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September 6: "Missile Era" Ken Richardson Hughes Aircraft COO (Retired)

D. Kenneth Richardson retired in 1991 as President and Chief Operating Officer of Hughes Aircraft Company. Richardson, who lives in Santa Barbara, California, reminds one of movie idol Jimmy Stewart, with his tall, slim build and soft-spoken humor. He was always optimistic about the future of the electronic giant Hughes Aircraft Company and a strong supporter of the defense of the United States.

Born in Honolulu, Hawaii, Ken graduated from Punahou School and received his BS degree in mechanical engineering, magna We actually started the month on July 31 with a great trip to Vandenberg Air Force Base. We received a warm welcome from Colonel Jack Weinstein and his wife cum laude, from Tufts University in Massachusetts. He earned an MSME, cum laude, from the University of Southern California (USC), an MBA from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) and he completed the UCLA Executive Program. The great success of Hughes Aircraft Company came about because of the superior management by Richardson and his staff. Ken is also an instrument-rated private pilot.

Ken first visited the Estrella Warbird Museum in the early spring of 2006. He was impressed with our museum but found one thing missing --- air-to-air missiles! So through his contacts and that of Ben McRee (retired Hughes Program Manager of the AIM-120 AMRAAM missile program) and Ed Cobleigh (retired Hughes air-to-air Missile Marketing Manager), Ken has made arrangements for the museum to receive an AIM-7 Sparrow, AIM-9 Sidewinder and AIM-120 AMRAAM missile. An AIM-54 Phoenix missile will follow shortly. Ken also made a significant financial contribution to the construction of Freedom Hall.

During the dinner meeting of September 6th, we will have an unveiling of the three missiles followed by a presentation by Ken Richardson. Don't miss this talk by a senior executive of an aerospace company that played a major part in winning the Cold War.

-- George Marrett, Program Chmn.

September 6 Menu:

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

Baked Ham with Cranberry Glaze
a' la John

Potatoes Au Gratin a' la Jim
Green Beans with Bacon a' la Ed

Green Salad a' la Mira

Dinner Rolls/Butter a' la Linda

Dessert a' la Dick

Coffee/Tea a' la Bob

Social at 6 pm, Dinner at 7, Only \$12 per

Please RSVP: 466-1212

The Prez Sez.....

ARE WE THERE YET ??

If you are asking the question of just what we have been doing in the last thirty days, it might take almost that long to list it all. I am hoping to keep our members posted on to the fast paced activities of the Estrella Warbird Museum. I will make an attempt at this, and hope not to leave anyone out. I have come to the conclusion that there is a spirit within our organization that is unquestioned and indefinable. I have never before experienced a group of people that are willing to contribute so much of their talent and expertise to enhance an

organization, not to mention the monetary donations given by so many supportive people.

We actually started the month on July 31 with a great trip to Vandenberg Air Force Base. We received a warm welcome from Colonel Jack Weinstein and his wife Patricia along with his staff. Our welcome started soon after we were inside the front gate of Vandenberg with a greeting on the large electronic sign "WELCOME ESTRELLA WARBIRD MUSEUM MEMBERS". Our lunch meeting started with an emotional singing of the national anthem, with our group joining in. We received a briefing from Colonel Weinstein on the operations of Vandenberg followed by a question and answer session. Our last stop of the day was at the base museum, which keep the interest of our group. Before we knew it the time had slipped by and we were back on our tour bus headed home. I wish to thank everyone that made this visit with us. This event involved dozens of e-mails and planning with the Air Force. I wish to thank Betty Miller for her hard work making this trip successful. Our next trip is to the Ronald Regan Presidential Foundation & Library on October 24,. Please see details in this newsletter.

The installation of our new Air conditioner for the museum library was completed by the hard work of Ron Books, Ed Morrison, Kevin Craig and of course Don & Charmaine Peckinpugh. Thank you again for bringing this much-needed project to the finish line, and a special thank you to Lloyd Plymate and Sisse Kurowski for donating the Air conditioner unit.

We had a visit from the Grizzly Youth Academy this month, which helped us with several much need projects. I wish to thank the team leaders that took charge of these troops and directed the projects. Dave Highland herded his crew to the front of our museum, filling in the electrical trench in our front lawn and directed the cleanup and pruning of our landscaping. John Whitworth, Ed Morrison and Conrad Martin directed their crews to washing our growing number of aircraft. Gary Corippo marshaled his group to doing weed abatement followed by removing rocks from our field of dreams. Ed Chidlaw and Forrest Johnson gathered their crew at our new fence line east of the Al Schade restoration building and installed the screening material that makes our facility look so

much better. A big thank you to Ed Chidlaw who donated the materials to make this project possible. John Himes commanded a hand full of the Grizzly cadets and did some of the periodic kitchen cleaning projects while at the same time preparing a lunch for over one hundred people. (How did he do that?)

If you think that is a lot of projects, we are just getting started. Arnold Hermansen, Paul Sacks, Frank Ragland and Afton Sawyer were all working on getting our HU-1 "HUEY" helicopter ready for paint. We received a much-appreciated donation from Betty and Chuck Miller for all the paint needed to refinish this worthy aircraft. Thank You Chuck & Betty. I am not sure who else has been working on this project, but I suspect Dave Geiger and Gary Corippo were involved. I have also noted activity going on with the T-34 aircraft. I have seen Gene Morgan, Don Peckinpugh and Frank Ragland involved with this one along with Al Schade and Glen Thomson. I am not sure what projects Ron Boyte, John Everett and Rob Kinnear are currently focused on since they get involved with so many. Braulio Quezada along with Ron Brooks is keeping busy repairing and fabricating many of the items we all seem to need. Wayne Rice and Afton Sawyer have been working on the F-4 cockpit restoration.

Now lets talk about "Freedom Hall". It almost like one of those Television shows that builds a house or restores a car in a short period of time. All our members appreciate this crew that has spend days upon days working toward the completion of the new museum. I will attempt to make a list, but afraid I might leave someone off. Gary Corippo has spirited our volunteers into extraordinary progress with this building project. Ron Brooks has once again shared his expertise and talent at every challenge that has come his way. Bob Kelly has also again jumped in and demonstrated his talents at construction along with Kevin Craig, Braulio Quezada, Rick Wells, Dave Frayer, Rob Kinnear, Ed Morrison, Ron Boyte and Glen Thomson. Chuck Miller has finalized the Tower design with Nunno Construction and that part of the project is now going forward.

If that's not enough activity then here is some more. I have formed a committee to study the feasibility of making our F-18 cockpit display a real

eye popper. Gary Corippo along with Matt Corippo, Ron Brooks, Betty Miller and the very talented Christopher Reyna who is a expert in image productions and I-Max projection systems. (We have all seen some of Christopher Reyna's work in movies like "Back To The Future") I think you can see where we are going with this project, which should prove to be very exciting.

Who fabricated and installed the new tailpiece on the S-2 Aircraft? Looks great and just in time since the S-2 is the next aircraft scheduled for repair and paint. Thank you.

Thanks to all of our members that work so hard to make the Estrella Warbird Museum the great place it is. Please remember to fill out the membership logbook located across from the bar. This is part of the information we report to the City of Paso Robles.

I wish to invite all of our members to our dinner meeting September 6, to join your fellow members for some conservation, food and friendship. It is my honor to serve as your President.

George Taylor
President, Estrella Warbird Museum
"Honoring The Past - Inspiring the Future"

"The High Flier"

This column will begin as it has since the beginning - with a very special "THANK YOU". This one, is for those very special members who installed the REFRIDGERATION UNIT in the Library. Ron Brooks - Kevin Craig, who were the two very brave souls who climbed the high loft area, both inside and outside. Also, standing by to catch them (a little humor here), and to hand the all important tools and generally make it possible for Ron and Kevin do their job without TOO much trouble, were Ed Morrison and Rob Kinnear. No !,

I am not forgetting my husband, Don, who was right there doing all things to assist everyone. At this time he is doing the finishing work, one, putting in the installation around the unit and two, doing the framing of the unit inside the Library.

I cannot thank everyone enough about the answer to my question, (to any member here at the War Bird

Museum) , "Can you help me". It is always, to quote, "YES, WHAT DO YOU NEED".

I have two women, that when I asked the question, CAN YOU HELP ME, the immediate response was YES, when do you need me.

Our daughter, Diane Coffin and Pam Morrison, have already begun the all important job, PRINTING the Catalogue Cards. This is a tremendously important job and it will be a time consuming job, (for many, many months) and so when I call YOU, I hope you too will say, WHEN - WHAT TIME - HOW LONG - do you need me !

Come up and see what has been accomplished and learn what needs to be accomplished in the future. Keep'm Flying,

Charmaine

Reagan Presidential Library Tour

OCTOBER 24, 2006

Tickets for this event will go on sale at our dinner meeting September 6. Our tour bus will depart the Estrella Warbird parking lot at 7:00 am. The cost is \$65.00 which includes: Transportation, lunch under the wing of Air Force One, tour of the Presidential Foundation, Library and Air Force One. Contact George Taylor [or Betty Miller] for more information about this event. 805-448-7402

Museum Musings

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!

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.

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

Obbie

Member updates:

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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

Gaining Momentum: Picture 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%

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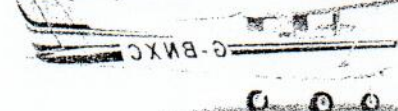
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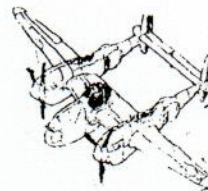
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