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# October 3: Veterans Memorial for *Vol. XVIII-10* Atascadero

## COLONEL WILLIAM J. HATCH

Colonel William J. Hatch has served in a variety of command and staff assignments in the 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division (Mechanized), 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division, 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division (Air Assault), 1<sup>st</sup> Armored Division, 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division (Mechanized), and the 7<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division. Overseas assignments include two tours in Korea, one tour in Germany and command of an attack helicopter battalion (AH64) during Operation Desert Storm.

Key assignments include S-3, 2/101<sup>st</sup> Aviation Regiment; S-3, 4<sup>th</sup> Brigade, 1<sup>st</sup> Armored Division; Commander, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Aviation Regiment; and Chief of Army Aviation, Combined Forces Command and Eighth Army, Republic of Korea. From 1996 to 1999, he served as the Senior Regular Army Advisor to The Adjutant General for the State of California.

After joining the California National Guard in 1999, Colonel Hatch served as the Director of the Soldier Team Training Center and Post Commander, Camp San Luis Obispo until February 2003 followed by his assignment as Post Commander of Camp Roberts until July 2004. Currently, Colonel Hatch is the Program Manager for the Joint Training and Experimentation Program (JTEP).

His awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Senior Aviator Badge, Parachutist Badge, and Ranger Tab.

Locally, Colonel Hatch is engaged in a number of civic activities as a member of the Atascadero Kiwanis, and on the Board of Directors of the San Luis Obispo County Red Cross. He and his family are members of the St Williams Parish in Atascadero.

Colonel Hatch and his wife, Ann, have one son, Bill, who is a Second Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps, and two daughters, Ashley and India. Colonel Hatch and his family reside in Atascadero, California.

--George Marrett, Program Chairman  
[GMarrett@charter.net](mailto:GMarrett@charter.net)

### OCTOBER 3 DINNER

#### MENU

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Col. Hatch was born at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas. He entered the Army through the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, graduating in 1972. He holds a Masters of Science Degree in Aerospace Engineering from Georgia Institute of Technology and a Master of Arts Degree in National Security from the U.S. Naval War College. His military education includes the Armor Officer Basic and Advances Courses, the Air Command and Staff College, and the Naval War College.



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

We continue to grow and develop the exhibits in Freedom Hall and outside in our aircraft display area.

Research Librarian Charmaine Peckinpaugh and I recently attended a two day course in Santa Barbara on our new computer software program, *Past Perfect*. This is the new program that was so generously donated to the Estrella Warbird Museum by a friend of the museum, Jack Reich (friend of Marge and the late Bob Singleton)

This program is used by museums all over the United States, Canada and in many European museums as well. It will hold information on up to 1,000,000 artifacts, photos, and achieve materials.

After all the data entry has been done, and we have refined everything, our goal is to have it

set up so that you will be able to access some of the information on line for viewing and research. We have a ways to go, but we are gaining every day that we are able to work on it.

We are looking for some items to complete some upcoming displays and we sure hope you can help us out.

**Needed:** Size 7-9 ladies jodhpur boots - lace up or pull on (slightly above the ankle style) We don't care if they are worn out or not, they are for our WW I US Army Doctors' uniform and are desperately needed.

*See you soon!*

**Betty Miller - 466-1212**

**Carol Weiss - 239-2637**

**Freedom Hall Curators**

### **DOCENT DOINGS**

By Betty Miller  
Temporary Docent Coordinator

We are almost through September and the nip of winter is in the air. Our new facility was pleasant this hot summer with our AC and we know we will have warm, toasty heat inside this winter, thanks to the great job, the JR Barto Company has done. Only those of us who weathered the temperatures in Hangar One can really appreciate the luxury of the great climate control in Freedom Hall! If you have been reading this column, call 466-1212 now to enter into a drawing for a free dinner at the next Dinner meeting. We continually appreciate and thank all of you who opened your wallets and checkbooks to make this facility a reality!

The Docents met on Sunday September 4<sup>th</sup> for an update on Docent Duties and a combination Gift Shop-Docent potluck and BBQ. Everyone had a great time, and hopefully got some new information as well. We hope to make this an Annual Fall Event.

The September Schedule was passed out at the Gift Shop and Docent meeting. The October Schedule will e soon mailed to each of you.

Many of our Docents are working more than one day a month. This is great, and these



## THE PREZ SEZ... "Warbirds Get Connected"

High speed internet not so easy! The Phone and Cable Companies do not provide high speed service to our section of Dry Creek Road. That is where Peter Visel came to the rescue and now has us hooked up with AT&T High Speed Satellite Internet Service. This not only gives us the ability to properly operate the new software our museum curators use but it enables us to provide a wireless internet connection for members and guests using Thomson Hall.

We are the only facility in the area that offers a secure meeting room that business professionals can drive or fly to and have the high speed wireless internet service they require. This ability will open up a variety of new uses for Thomson Hall.

## Docent & Gift Shop Workers Gather for Meeting...

On Sunday September 9<sup>th</sup> EWM docents and gift shop workers gathered for a get acquainted and orientation meeting.



Photo provided by Al Lindenau  
First row: Ray Passon, Richard & Virginia Umphrey.  
Back row: Mary Baiamonte, Chuck Miller, Mary Schwartz, Wayne Rice and Forrest Johnson.

"No window seats on this flight or lost luggage"



Photo provided by Al Lindenau  
Front row: Noreen Ragland, Marilyn Sage. Second row: Betsy Thomson, Mary Baiamonte, Jackie Brooks, Rosie Hebron, Debbie Brooks. Back row: Evelyn Little, Ruth Dickey, Ginger Cromwell, Jill Keezer, Margi Bauer.

Spouses not attending the meetings were treated to a movie about Air Force One on our High Definition Big Screen. At the conclusion of the meetings Ron Boyte again demonstrated why he is well known for his BBQ chicken providing a great meal for the 60 plus attending.

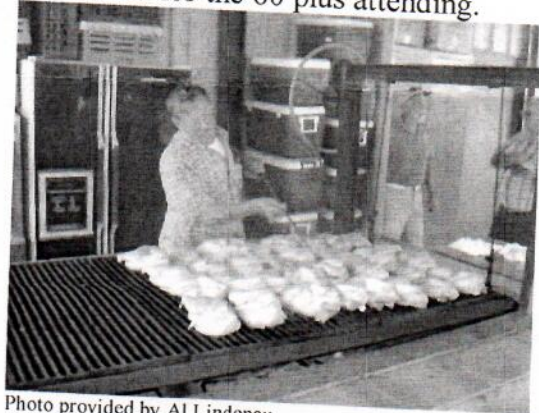


Photo provided by Al Lindenau  
Ron Boyte gets down to business with the BBQ while Ron Brooks and Forest Johnson look on.

Our continued success is only possible due to the tireless efforts of our volunteers. It is my pleasure to be associated with these dedicated professionals.

**George Taylor**

President Estrella Warbird Museum

"Honoring The Past,  
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## "Another Busy Saturday for Warbird Members"

Saturday September 15<sup>th</sup> Warbird members were busy supporting several functions at the same time.

Members set up shop at the Paso Robles "Airport Day" event. Dozens of our new brochures were handed out along with information about "Freedom Flight". Several museum members displayed their privately owned aircraft adding interest to the event. It was also great to see our friends from VFA-25 bring the F-18 Hornet from Lemoore Naval Air Station.



Taking advantage of some shade is left to right are Wayne Rice, Obbie Atkinson, Afton Sawyer and Forrest Johnson.

Warbird Members could also be found at the Mid-State Fair Grounds promoting the Estrella Warbird Museum at the "Home Show". Al Schade manned the F-4 display cockpit providing photo ops.



Al Schade making a few adjustments after the display had received a through work out by dozens of future aviators.

Promoting the Warbird Museum at the inside booth was Don & Charmaine Peckinpaugh, Don & Aquilla Hart and Peter Visel. I wish to note that Don and Aquilla drove from Lompoc both days to providing support for this event. Peter put together a great video presentation featuring The Estrella Museum and activities. Don & Charmaine worked tirelessly making sure everything went well.



From left: Don & Charmaine Peckinpaugh, Peter Visel, Don & Aquilla Hart Promoting the Warbird spirit...

While all of this was going on our staff of volunteers back at the mother ship keep things going and catered to a large number of visitors. Arnold and Linda Hermansen prepared lunch with help from Margi and Harald Bauer.

Join us Wednesday October 3<sup>rd</sup> for our monthly dinner meeting and take the opportunity to visit with old friends and meet some new ones. Please call ahead so that our Chef John Himes and his crew will have an idea of how many will attend. Call 467-3521 or visit our web site [ewarbirds.org](http://ewarbirds.org) and make your reservation under the "Members" heading.

**Support your museum and purchase a chance to win the Ford Explorer. If every member purchased just "ONE" ticket, this event would be a huge success.**

*George Taylor*

President Estrella Warbird Museum

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Docents find that they are meeting very interesting visitors from all over the world as well as from all over the USA!

If you would like to join this great group of folks, call 466-1212 today.

Betty

#### *Visitor Count at the Museum:*

August 1 thru 31 (17 days Open)  
735 visitors (Avg 43.2 per day Open)

September 1 thru 17 (11 days open)  
223 visitors (Avg 20.2 per day Open)

Board Members who have taken Docent Duty:

Obbie Atkinson, Gary Corippo, John Cromwell, Betty Miller, Charmaine Peckinpaugh, Don Peckinpaugh, Al Schade, George Taylor, Glen Thomson.

We really appreciate Advisory Board Members Chuck Miller and Peter Visel who have also been unstinting in their volunteering to take Docent Duty-- Thanks Guys

#### ***MEMBERSHIP Report***

The Membership Committee just finished a busy weekend with appearances at the the Airport, for Airport Days and at the Home Show located on the Fair Grounds..

This year, for the first time, we had a booth at the Home Show. Our thanks go to Al Schade's daughter Judy, who was one of the persons in charge of co-coordinating the show participants. Judy worked very hard to make sure we were set to go and had everything necessary to put on a good showing for the museum.

I would like to thank Charmaine Peckinpaugh, Don and Aquilla Hart, along with Peter Visel and Al and Bobbie Schade, who worked the full weekend. Peter Visel setup a continuously running show via the computer, of the plane displays and had many shots of the museum and the gift shop.

Outside of the Home Show Building, Al and Bobbie Schade were manning the F-4 Cockpit and drawing a large crowd.

A big thank you to President George Taylor for stopping by and checking to make sure we had everything we needed for our EWM display booth.

*Don Peckinpaugh, Membership Chairman*

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**Our Club Needs You -- Please Help!**  
If you can spare time with Linda and Arnold Hermansen in preparing our facilities for the monthly meetings--on the weekend before and sometimes after.

--- Two volunteers are needed ---

To assist and for more information please contact Linda Hermansen at 467-3343 after 5 on week nights.

#### *Cambria Historical Society Report:* Guthrie-Bianchini House

There has been a lot of construction activity at the Guthrie-Bianchini House in the last two months and much of it is visible from the outside. The roof has been completed with fire-resistant redwood shingles very similar to the ones that were on the house a hundred years ago before the red and green composition roof was put on over it. Grading of the front (Burton Drive) yard and the handicap accessible walkway from the parking lot to the front yard is complete. Road base has been put in where the paths will be and bricks will be installed soon. Conduits for electrical and plumbing have been installed under the locations of the brick walkways. The remaining siding on the east and north sides of the house has been completed and work is proceeding on the porches and the porch roofs.

On the inside, the redwood boards which had to be removed from the inside walls to install the shear wall panels have been milled down and replaced in their original positions rendering the plywood sheets in the walls invisible. CHS recently uncovered a photograph of the parlor dating from the early 1900s which clearly shows the oil-burning chandelier which was there. We have located a nearly identical chandelier which runs on electricity and it will be installed in the parlor.

When CHS acquired the house, we found that the trim inside the house was made of Cambria pine and redwood and had a grain painted on it to make it appear to be oak. We have located a "faux painter" who can do this technique and she has completed all of the interior trim.



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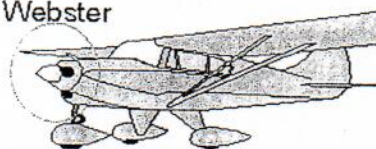
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