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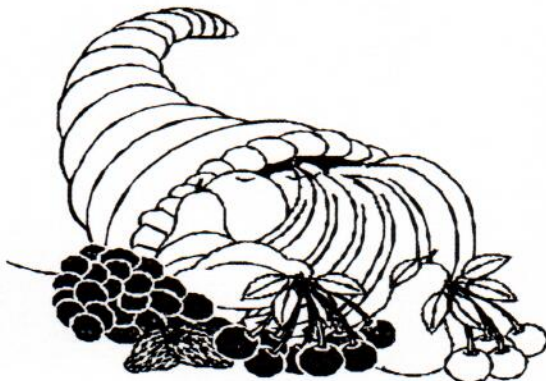
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DINNER MENU

Wednesday, November 5

"Let Us Be Thankful"

Roasted Turkey

Stuffing

Whipped Mashed Potato

Seasonal Green Vegetable

Homemade Rolls

Chefs Choice Salad

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Social Hour 6pm-7pm

Dinner & Program Follows

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November Speaker:

CHP Helicopter Pilot, Diane Clark

Diane Clark was born and raised on the San Francisco Peninsula, and has three brothers, one who is a Certified Performance Technologist for American Airlines. She began US Army helicopter training at Ft. Rucker in 1983 and also flew CH-47's in the National Guard.



Diane has worked in the California Highway Patrol since 1985, and became the first female CHP pilot in 1998. She has 4000+ hours of helicopter time with the CHP as well as 2000+ hours Army helicopter time. She holds a commercial instrument rating, and fixed and rotary wing FAA license with BV 234 type rating.

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THE PREZ SEZ Ed Morrison

Museum Hosts 4th Annual Trojan & Hoover Fly-In

On Thursday, Oct. 9, eight T-28 North American Trojans (reciprocals) and three Russian L-39 Albatross (jets) taxied onto the Estrella Warbird Museum ramp for a long week-end of formation flying. They are part of a flying group called the TROJANS & HOOVERS from various places in California, Arizona and Nevada.

This is the fourth consecutive year that they have come here for their aerial formation exercises. This year, their visit just happened to coincide with the Pioneer Day Parade. We put up four of our planes for the parade fly-over and they put seven of theirs up as well. It was really a crowd pleaser for the folks downtown.

While these planes were here on our tarmac for the 4 days, we served as "Ramp Rats": refueling, parking, tugs, push outs, jump starts, etc. We also put on a BBQ dinner for them Saturday night and served them in our dining hall at the museum. **Ron Boyte, Rob Kinnear and Linda Hermansen** did a great job cooking and serving.

The TROJANS & HOOVERS plan to be here next year on Thursday, October 8 through Sunday, October 11. Mark your calendars.

Safe flights and good landings, *Ed*

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Museum Movie Night



Friday, November 14

6:00 PM - Thomson Hall

"Erin Brockovich"

Released in 2000, this is the powerful *TRUE* story of Erin Brockovich, an unemployed single mother who is down on her luck. After losing a car accident injury lawsuit, she wrangles a job in her lawyer's office, then begins to investigate a suspicious real estate case involving PG & E. Erin soon finds herself leading point in a series of events that would involve her law firm in one of the biggest class-action lawsuits in American history against a multi-billion dollar corporation. Interesting and lots of fun. The real Erin Brockovich has a cameo role as a waitress in the movie.

This movie garnered the Academy Award for *Best Actress* for Julia Roberts, and nominations for Best Supporting Actor for Albert Finney and Best Director for Steven Soderbergh

Color; 130 min (Adult Language)



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Movie Night Directors, Margi and Harald Bauer

Winter Newsletter CONTEST

We will be inserting a small symbol or word someplace in each issue. The first two -2- people who have found it and come to our bar with the correct page they found it on, will get a FREE Beer, Wine, or Soft Drink.

We will tell you what to look for in each issue. Have fun!! November Clue: Our "Uncle"

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Warbirds Attend VF 54 Re-Union



Estrella members Hal Bauer (L) David Brooks (R)] at VF54 Final Reunion in San Diego. This photo was taken at Ramona Airport in front of the squadron's famous aircraft - The Sky Raider

Two Estrella Warbird members attended the final re-union of surviving members of the Navy's famous VF54 "Hell's Angels" Squadron in San Diego , Oct. 8-12. The squadron served in Korea and Vietnam flying off various carriers with their *Skyraider* fighter/bombers.. The squadron was the first to assist ground forces in holding the Pusan bridgehead against the North Korean onslaught and later distinguished itself by the raid on the *Brides of Toko-Ri*, later turned into a movie with William Holden.

Retired Navy Commander and Estrella Warbird member Dave Brooks, organized the re-union events attended by more than 100 members and family. Highlights included the presentation of the squadron's bell to the museum located on the carrier *Midway* and a memorial service at the Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery conducted by Dave Brooks. Hal Bauer was the speaker at the re-union dinner.



The Gift Shop Grab Bag....by Jackie Brooks, Giftshop Manager

A reminder that the Holidays are fast approaching. The **Museum & Gift Shop** are open before every Dinner Meeting from 5:45pm to 6:45pm.

Remember, all profit from the Gift shop goes back into the Estrella Warbird Museum. We need and appreciate your support. Bring your friends, do your Christmas shopping, and see what great things are happening in OUR Estrella Warbird Museum Gift Shop!

New Items In Stock

- 1) Red-Ribbon Key Chains with a unique swivel feature in stock.--
"Remove Before Flight" on one side and our EWM and P-38 Logo & identification, on the other side.
- 2) Adult Navy Blue ¼ zip Sweat Shirts with our P-38 Logo on the back.
- 3) Child & Youth size hooded Sweat Shirts in Navy Blue. P-38 emblem.
- 4) Shirts with Helicopters have been popular so we carry a variety of them.
- 5) Battle Ships, Flat Top Carriers, and Submarines are also in stock.

PLUS MANY MORE ITEMS TOO NUMEROUS TO LIST.....

Regular open hours are: Friday & Saturday 10am to 4pm and Sunday 12 noon to 4pm.

The Gift Shop Staff and I look forward to your visit.

Jackie Brooks, Gift Shop Manager.

Gift Shop workers are needed and Training is done to fit your schedule. Contact Jackie at: 703-0028.



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Help Pave the Way

We will soon be pouring cement walkways around the new Brooks Restored Vehicle Storage Building. Your name, or that of a loved one, can be engraved on a plaque and placed in a square of concrete for a donation of only \$100.00.

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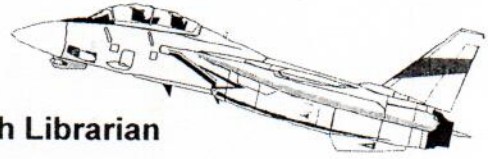
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FREEDOM FLIGHT VETERANS MEMORIAL NEWS

As Museum members, we all share success in growing the EWM to its present status. This has been accomplished because of the greatness and purpose of our stated mission: *We are dedicated to the restoration and preservation of military aircraft and memorabilia and to those who flew and worked on them. Our approach, however, is not to glorify conflict but rather to make future generations aware of the fact our way of life does not come without sacrifice.*

As in the past, our future can only be secured by the tools in place for funding. One of those funding tools is the Freedom Flight Veterans Memorial. While it accomplishes in a sincere documentary way, recognition of the men and women serving our military, serving our freedom and the freedom of future generations of our nation, it also serves to fund a significant portion of the Museum's operating budget and expenses. The Memorial has proven to be a win, win, experiment in its first full year of operation, with over \$10,000 income for the Museum while recognizing those serving our collective freedom.

About fifty "Memorials", to those both living and deceased, have been placed by our own Museum members, from a membership of well over 400. This does not appear to be a good "Model" or "Testimony" when asking visitors to the Museum to participate in the Memorial. I invite **you** to become active. Visit the Memorial "Register", and view the names of those Museum members supporting the "Memorial". Select a friend or relative in the service, past or present, complete the application, and serve as a model. The veterans and our membership will be grateful.


I know all can't participate in giving, even with great intentions, because of unfortunate financial conditions. But all can be active, in supporting solicitation from those who can. You know someone who would love to honor a service person. Show them how to become a supporting participant. Visit the "Memorial" soon. The membership and our "Military" thank you.

Obbie

Obbie Atkinson, Freedom Flight Chairman



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Docent Doings.....

Your museum depends on volunteers. One way you can help out is to be a Docent. Call Betty Miller at 466-1212 today and learn more about a really great way to meet folks and learn about history.

Museum Musings by Betty Miller

If you have not seen the new *M.A.S.H. Mural* in Freedom Hall come on in and check it out!

The *Chaplain's Exhibit* is back in place and honors the men and women who serve their country by providing spiritual support to our service men and women in the field as well as at home. Together with the Medics and Corpsmen, they make a valuable support team for our military. During WW II four US Army Chaplains exemplified the highest degree of dedication and courage of Chaplains.

Rev. George L. Fox (Methodist) Rabbi Alexander D. Goode (Jewish), Rev. Clark V. Poling (Reformed Church in America), and Fr. John P. Washington (Roman Catholic) joined the US Army as Chaplains. In 1942, the chaplains attended Chaplains School at Harvard University and became fast friends. In January 1943, the chaplains embarked on board the *USAT Dorchester*, which was transporting over 900 soldiers to the United Kingdom by way of Greenland.

On February 2, 1943 the German submarine U-223 spotted the convoy on the move and closed with the ships, firing a torpedo which struck the *Dorchester* shortly after midnight. Hundreds of men packed the decks of the rapidly sinking ship and scrambled for the lifeboats. Several of the lifeboats had been damaged and the four chaplains began to organize the frightened soldiers. They distributed life jackets and when the supply ran out gave their own lifejackets to others. When the last boats were away, the chaplains prayed with those unable to escape the sinking ship. 27 minutes after the torpedo struck, the *Dorchester* slipped below the waves with 672 men still aboard. The last view the survivors had of the four chaplains, they were standing on the deck, arms linked and praying together.



On January 18, 1961, President John F. Kennedy posthumously presented the Four Chaplain's Medal for Heroism to the families of the four men. The front of the gold oval-shaped medal depicts an eagle grasping olive branches in both talons. The eagle represents the majesty of the spirit of the government in whose service the Four Chaplains gave the last full measure of devotion. The olive branches symbolize spiritual peace and renaissance. On the back of the medal is an open book with the names of the Four Chaplains. Above the left side of the book is a cross and above the right side are the Tablets of Moses with a Star of David. The Christian Cross and the Star of David represent the faiths of the Four Chaplains. An olive wreath extends upward from the base representing peace.

Your museum has many other interesting stories and unique artifacts. We continue to add new things and we would like to have you visit and volunteer to be a part of this exciting growth. At this time of Thanksgiving with your friends and family, take time to remember our service men and women, many far from home, family and friends.

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