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**Happy Holidays**

**DINNER MENU**

Wednesday, December 3

Succulent Prime Rib

Baked Potato

Green Vegetable

Homemade Rolls

Salad

Larry's Apple Crisp Dessert

Coffee

No Host Bar

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Social Hour 6pm-7pm

Dinner & Program Follows

Vol: XVIX-12



## December Program



### SILVER BELLES

We are in for a special holiday treat for our December program with the talented and lovely ladies of the "Silver Belles" choral group. They will be performing Music for the Holidays and will bring some new songs for our enjoyment.

The Silver Belles offer a scholarship to a local graduate who will be majoring in Music. We will be collecting a free-will offering to present them with a monetary gift towards their scholarship.

### PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

#### REGULAR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS

Gerald Sprouse

#### ANNUAL FAMILY MEMBERSHIP

Richard and Heather Gonzalez

#### LIFE STAR MEMBERSHIP

Greg and Jane Hind

*Don Peckinpaugh---Membership Chairman*

### Committee Chairs

*Questions? Suggestions?*

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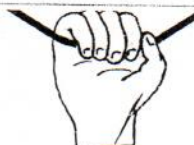
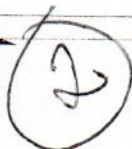
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## THE PREZ SEZ ..... Ed Morrison

### *Museum Receives grant from the Hind foundation*

#### THE PREZ SEZ

Our November dinner was a big success with two speakers from our local CHP Aviation Department and a yummy Thanksgiving dinner served by Larry Eastwood and staff.

We also heard from Greg Hind about his interest in supporting such organizations as the Estrella Warbird Museum. A few days later, we received a grant from Greg and his wife Jane, in the amount of \$87,600 from the Hind foundation for improvements to our grounds.

If you have not seen the results of the use of those proceeds, check out the concrete curbing, sidewalk and vehicle door entry pads in front and back of the Brooks Building and the meandering pathway around the static plane exhibit area. Additional concrete was put down between hangar one and the restoration building as well as a fair amount of asphalt paving to expand the taxi way and hardstand. Thank you Greg and Jane for your generous contribution to the EWM.

Safe flights and good landings, *Ed*



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# Museum Movie Night



Friday, December 12

6:00 PM - Thomson Hall

## TORA! TORA! TORA!

**Cast** includes Jason Robards, as LtGen. Walter Scott, CIC, US Army, Hawaii; Marty Balsam as ADM. Husband E. Kimmel, CIC US Pacific Fleet, E.G. Marshall as Col. Rufus S. Bratton, and James Whitmore as ADM William F. Halsey.

**Plot:** In the summer of 1941, the United States and Japan seem on the brink of war after constant embargos and failed diplomacy come to no end. "Tora! Tora! Tora!", named after the code words use by the lead Japanese pilot to indicate they had surprised the Americans, covers the days leading up to the attack on Pearl Harbor, which plunged America into the Second World War.



1970 Film

144 minutes

**Trivia:** Jason Robards served in the US Navy as a radio operator during WW II, and was on his ship at sea when Pearl Harbor was attacked.

The 30+ "Japanese" airplanes flying in the movie were highly modified American AT-6 and BT-13 trainers. The fighters, "Zeros," were AT-6's, the divebombers, "Vals," were BT-13's, and the torpedo- and levelbombers, "Kates," consisted of AT-6 fronts and wings and BT-13 tails. No genuine Japanese warbirds were to be found in flying condition at the time. Instead, several American planes had to be rebuilt at a cost of about \$30,000 each. They were later sold at auction for \$1,500 or so apiece, and most of them are still flying in private hands and some were also used in the filming of "Midway" (1976); "The Final Countdown" (1980) and "Pearl Harbor" (2001).

The Museum owns some of the movie's story boards and will have them on display at the December 3rd Dinner Meeting.

Harald and Margi Bauer, Movie Night Directors

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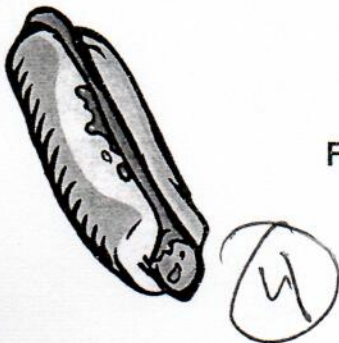
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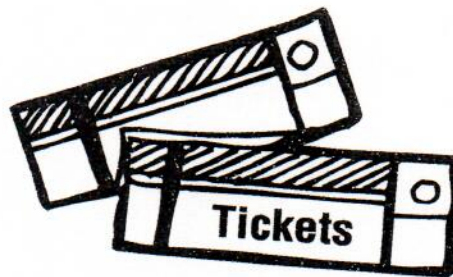
**\$3.00 Donation**



## December Holiday Dinner Best Deal in Town!

Your Estrella Warbird Museum Board of Directors voted to hold the price of our wonderful Prime Rib Dinner to the same \$15.00 we pay through-out the year. It was felt that with the current economy this would be our Holiday Gift to our Members. With this low price we will probably be filled to our 125 maximum capacity.

With this in mind we are asking that you make your reservations early. Your name will be placed on the "Reserved List" . If we have filled all 125 seats and anyone arrives without a reservation, they will be given a numbered "Standby Ticket" in the order they check in. If some folks who made reservations don't show up, you will be able to purchase a ticket at that time, based on the number on your "Standby Ticket" . Hopefully we will all remember to make our reservations, and if we find we have to cancel, we will do so by 4pm on Wednesday.



### Do Your Christmas Shopping at the December 3 Dinner!


Our Gift Shop Manager, Jackie Brooks, announces that she will have some of the new items available for purchase at the Dinner. There are new EWM Christmas Ornaments, some really great, reasonably priced aviator jackets for the grandkids, toys, games, coloring books, some new books, shirts, sweatshirts, etc!

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## Pave the Way

The new cement walkways around the new Brooks Restored Vehicle Storage Building have been poured! We have "blanks" ready for you to add your name, or that of a loved one, for a donation of only \$100.00.

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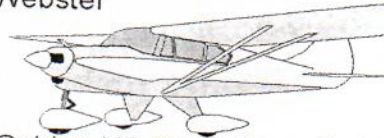
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# THE FLIER

WELCOME TO THE HISTORY OF FLIGHT WARBIRD LIBRARY.



By the invitation of President Ed Morrison, some members of the "Central Coast Woodworkers Association" came to the Estrella Warbird Museum and Library and have offered to build and install two bookshelves and a special book display cabinet for the Library plus two manikin display cabinets for Freedom Hall. The only cost to us will be for the materials. Gary Robillard, President of the Central Coast Woodworkers Association, has been meeting with myself and Don these past couple of months, and he is now ready to begin the project. I am very excited to finally have these additional shelves installed in the library. With these new shelves I will be able to once again, accept books devoted to the airplane, that have been published from the year 2002 and up to the present.

A reminder to all, the Library is open on every **Saturday, 10:00 a.m to 12:00 p.m.** Plus, thanks to the generosity of our Librarian Assistant, Marcia Rice, the Library will also be **open on the night of the General Meeting / Dinner, on the first Wednesday of each month. The hours are 5:30 p.m to 6:45 p.m.** Come on up and see what great stories are waiting for your pleasure. You may read them there in the library or better yet, check them out for two full weeks!!!

I am very busy getting all of the books, magazines, manuals, journals, etc., entered into our new computer program, "Past Perfect". This procedure is bringing us into the 21st century for a library reference system. Don has been doing the cataloging on the latest editions. Many materials have been stored in the office, waiting for space on the "to be shelves"; hopefully in by January.

All of the Library Staff sends our message to all of you, "Have a good and safe holiday on Thanksgiving Day, and a very Merry Holiday Season.

**Keep'em flying,**

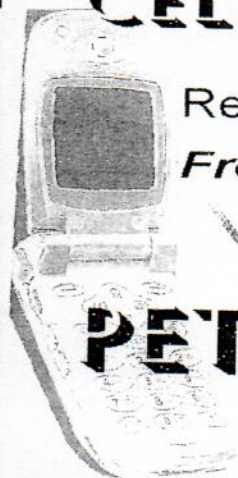
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## January Dinner Meeting Theme

by Judy Corippo

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## DOCENT DOINGS

Our loyal Docents are really busy this Holiday Season! With out of town company and visits to out-of-area family, we have some unfilled spaces on the December schedule. If you can fill a spot it would be greatly appreciated. Our only alternative is to CLOSE THE DOORS if we can't fill these!!! Please Help if you can and call RANDY MAJEWSKI at 237-1054 or Betty Miller at 466-1212

### DATES TO BE FILLED:

Saturday, December 6, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Friday, December 19, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Friday, December 26, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm





## Museum Musings by Betty Miller

We are almost finished with 2008--where has this year gone? We have made many changes around the Estrella Warbird Museum and in Freedom Hall. Our latest addition is the gift of 20+ oak and glass display cabinets. These were obtained through the efforts of Vice President **Peter Visel**, and thanks to two trucks and two large trailers and the muscle of **Don Peckinpaugh, Gary Corippo, Chuck Miller** and **Peter**, were delivered to Freedom Hall on Sunday, Nov 16th and Monday Nov. 17th .

**Carol Weiss** and I were able to swap out existing exhibits from some of our old display cases and get them into the newly cleaned (thanks to Melissa Gomez- a Paso Robles High School AVID student who donated 12 hours of scrubbing and cleaning them) cases. We still have some that need to have broken glass replaced and shelves added, but we are well on our way to a very professional looking museum with matching cabinetry!

New Member, **Jerry Sprouse**, from the **Central Coast Woodworkers Association**, is almost through with the construction of two very large display cases which will be able to house two full-sized manikins each -- the WASP ladies and our WW I uniform from Capt. Chidlaw, MD (uncle of Ed Chidlaw) plus a WW II USAAF pilot in "Pinks & Greens"

In the midst of all this, Carol Weiss and I are still working on getting our accession project completed. We have many, many items to be entered into the new computer system, "Past Perfect" and because some of the Museum's early paperwork did not have all the information needed for the new system we are having to go back and recheck everything. In addition we are contacting our early Donors to correct some inaccuracies, so don't be surprised to hear from one of us in the next few months!

### Something to Check Out

Be sure to see the newly revised "Life During WW II" exhibit -- it is the tall case on the back of the Media Theater -- which has new items. We will complete the **USO Exhibit** before Christmas and you will find that interesting as well.

Recently someone asked us "Aren't you done yet? How much more do you have to do". A museum is always adding and changing displays. so the answer is "No, we are not done yet!" and we have no guesstimate on the time to complete the entering of all our existing items...if we could get another Data Entry person to come in and help it would be a much shorter time!

Have a Very Merry Holiday and a Happy New Year! *Betty and Carol*

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**Holiday Greetings...**

from **George Taylor**

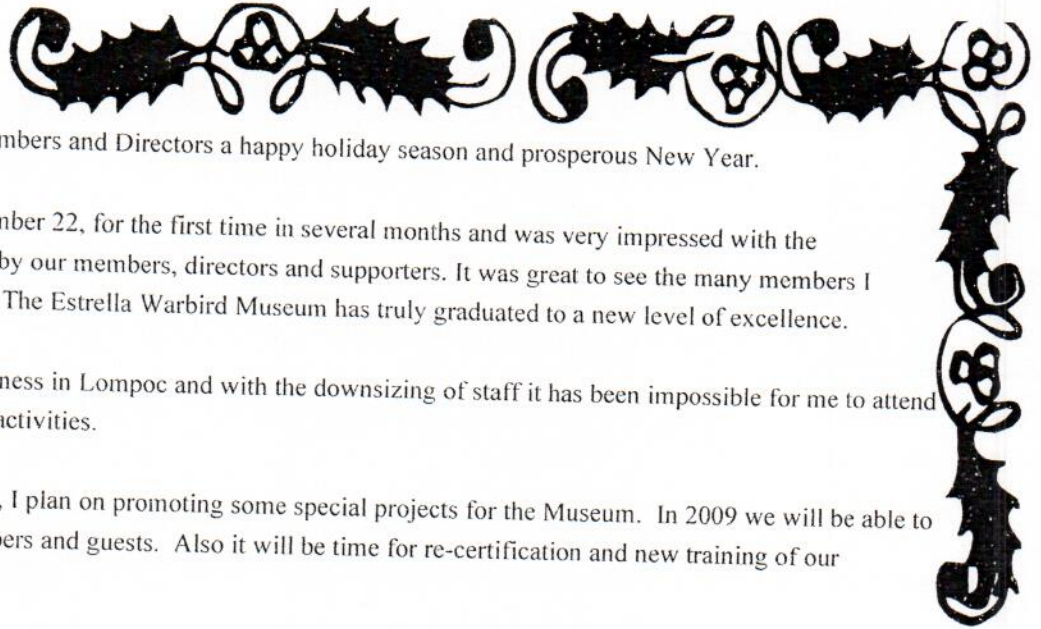
I would like to wish our Warbird Members and Directors a happy holiday season and prosperous New Year.

I visited the museum Saturday November 22, for the first time in several months and was very impressed with the accomplishments that have been made by our members, directors and supporters. It was great to see the many members I consider lifelong friends hard at work. The Estrella Warbird Museum has truly graduated to a new level of excellence.

I am in the process of selling my business in Lompoc and with the downsizing of staff it has been impossible for me to attend dinner meetings or join in on Saturday activities.

After I am free of my pesky "day job", I plan on promoting some special projects for the Museum. In 2009 we will be able to offer a series of road trips for our members and guests. Also it will be time for re-certification and new training of our AED/CPR program participants.

Very Respectfully,  
**George Taylor**  
Past President EWM



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Our new M.A.S.H. mural in Freedom Hall was created by Ms. Gerri O'Brien, who is a very gifted Muralist, Artist and also accomplished Faux Finishing specialist. Ms. O'Brien is also a member of the Estrella Warbird Museum.

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