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DINNER MENU

Wednesday, February 4

"St. Valentine Italian Night"

Chef's Italian Entree

Seasonal Vegetable

Italian Style Salad

Garlic Bread

Blueberry-Apple Crisp Dessert

Coffee

No Host Bar

Dinner Catering by

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\$15.00 Per Person

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Social Hour 6pm-7pm

Dinner & Program Follows



FEBRUARY 4, 2009 PROGRAM

Col. William J. Hatch

US Army, Retired

Colonel William J. Hatch 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.

Colonel Hatch has served in a variety of command and staff assignments in the 4th Infantry Division (Mechanized), 2nd Infantry Division, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), 1st Armored Division, 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized), and the 7th 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, 2/101st Aviation Regiment; S-3, 4th Brigade, 1st Armored Division; Commander, 3rd Battalion, 1st 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.

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Questions? Suggestions?

Please give us a call!

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THE PREZ SEZ Ed Morrison, President

We are already into the second month of 2009 as I write this. Time seems to be flying by. The Brooks Building has been signed off by the City of Paso Robles to house our collection of restored WW I, WW II, Korean War, Vietnam and Desert Storm era vehicles.

Our Museum continues to grow and develop. The Board of Directors has just approved a proposal and financial donation by member Dick Woodland to start construction on a sixth building which will house a rotating selection of some of his wonderfully restored antique vehicles as well as some of his race cars. We are in a very exciting period and you will want to make it a point to visit your Museum to see all the things that are happening. With our steady growth, one of our major needs is for more Docents and Gift Shop volunteers.

We are currently looking for folks who enjoy vehicles and have an interest in being able to put in some hours every month to act as a Docent. Call Betty Miller at 805-471-0472 to discuss training schedules.

The Gift Shop really is a first class venue with some great bargains on some exceptional merchandise. You are needed and you will have plenty of on-the-job training. Please contact Jackie Brooks at 805-703-0028

Remember, it takes people to keep an organization going. With over 428 members, we each should be able to contribute a few hours once a month, or even every other month!

Safe flights and good landings, *Ed*

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**NEW DAY &
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Museum Movie Night

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2009

6:00 PM - Thomson Hall



"The Dambusters"

Dramatization of an actual operation in WW II. Desperate to shorten the war, the British propose a daring raid to smash Germany's industrial base. Low level bombers from England drop "skimming bombs" into the Ruhr water system with surprising results.

Starring Sir **Michael Redgrave**, well known stage and film actor, "The Dam Busters" was nominated for an Academy Award at the 1956 Academy Awards.

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Your Help Needed!



Our Facility Use Coordinator, Peter Visel, has a new job that takes him out of the area and he can no longer handle the rental of Thomson Hall for outside events. This is our major source of income to support the Museum and we need to get a volunteer to take it on a.s.a.p. We really need your help on this folks so please contact Peter to find out what is involved. Peter can be reached by email at: peterd@seeword.com



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FREEDOM FLIGHT VETERANS WALL



Buy a plaque to honor a spouse, relative or friend who has served in the US Military, including the Merchant Marine. They may have been active duty, reserve or National Guard or Air Guard. They may be living or have passed away. This is a wonderful way to honor their service to this country.



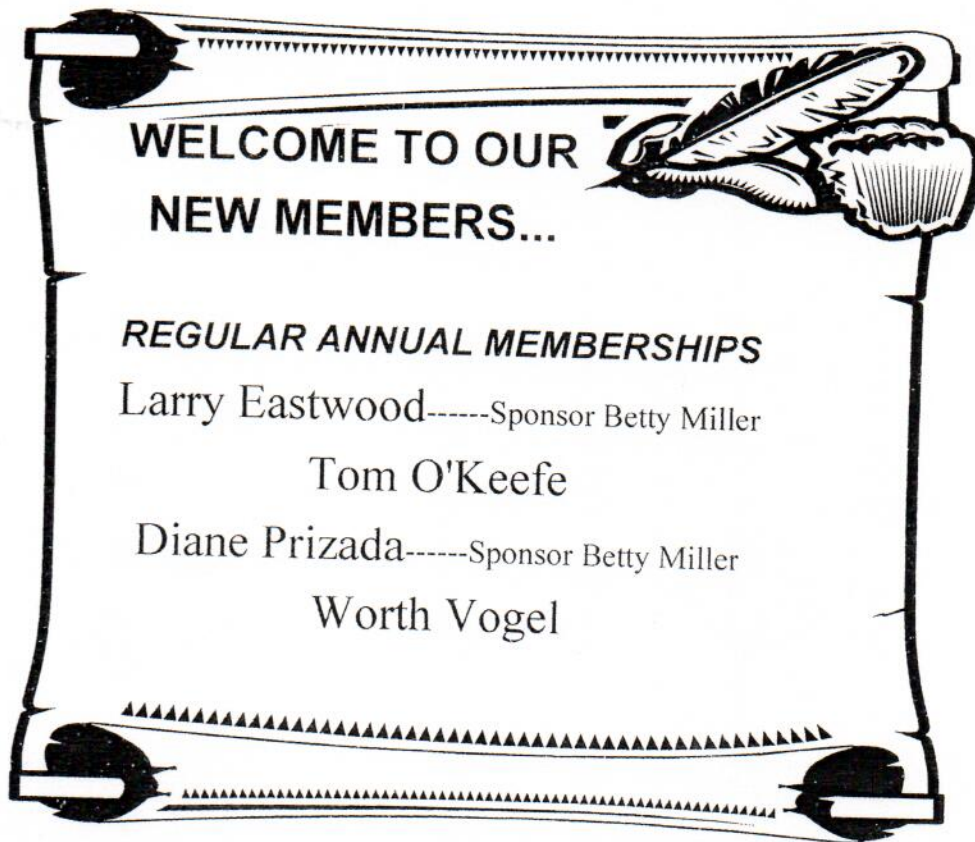
Forms are available on the table immediately below the Freedom Wall, which is located inside of Freedom Hall. The cost is only \$100.00 per plaque and will show the emblem for their branch of service, their rank if you desire to include it and the years they served. If you do not personally know anyone to honor, we do have a limited number of well known, highly decorated individuals from WW I, WW II, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm that are also available to be honored with a plaque.



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Obbie Atkinson, Freedom Flight Co-Chair





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THE FLIER

WELCOME TO THE HISTORY OF FLIGHT WARBIIRD LIBRARY.



As the world watched the Inauguration of our 44th President of these United States, the word *commitment* was stressed in his address to this nation. Let us begin to think of our own duties and responsibilities to the organizations to which we have made our own commitment, for this year 2009 and for the years to come.

I have been working closely with consultant **Ron Clarke**, former Director of the San Luis Obispo County Historical Museum Society, establishing a new museum / library computer program. Along with Betty Miller, curator for the Estrella Warbird Museum, Ron and I have spent many, many hours working hard putting this new system into our existing computers.

Betty Miller - Carol Weiss - Don Peckinpaugh, Membership Chair and Library Assistant, and myself, are moving toward the day that Past Perfect will be up and working to bring our Museum and Library into the 21st century.

Please make it one of **your** commitments to come to **your** museum. Bring your family and friends and share with them the history of our nation as told by the history of the airplane.

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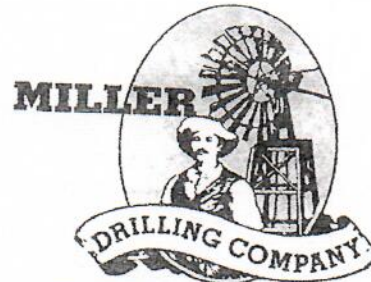


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Museum Musings and Docent Doings..... by Betty Miller

As of February 1, 2009, we have added two new Docents for Freedom Hall, both of whom have completed 8 hours of training under Docent Trainers **Russ Surber** and **Forrest Martin**. Our new Docents are **Jean Coulson** and **Diane Prizada**. We still are looking for more Docents, so let me know if you would like to sign up for training and we will get you started!

Freedom Hall continues to improve. Thanks to the hard work of **Chuck Miller**, **Ron Brooks**, **Carol Weiss**, **Ed Chidlaw** and **Wayne Rice** we were able to rearrange our displays to create an open and welcoming look. **Gary Corippo** brought in our hand forklift and moved the Link Trainer to the West wall. It shows better and really opened up the center section.

Carol Weiss and I have three new display cabinets that will be filled with more artifacts by the end of February. We are still working on getting everything accounted for and entered into the Past Perfect Museum Computer program. We are logging in items that have been stored on our office shelves for at least four months, but we are getting there.

We also have to go back into our files and enter everything that has been catalogued from 1999 to 2006! A big job, but **Frances Martin** and **Ralph Allison** will be assisting me in the data entry.

The uniforms and artifacts that are currently stored in the small Office in Hangar One will be moved into the newly built, cedar lined closet at the end of the Artifact Storage room in the Brooks Building. We owe a big debt to member and woodworker, **Ed Cunningham** who built the closet and installed the three sliding doors to the closet unit. This should keep these valuable items safe from insects and dust - two enemies of irreplaceable textiles.

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Betty Miller, Freedom Hall Curator

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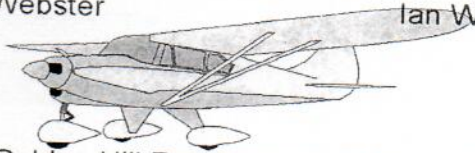
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