorating & rearrangement of tables & chairs -so we could have our Wednesday Dinner Meeting, --- Ron Brooks, Don Peckinpaugh;- Betty & Chuck Miller and the Decorating Committee-- Judy Corippo & Rosemary Netto.

The only reward/payment these folks will receive is a BIG "Thank You" for their hard work.

Thanks Gang. You are great!!

P.S. The museum will be needing volunteers for the November 7 election. Contact Jackie Brooks, ph: 462-8141

"The High Flier"

This is a short but sweet column today. The computer has been misbehaving these past few days; could it be because of the warm weather !!!!! This Library can only exist because there are many wonderful members of the E W M who donate their TIME, their MONEY and their BRAND NEW REFRIGERATION UNIT !!!!!

Thank you Thank you Thank you
Lloyd Plymate and Sisse !

When the unit is in place, it will allow my VOLUNTEER HELPERS, to come in and work on cataloguing all of the listed volumes, which at this time, the count is over 2,000.

Much more good news next month. I have to sign off before the cable company goes out again !!

Keep'em flying,

Charmaine

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Gaining Momentum: NEW PROGRAM

This should be a lot of fun! We want all of our members that were in the service (even the Army) to send or bring a picture of themselves when they were in the military. We will have them blown up to a 8x10 size , frame them, and we will hang them on the back wall of the Bar. We have already received about twelve of them and they are now hanging for all to see. We would prefer to have you guys in your working uniforms (utilities, fatauges, pilot outfits, etc.) so that all can see you as you were when you were working or in combat. Get the pictures to Gary, Betty, George, or just leave it at the Museum counter in an envelope. It is IMPORTANT that you put your Name, rank at the time, date and station/ship on the back so that we can identify these young kids that have changed so much over twenty or fifty (?) years ! I think it will be alot of fun and hopefully everyone will want to be part of it as it grows. Could have upwards of 100 pictures on the wall. For the members that were not in the service, send us a picture of yourself or we will take a picture of you working at the Museum. Please include \$ 3.00 for the frame and we will have the picture enlarged for you.

Gary Corippo- Director

FREEDOM HALL

Help out and please donate 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 from our Community as well. Now it's time for all of us to contribute whatever we can to get to 100%

DONATION FORM FOR FREEDOM HALL

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

Thank You!

More interesting websites to surf:

This is a 11 minute and 30 second film created to honor American Veterans and I enjoyed it thoroughly. Hope you do also, Yours Aye and Semper Fi
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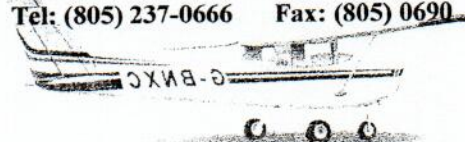
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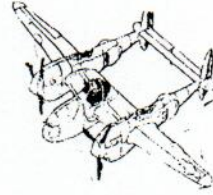
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