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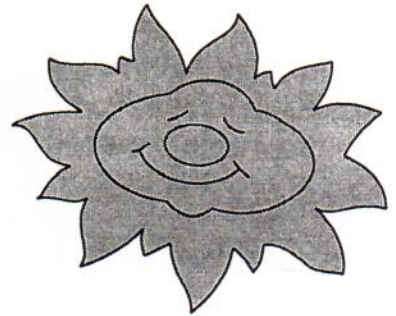


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## DINNER MENU

Wednesday Sept, 1, 2010



BBQ Tri Tip

Baked Potato

Vic's Duet of Summer Salads

French Bread

Dessert ~Larry's Choice

Ice Tea & Coffee

No Host Bar



*Dinner Catering by*

*Larry Eastwood of Vic's Cafe*

\$15.00 Per Person

**RESERVATIONS PLEASE!**

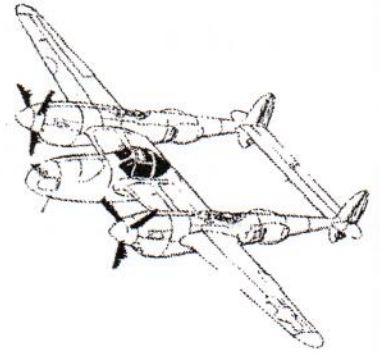
**Call 467-3521 By NOON Tuesday, Aug. 31**

*Thank You*

*or visit our website to RSVP at: <http://www.ewarbirds.org/dinnersvp.html>*

**Social Hour 6pm-7pm**

*Dinner & Program Follows*



## The Prez Sez.....Rob Kinnear

Well, where did the summer go? It is September and Labor Day is upon us. The schools are starting and fall will be here soon.

Labor Day is meant to celebrate the people who work and make our country great. It is fitting that this month at our dinner meeting we will be giving out awards to the volunteers who work so very hard make our Museum the outstanding place to visit that it is. We will also be celebrating our 500 Flight members. You may remember that last spring we were anticipating our 500th member. When you go to the mailbox and find a stack of new museum memberships and anyone of them could be number 500 you have a problem (also keeping in mind there were a number of family memberships, who gets #500). So, we created the 500 Flight to honor all of them.

Two of the 500 Flight will be our speakers at the dinner meeting, **Bob Dickson** and **Hank Hall**. Both served at different times in the same Bomb Group as aircrew members in England during World War Two. It will be interesting to hear their stories. Bob was there in 1943 and Hank came the following year in 1944. Neither year was a cake-walk.

Larry will have a great dinner as usual. Call in to make your reservation and Come and join us.

The wings are going on the TA-4J aircraft. The Woodland Building is being added to, so please excuse our dust while the work is going on.

If you have some free time, we always need docents. In any case, come out to the Museum and say Hi!

Rob Kinnear

EWM President

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## Membership Cards

Were delayed due to a computer "dying". Last Rites were administered and you will get yours shortly!

Apologies for the delay

Betty Miller

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September 1, 2010  
Program

**B-17 Pilot ,Bob Dickson  
and B-17 Gunner, Hank Hall**



Robert "Bob" Dickson was a B-17 pilot during WWII stationed in England with the 91<sup>st</sup> Bomb Group. He was shot down on Dec 1943 while on his third combat mission. Bob was captured by the Germans and spent 18 months as a POW in Stalag Luft 1.

Bob is 90 years old and has been a resident of Morro Bay for 25 years. He retired to the central coast from the Los Angeles area after 32 years in the aerospace industry. Prior to his civilian employment he served eleven years in the US Air Force, retiring as a Captain in 1953.

In recent years Bob has been active in organizing the visit of the Collings Foundation B-17 and B-24 bombers to the San Luis Obispo airport as a stop on their "Wings of Freedom" national tour.



Henry "Hank" Hall enlisted in the US ARMY at Minter Field, Bakersfield, California in Sept 1942 directly out of high school.

After basic training he was put through an accelerated course on the maintenance of the BT-13 aircraft. Hank worked there for about a year, doing his share of KP (kitchen patrol) and then shipped out to Santa Maria in an outfit that looked suspiciously like a quartermaster squadron.

All of the guys complained since they thought they were aircraft mechanics. The soldiers were tested and three of them (including Hank) were transferred to another casual group in Sacramento, California. It was apparent that the Army Air Force was loaded with junior mechanics. This was a go-nowhere situation. Hank applied for gunnery school, passed the physical and was sent to Wendover, Utah for training. He graduated and was then sent to Pyote, Texas for more training.

Three months later Hank was sent to Grand Island, Nebraska and given a new Boeing B-17 aircraft to ferry to Ireland. He was assigned to the 91st Bomb Group which was the country club of bomb groups in England. He flew his first combat mission on March 6, 1944, which was a good mission for a rookie. It was the heaviest day of loss the Eighth Air Force ever suffered, 69 heavy bombers were lost. Hank flew 26 missions and finished his combat tour on August 26, 1944. Hank lives in Cayucos.

Bob and Hank Hall (a B-17 gunner) are co-500th Estrella Warbird Museum members.

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**MOVIE NIGHT! Wednesday Sept. 8**  
**6:00 PM**

**THE GALLANT HOURS**

**Starring: James Cagney, Dennis Weaver, Ward Costello**  
**Directed by Robert Montgomery**

James Cagney is riveting as the legendary commander of South Pacific forces, Admiral William F. "Bull" Halsey, in this extraordinary documentary style film that depicts his courageous actions in the WWII Japanese theater.

(1960 - 116 min. B&W)

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