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DINNER MENU

Wednesday, March 4

"Celebrating the Luck of the Irish"

Corned Beef & Cabbage

Seasonal Vegetables

Green Salad

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Chef Larry's Choice Dessert

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Social Hour 6pm-7pm

Dinner & Program Follows



PROGRAM

March 4, 2009

Commander Dave Brooks, USN, Retired



Dave Brooks, a member of the Estrella Warbird Museum and native of California, was born and raised in Alameda. He enlisted in the Naval Cadet (NavCad) Aviation Program in 1953. After flight training in Pensacola and Corpus Christi, he earned his Navy wings and was commissioned as Ensign, USNR in October 1954. Ensign Brooks was assigned, for his initial fleet squadron, to Fighter Squadron VF-54 at NAS Miramar flying the AD Skyraider. He served with VF-54 as a pilot and the Assistant Material Officer until May 1956 with one deployment to the Far East on board the USS Kearsarge, CVA 33.

The next assignment took him back to Pensacola to serve as a flight instructor. Following four years of active duty LtJG Brooks, continued his navy career with the reserves until his retirement as a Commander in 1978. Aircraft flown during his career included: SNJ (T-6), T-28, SNB, T-33, F6F Hellcat, AD Skyraider, S-2F, C-54 (DC-4) and C-118 (DC-6).

Brooks retired in 1993 from his position as the Secretary to the Board and Treasurer of the Crescenta Valley County Water District in La Crescenta, California. After moving to Templeton, California in 1998, Brooks found his niche serving as a volunteer, first with one term on the Paso Robles Airport Commission and then in 2001 he was appointed to the Board of Directors, Templeton Community Services District. After being reelected twice to this Board, Brooks also serves on the Nacimiento Water Commission, and represents the SLO County Special Districts on the Boards of the Local Agency Formation Commission, (LAFCO), and the Integrated Waste Management Agency.

Dave will talk about his Navy career to include the aircraft he flew, carrier work on a straight deck, Special Weapon Delivery (nuclear) and the history of the VF-54 squadron. He will also explain the true story of the **Bridges at Toko-Ri** (a movie made in 1954 starring William Holden and Grace Kelly, that will be shown in Thomson Hall on March 12), the Butchers of Kapsan (a Korean War ending raid) and the Hainan Incident.

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Questions? Suggestions?

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THE PREZ SEZ Ed Morrison, President

The vehicle repair shop in the Brooks Building is now open for business and is a pretty spiffy work shop but we are in need of more tools. Check out your garage to see if you have any spare items in the old tool chest that would be of benefit to our hard working mechanics.

Speaking of vehicles, Gary Corippo has located an LVTP-5 armored amphibious landing vehicle for our collection. There were about 1,100 of these produced for the U.S. Marine Corps and they went into service in 1956.

As soon as the weather improves, it will be brought to the EWM for restoration and permanent display. However, moving it will be no easy chore as it is 30 feet long, 11 feet wide and weighs more than 37 tons.

The EWM membership roster is now at 432 and we continue to grow and prosper, thanks to all of you. Invite your friends to our March St. Patrick's Day Dinner for some great Corned Beef and Cabbage!

Safe flights and good landings, *Ed*

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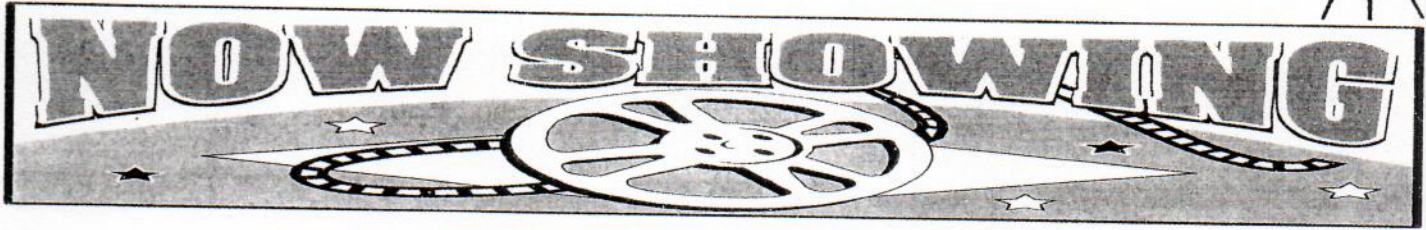
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Museum Movie Night



THURSDAY, March 12, 2009 6:00 PM - Thomson Hall



The Bridges at Toko-Ri

Starring

William Holden, Grace Kelly, Fredric March, Mickey Rooney
and a large cast including a very young newcomer, **Dennis Weaver**

From a novel by James Michner based on US Navy squadron VF-51, The Bridges at Toko-Ri was set during the Korean War. A US Navy pilot (William Holden) must come to terms with his own ambivalence towards the war and his fear of having to bomb a set of highly defended bridges. Filmed using both the USS Oriskany (CV-34) and the USS Kearsarge (CV-33) Lot of action and drama.



Technicolor, 1954, 99 min.

Harald and Margi Bauer, Movie Night Directors

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WE NEED YOUR HELP!



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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Burr Webber, Army, 1954-1958, by Ken and Katrina Keatts and family, Paso Robles, Ca

AF2 Kenneth Stenstrom, Navy, 1948-1952, by Stan Stenstrom, Paso Robles, Ca

As our list of honorees grow, it is to be hoped that museum members and visitors will gain an increasing appreciation of the sacrifices made by those who have served our country. In addition, your contribution will help support our museum in continued efforts to remind the citizens of our great nation of the sacrifices of our dedicated service personell protecting us at the present.

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

Welcome Aboard

Member Sue Dollemore has taken over the reins of the position of Public Information Officer (PIO) from member Dick Reddick. Thank you Dick for your service as our former Newsletter Editor and PIO. We know you will enjoy traveling in your RV and visiting your newest Grandchild!



Sue was born and raised in London, but also has lived in France, the Netherlands and Canada. Sue has been in the fundraising field for more than 20 years, obtaining millions of dollars in grant funds from private, city, county and federal funders. She has provided support for numerous nonprofit organizations, including health care and hospice agencies, museums and schools.

Sue provides information and editing to the media when major grants and contracts are awarded and also has spoken on public radio and local TV stations about the various services provided by these agencies. She is a graduate of UCLA and holds a paralegal certification from UC Santa Cruz as well as a California Real Estate license.

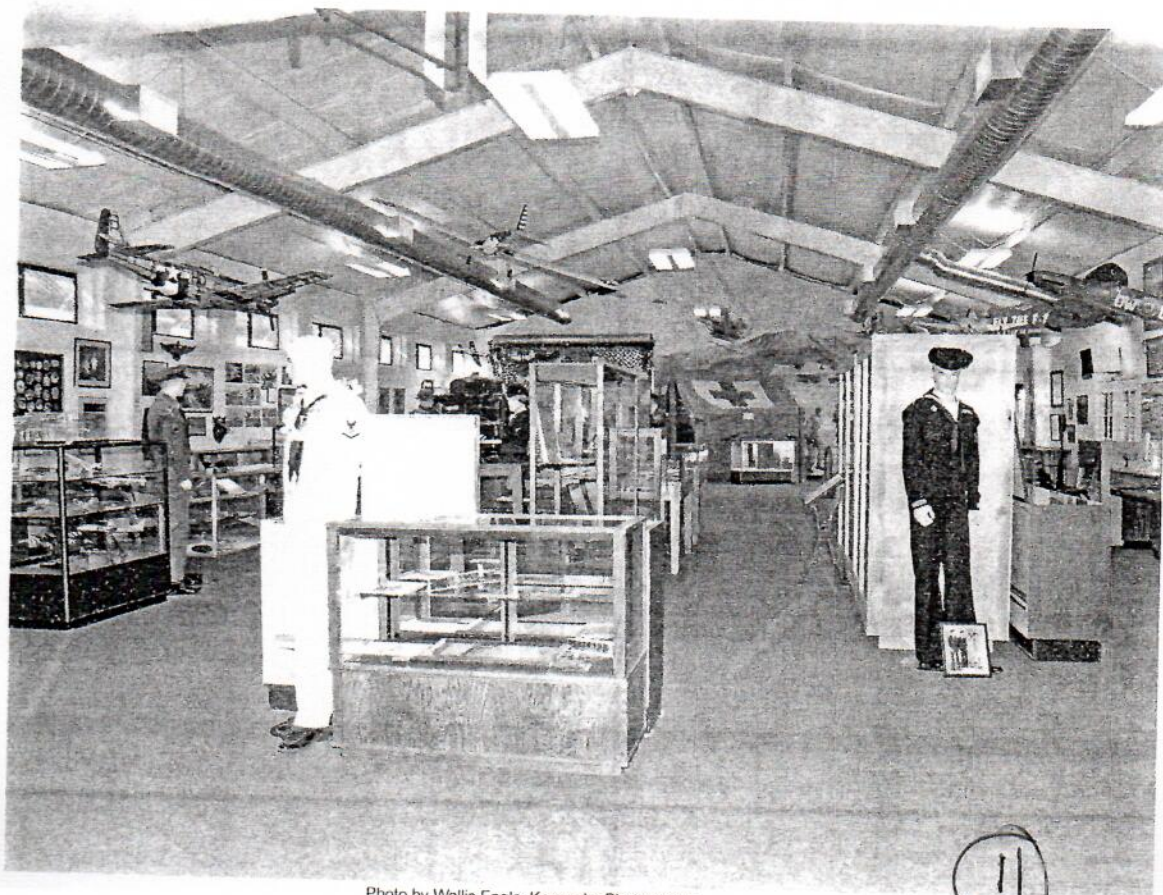


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