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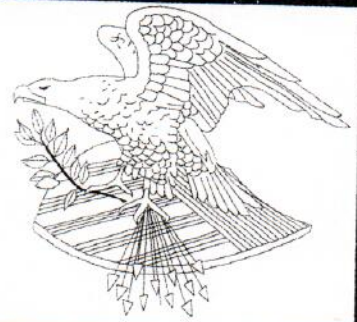
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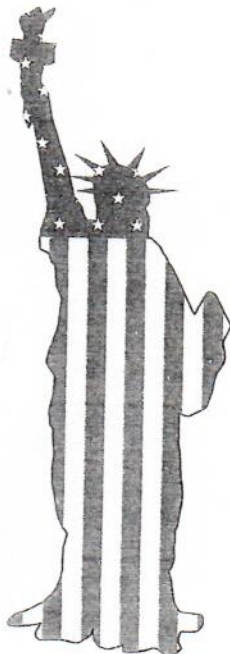
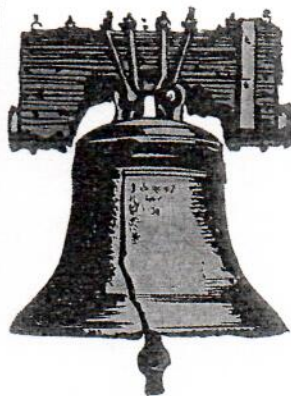
**THE ESTRELLA  
WARBIRD MUSEUM  
EAGLE NEWSLETTER**

Honoring the Past - Inspiring the Future



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**DINNER MENU**

**Wednesday, July 1, 2009**

BBQ Chicken

Larry's Veggie Garden Salad

Old Fashioned Potato Salad

French Bread

Larry's 4th of July Dessert

Ice Tea & Coffee

No Host Bar

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**Social Hour 6pm-7pm**

*Dinner & Program Follows*





## THE PREZ SEZ .....Peter Visel, President

Twenty years ago, two guys with two airplanes, came up with the brilliant idea of "Hey! Let's start us an aviation museum in Paso Robles." Little did they know that their little idea would grow into the Pride of Paso Robles.

Over the years they were joined by hundreds, if not thousands of people whom have joined together and made the transition from that "old boys flying club" to a multi-million dollar, world class centerpiece museum which continually receives accolades from individuals locally and throughout the globe. I am humbled to be in the presence of such stars of our museums' heritage.

In the past, I have thoroughly enjoyed a myriad of roles (and challenges) as museum go-fer, paint scraper, cleaner-upper, fence builder, cabinet obtainer, flight simulator instructor, cook, dishwasher, web master, board member, vice-president or any other duties as assigned. I was deeply honored to be elected recently as the president of the board of directors. During this coming year I promise to accept the challenges presented with our rapidly growing organization and strive to work together with our board and members to insure the Pride of Paso Robles retains the high standards set by our founders.

I have never been a fan of the statement, "That's the way we've always done it," and I am a greater believer in, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it." I do believe that changes need to be embraced when necessitated by changing current conditions. Did you know that last month we have over 460 current members, the highest ever? Did you know that many 501 (c) 3 museums have shut their doors, or are in a state of disrepair due to lack of funding? How is it then, that during the next month, Estrella WarBirds Museum will continue to grow, opening up yet another approximate 5,000 sf display building? Did you realize that last month, our web site, which two years ago received a record high of 354 hits per month, received a high of over 37,800 hits per hour from people around the world? The grounds are immaculate, yet we are an all-volunteer organization that carries no debt.

Why is it that Estrella WarBirds Museum continues to succeed? This can only be due to the hundreds of "Heritage Stars" whom have preceded me and walked this same path when it was first dirt, then pebbles, then asphalt, and, until recently, paved concrete. My hat is off to your sweat, your thoughtfulness, your worries, foresight, and your finances, in your continued support of the Pride of Paso Robles.

I, along with my wife, Candy, are at your service. I welcome your suggestions, your concerns and your ideas as we continue, as George Taylor would put it, to "Honor the Past, Inspire the Future."

Sincerely yours,

Peter D. Visel

President

## JULY 1 PROGRAM

Col. David J. Buck, USAF

Commander, 30th Space Wing, Vandenberg AFB

Col. David J. Buck is the commander of the 30th Space Wing and the Western Range, Air Force Space Command, Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif. The wing's forces conduct spacelift and range operations, and support operational and developmental missile system testing for the Department of Defense from the West Coast of the United States. Vandenberg AFB is the only U.S. platform for polar orbit launches and the only location to conduct intercontinental ballistic missile testing without over-flying populated areas.



Colonel Buck received his commission in 1986 through Officer Training School. He is a career space and missile officer who began his career as a missile launch officer at Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D. Colonel Buck has served in numerous staff positions at Numbered Air Force, MAJCOM and Joint Staff levels.

Colonel Buck previously commanded the 821st Air Base Group at Thule AB, Greenland. He also commanded the 1st Space Launch Squadron at Cape Canaveral AFS, FL.

While serving on the Joint Staff, Colonel Buck served as principal military adviser to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff for coalition management of all existing and emerging conflicts, including Afghanistan, Iraq, Haiti and Sudan. As the Deputy Director for Plans and Programs, Headquarters Air Force Space Command, Colonel Buck formulated and advocated the Command's \$89 billion Program Objective Memorandum.

Colonel Buck has served as a space launch squadron commander at Cape Canaveral AFS, Fla., a group commander at Thule AB, Greenland, and a vice wing commander at Schriever AFB, Colo.

**EDUCATION:** Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration, Kansas Newman University, Wichita, Kan., Summa Cum Laude ; Master of Business degree in Administration, University of South Dakota; Squadron Officer School, Maxwell, AFB, Ala., Distinguished Graduate ; Master of Science degree in National Security and Strategic Studies, Naval War College; Master of Science degree in National Resource Strategy, National Defense University, Washington, D.C., Distinguished Graduate; Leadership Development Program, Center for Creative Leadership, Greensboro, NC ; Senior Manager Course in National Security, The George Washington University, Washington, D.C.

**PREVIOUS DUTY ASSIGNMENTS INCLUDE:** Aide-de-Camp, 20th Air Force; Speechwriter Commanders Action Group, HDQ Air Force Space Command; Commander, 1st Space Launch Sqdn, Cape Canaveral AFS, Fl; Chief, Multilateral Affairs Division, The Joint Staff, Washington, D.C.; Commander 821st Air Base Group, Thule AB, Greenland; Deputy Director of Strategic Plans and Programs, HDQ, Peterson AFB, Colo.; Vice Commander, 50th Space Wing, Schriever AFB, Colo.

**MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS INCLUDE:** Defense Superior Service Medal; Legion of Merit Medal ;Defense Meritorious Service Medal; Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters ;Joint Service Commendation Medal; Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster ; Air Force Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster

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# Mark Your Calendar!

The CA ANG *Band of the Southwest*  
returns to the Estrella Warbird Museum  
Wednesday, July 8th!



That great military band you all enjoyed in 2007, returns to the western US in July and will be here in Concert in Hangar One, on Wednesday, July 8 at 7:00 PM. **Admission is FREE to the concert.** They will have a new program for your enjoyment featuring the band, vocalists, and our own WW II Vet, Ed Winnewisser on the harmonica!

The Museum is offering a **delicious BBQ** starting at 5:30 pm and ending at 6:45 pm for those of you who would like dinner before this great event. We will serve BBQ Chicken, Baked beans, Tossed Green Salad, and French Bread for **\$15.00** per person. We will have our no-host bar open for those who wish wine or beer with their dinner. We only have 125 BBQ tickets, so get yours on line at [www.ewarbirds.org](http://www.ewarbirds.org) or at the Gift Shop as soon as possible. Those purchasing BBQ tickets will have a reserved section of concert seats available for their use in Hangar One after they finish dinner. For those not wishing dinner, seating is "first come, first seated" and you may also bring your seating to set up outside the Hangar Doors if you wish. **Call Betty at 466-1212 for more information.** (5) 6/10

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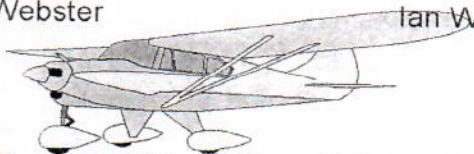
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**Brian Webster &  
Ian Webster can be  
reached at 805-237-0666**

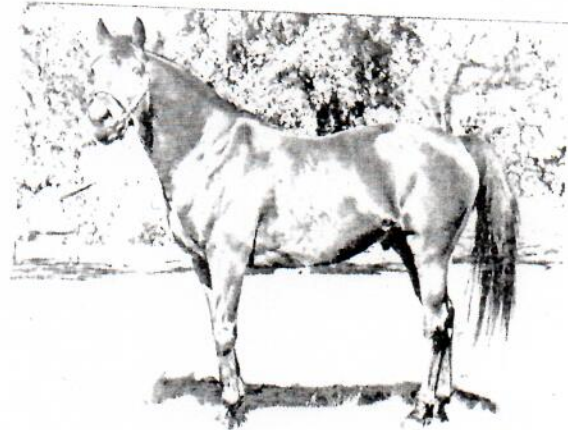




# Museum Movie Night

THURSDAY JULY 9, 2009

6:00 PM - Thomson Hall



## "SEABISCUIT"

In an era during the Great Depression, when Americans were in great need of heroic figures to help them forget their troubles, SEABISCUIT comes to the rescue. This picture relates a moving story of friendship and devotion in rehabilitating the main characters' fractured lives, as it interweaves the interactions between horse, jockey, trainer and owner and their adoring fans. SEABISCUIT only raced for 7 years, but accomplished greatness under major handicaps. He was awarded the US Racing Association's "Horse of the Year" in 1938. The film accurately portrays the real people and events of those troubled times and how Seabiscuit "fixed us, every one of us."

As a side note, SEABUSCUIT'S owner, Charles Howard, was a San Francisco Buick Dealer and owned a ranch near Willits, CA and retired his horse at stud there. SEABISCUIT is buried there as well. Howard's 147' luxury yacht, the "Valiant", sunk after an explosion off Descanso Bay, Avalon, Catalina Island, (near Casino Point) in 1930 and remains a favorite dive spot for Advanced SCUBA divers to this day.

Five time nominee for 2004 Academy Awards, this great movie stars Jeff Bridges ("Charles Howard"), Tobey Maguire ("Red Pollard"), Chris Cooper ("Tom SMith") William Macy ("Tick Tock McGlaughlin"), as well as real-life jockeys Gary Stevens ("George Woolf") and Chris Mc Carron ("Charley Kurtsinger") and many other well known actors.

COLOR, PG-13, Length: 141 min.

### MOVIE is FREE

We serve *Fresh* Popcorn from our new machine

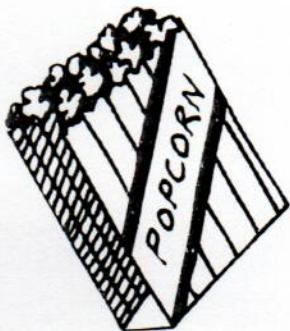
Hotdogs and Potato Salad

There is a \$3.00 Donation

for the refreshments

Harald and Margi Bauer, Movie Night Directors

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## **Welcome Aboard to our New Members**

Kurt MacLean and Laurie Clark **Family Membership**

John and Diane Hood **Family Membership**

Robert and Catherine Woodland **Family Membership** , Sponsor Richard Woodland

Tom Salmon and spouse Kim Ruffana **Family Membership** Sponsor Jackie Brooks

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Hector F. Camacho **Regular Membership**-----Sponsor Ruth Dickey

Katie Kuyper **Regular membership**...Sponsor Harald and Margie Bauer

Robert Higginbotham **Regular membership** Sponsor Kelly Nemeth

**TOTAL MEMBERSHIP AS OF JUNE 17th-----463**

**Bob Kelly**

**Membership Chairman**

## **A CPR/AED training and refresher course**

**will be held on Monday June 29th.**

This lifesaving training is for first timers and those that are due for a refresher course. A refresher course is recommended every two years. The only cost for this four hour course is the price of the workbooks \$12.00

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## Museum Musings -- by Betty Miller

As of June 15, 2009, we have entered over 1300 items into our 'Past Perfect Museum' computer program from our existing accession card file. We have approximately another 500 items to be catalogued and entered into the system. Member Ralph Allison has been doing data entry for us and this has really speeded up the process.

Although every item currently on display has been photographed and is on discs, our goal is to be able to have every item in storage photographed and on disc as well so that we will be able to insert the photos with the computer files. The cost to purchase the Past Perfect Media option is currently \$296.00 with our AASLH (American Association of State & Local History Museums) membership, vs \$370.00 if we didn't belong to AASLH! Once everything is photographed I hope to raise the funds to purchase that option.

The Freedom Hall Storage room which houses items for future rotation items, duplicate items, and items that are pending final disposition is scheduled for reorganization during July to make more efficient use of the space available for new items that are coming into the system.

At this time I am asking that if any of you have uniforms (WW II and later) from any branch of service (from the US or a foreign nation), please DO NOT bring them to me. I ask that you call me first to see if we already have duplicates. Also at this time I am not accepting a LOAN of any uniforms. We have so many uniforms at the moment that we are running out of room to store them. I will let you know when we are looking for a particular uniform from a particular era. Thanks for your cooperation.

After a long, cold spring, summer is upon us and many of you are taking trips, or have family visiting. Please bring them by your museum and encourage them to take their time to enjoy all we have to offer.

With summer trips and out-of-town visitors, our Docents are affected as well. We are looking for more folks who would like to be a Docent. We need your help in Docent staffing so that we can share our wonderful museum with those who visit. We have lots to see, the outside static aircraft, the flyable, privately-owned aircraft in Hangar One, Freedom Hall with all the uniforms, pictures, memorabilia and artwork, the Brooks Building with all the restored military vehicles, and soon the Woodland Building which will house some of Dick Woodlands' antique vehicles and racing cars, our missile display, and a wonderful exhibit of armament. We need more than one Docent on duty to be able to handle all these great venues. Call me today to set up a training date!

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## YOUR INPUT HAS BEEN REQUESTED!

Last month we asked you ALL to let us know your feelings on the following choices for your newsletter. We have had a response from only 30% of you. This tells me that the rest of you never read your June Newsletter, or (I hope this isn't the case!) you were not interested enough to care!

**This affects YOU, so *Please* email me at [ewarbirds@hotmail.com](mailto:ewarbirds@hotmail.com) or call me at 805-471-0472 and let me know your choice:**

**Choice 1**--email

**Choice 2**---Postcard with Speaker and Menu every other month, Newsletter in between.

**Choice 3**--Regular Newsletter every month

**Choice 4**---Quarterly Newsletter in Color four times a year, Reminder Postcards in between

Thank You, I look forward to hearing from you--- **Betty Miller, Director**



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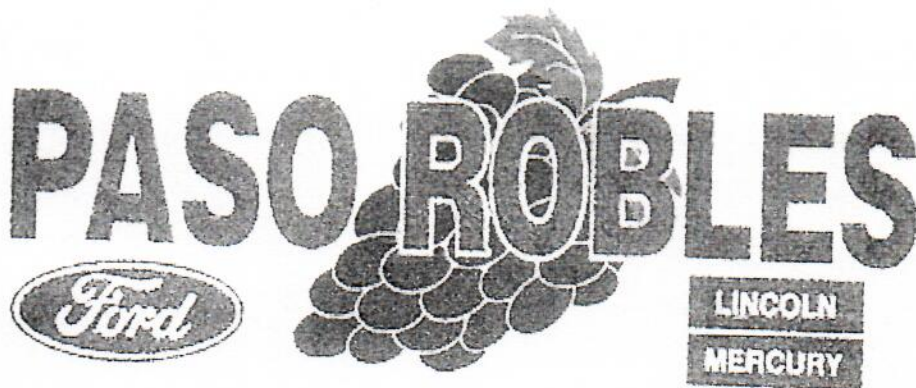


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