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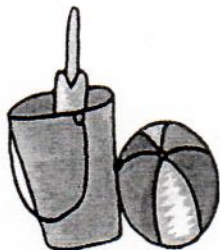
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DINNER MENU

Wednesday, August 6

"Summer Daze"

Roast Beef

Baked Potato

Tossed Green Salad

Aunt B's Macaroni Salad

Veggie Lover's Salad

Larry's Homemade Rolls

Dessert

Ice Tea & Coffee

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\$15.00 Per Person

RESERVATIONS

PLEASE

Call 467-3521

By NOON Tuesday

Thank You

Social Hour 6pm-7pm
Dinner & Program Follows





**1998 Blue Angeles Commander, George Dom,
to be August 6th Dinner Meeting Speaker**

George Dom, Capt USN(Ret)

George grew up in Greensburg, PA, outside Pittsburgh, the youngest of three sons. He attended college at Duke University in the NROTC program, where he was commissioned an ensign upon graduation in 1977 and headed to flight school in Pensacola, FLA and Meridian, MS.

Upon receiving his Wings of Gold in August, 1978, George moved to Lemoore, CA, where he learned to fly the A-7E Corsair II and was assigned to his first fleet squadron, Attack Squadron 146 "The Blue Diamonds." There he made two deployments to the Western Pacific and Indian Ocean aboard the USS Constellation. During the remainder of his 26-year career, George logged over 6,000 flight hours and 1,023 carrier landings.

After leaving active duty in June 2003, George accepted a position as senior vice president for a consulting company in the Boston area, specializing in corporate jet acquisitions. After 15 moves in 21 years (and four New England winters), George and his wife, Rian, moved to SLO last summer to put down roots with their two daughters, Livi (10) and Denna (7). George founded OK3 Leadership Group, helping businesses with strategic planning, leadership development, and program management.

George had the privilege of being the commanding officer of VFA-37, the Blue Angels, and Carrier Air Wing Seven, and flew combat missions against Libya (Operation Eldorado Canyon), Iraq (Operations Desert Storm and Deny Flight), and Kosovo (Operation Enduring Freedom). He was awarded the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (two awards), Distinguished Flying Cross ("V"), Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), two Air Medals ("V"), Navy Commendation Medal ("V"), and various unit awards.

George also served in the following assignments and aircraft:

Attack Squadron 122 (VA-122), NAS Lemoore, CA;

A-7E Strike-Fighter Squadron 131 (VFA-131), NAS Cecil Field, FL/USS Coral Sea;

FA-18 Navy Fighter Weapons School ("Topgun"), NAS Miramar, CA;

A-4N, F-5E/F, and F-16N Strike-Fighter Squadron 82 (VFA-82), NAS Cecil Field, FL/USS America;

FA-18C Flag Lieutenant and Aide to VADM Dick Dunleavy, OP-05, Pentagon National War College, Washington, DC
Strike-Fighter Squadron 37 (VFA-37), NAS Cecil Field, FL/USS Dwight D. Eisenhower;

FA-18C Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron ("Blue Angels"), NAS Pensacola, FL,

FA-18A Carrier Air Wing Seven (CVW-7), NAS Oceana,

VA/USS John F. Kennedy, FA-18C, F-14B, E-2C, S-3B,

EA-6B, SH-60 Joint Staff (J-5), Pentagon, Washington, DC

George Marrett, Program Chairman



THE PREZ SEZ Ed Morrison

Ground has been broken on the new building next to Freedom Hall. This will serve as our historical vehicle storage site and provide them with much needed weather protection. Gary Corippo is to be commended on two fronts on this project: The first is the difficult and time consuming task of raising the funds to support this building project. The second is managing the site construction, including plans, permits, contractors, et al. We are very fortunate to have someone like Gary who has the talent and dedication to see this important project through to completion.

Nearly 100 people from the North County Newcomers Club held their monthly luncheon meeting in Thomson Hall last month and were provided an excellent tour of the facilities by Betty Miller and her outstanding crew of Docents. We received many compliments later from the NCNC members re: the quality of the event at the EWM. Well done folks!

The EWM library is now open to Museum members on the week-ends and has a host of aviation/military/historical reading material available. Charmaine Peckinpaugh's background and her commitment has made it all possible, not to mention the countless hours it has taken to get it all organized.

As most of you know by now, the F-18 simulator has figuratively taken off and is rapidly becoming a favorite among our EWM visitors. Many thanks to Peter Visel and his crew.

We need to do a general clean up on our static planes and would like some volunteers to assist in washing them. This can be done in teams of four or so over a period of a month. Please contact me if you are interested in giving us a hand.

Good flights and good landings to all you,

Ed

A Word About Reservations....

I have noticed our Dinner Meetings are getting to be increasingly popular and almost **all** the seats are filled. *It is really important that you call and reserve your meal* so that Larry Eastwood, our caterer, can plan on how much food to prepare and so our Decorating Committee can set up enough tables and chairs for everyone!

It isn't fair to those who took the time and effort to make their reservation and then when they arrive find limited seating and the very real possibility of a shortage of food just because some folks don't call in and show up at the very last minute.

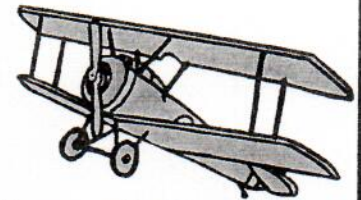
Our July dinner was served to a full house. With our exciting August program, we will no doubt have another very full house. We must try harder to pick up the telephone and make our reservations *before noon on Tuesday*.

We (your Board of Directors) have been considering various ways to encourage everyone to be responsible and call in for reservations. Lets face it, if you show up at a popular show or restaurant with no reservation, you can't count on getting in. We have enough tables and chairs to seat 125 folks comfortably. So how do we reward the folks who call ahead? One possibility would be to give a *confirmed* ticket to those who have made their reservation, and a "standby" ticket to those who have not called in to make reservations. I personally don't think you would find this an ideal solution. I encourage **all of you** to call and make those reservations *TODAY!* Lets do the right thing and make it comfortable for everyone!

Betty Miller
Director
466-1212

THE FLIER

Welcome to your Library, The History of Flight !



The Research Library is **OPEN** on Saturday mornings to all members. Please call Charmaine Peckinpaugh, our Research Librarian, for hours. 239-9919

How well do you know your fellow museum members?

Can you identify these three ?

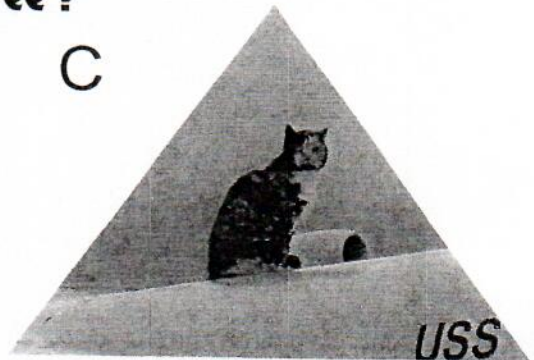
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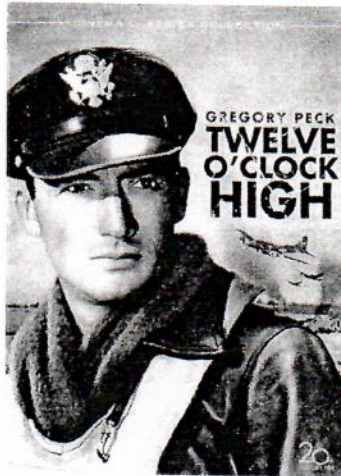
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Museum Movie Night



Friday, August 8
6:30 PM - Thomson Hall

We had a great time last month at the movies! Come join us again on **Friday August 8th** for a chance to see a really well done movie - In the days when going to a movie was worth the money!



"12 O'Clock High" tells the story of an American Bomber Group low on morale and performance after heavy losses over the skies of WW II Germany. General Frank Savage (Gregory Peck), a desk bound staff chief, is sent to the group after the Bomber Commander is relieved of duty. At first encountering resistance, Savage eventually shows the pilots how to take pride in their unit and serve above and beyond the standards of the Army Air Corps. Actual combat footage is used in this tense war drama *Winner of 2 Oscars. Produced by Darryl F. Zanuck with music by Oscar winner Alfred Newman.*

132 min. B/W, Released in 1950

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Potato Salad

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DOCENT DOINGS

Our 5 new Docents have completed the first part of their training and are on the August schedule. For any one who has worked with people in the private and volunteer sector, you know that scheduling is always difficult. Even though we have only 4 to 5 weekends (Friday, Saturday and Sunday) with 5 shifts, we have to have **at least 30** Docents on the Docent List to be able to handle the vacations, family outings, and medical emergencies that occur.

We would be happy to have *more* folks volunteer. We will provide training and a Docent to help you out on your first shifts. Please call **Betty Miller** at 466-1212 today! We guarantee you will meet some great folks and you will have a good time.

See you at the Museum!

Betty Miller - 471-0472



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We will tell you what to look for in each issue. Have fun!!

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Historic Aircraft Comes for a Visit to the Museum

Wednesday, July 23, Les Whittlesey flew his Lockheed Electra 12-A in for a stay. In 1935, after the success of the Model 10 Electra, Lockheed set out to design a similar, but smaller, twin-engine aircraft. The resultant Model 12 was one of the first aircraft intended for business use, seating six passengers in a well-furnished cabin. A total of 114 were built before production ceased in 1942.

Whittlesey's Lockheed Electra 12-A airplane rolled out of Lockheed's Burbank plant on December 27, 1939 with registration NC18900. Delivered on January 5, 1940, its first owner was business tycoon E. L. Cord, who acquired it under the name of the Nevada Development Company, a gold mining operation located in Silver Peak, Nev.


On September 19, 1941, the Junior was taken over by the U.S. government under the UC-40D designation (s/n 42-38349). Sent to England under the Lend-Lease agreement it became RAF LA621 in April 1942 and has been rumored to have flown Winston Churchill during the war. After a sojourn in France, N18906 returned to the USA in 1984.

Completely overhauled and made flyable once again, N18906, won the Grand Champion Antique Aircraft category at Oshkosh in 2006, and the People's Choice Award at the 2007 Cactus Fly-In in Arizona.

We welcome historic aircraft such as this one -- after all, we are one of the few "fly-in" museums in the country!



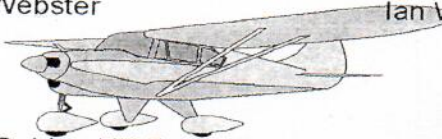
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Museum Musings.....by Betty Miller

M.A.S.H. Mural Started!

Mural artist, Gerri O'Brien, has begun work on the long anticipated mural on the north wall of Freedom Hall. She hopes to have it completed by the third week in August! O'Brien is also working on some other large murals around Paso Robles, but says she is excited to be doing one at the Estrella Warbird Museum.

We are planning a dedication ceremony and reception for the first part of September to honor our donors who made it possible to get this very impressive mural started. Watch your September newsletter for more details!

New Exhibit at Freedom Hall

New Firearm Exhibit Open. The East wall of Freedom Hall has a new exhibit of military firearms from the Civil War through WW II. This is a fine representation of arms from the US, Britain, Germany, Italy, Russia, and Japan. These unique firearms are on loan to the Museum from the private collections of Ed Dutton, Craig Bonelli and Richard Woodland.

Paso Robles Children's Museum & Estrella Warbird's joint venture.

The Estrella Warbird Museum and the Paso Robles Children's Museum hosted a joint venture as part of the PRCM Summer Program on Saturday, August 26. It was a successful event with coverage from the Paso Robles Press.

The children that attended were 3rd to 6th graders and studied the principles of flight, sat in the OV-10 Bronco cockpit and the UH-1 Huey and then applied what they learned to make specialized paper airplanes and held a contest to see who flew the farthest, and the highest. There was also a competition to see whose airplanes could be made to return to the creator. A similar second joint venture will be held in August.

Museum members who helped make this event a success were **Harry and Evis Barnett**, who served as extra docents, **Charmaine Peckinpaugh**, who gave a brief demonstration of how research and drawing skills can be used for the design of aircraft as well as for "nose art", **Don Peckinpaugh** who showed the kids how an airplane perform maneuvers in the air using the stick, ailerons, elevator, rudder and flaps. **Ed Morrison**, who gave a presentation in what controls are used to make the airplane climb, dive, and turn and **Gary Corippo** who opened the OV-10 cockpit and moved the air-stairs to it. **Peter Visel** got the PR Press reporter into the simulator and gave her the ride of her life. We look forward to other events with the Paso Robles Children's Museum and the older children who seem to be getting so much out of this type of program. It is truly unfortunate that our local schools do not have money for field trips for the older kids. (money currently exists only for the Kindergartners -- who we have hosted in the past, but are too young to really appreciate all that we have to offer.)

Have a great month and be sure to bring your family and friends to see *your* Museum!

FRIDAY & SATURDAY -10AM to 4pm SUNDAY 12noon to 4pm

Betty

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Committee Chairs

Questions? Suggestions?

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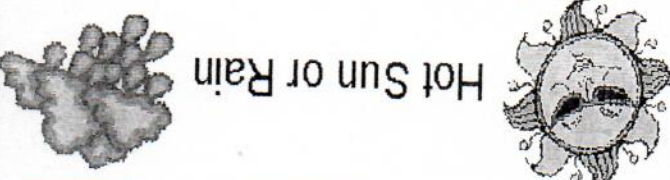
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