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Museum Board of Directors Selects New Director to fill Director vacancy.

When Peter Visel moved from Paso Robles to the East Coast, his slot on the Estrella Warbird Museum Board had to be filled to maintain the required number of Directors. The Board selected Museum Advisory Board Member, Gary Nemeth to fill Peter's remaining term. Gary is no stranger to the citizens of Paso Robles, but we wanted to share his interesting history with the rest of our membership.

MEET OUR NEW DIRECTOR

Gary Nemeth moved to San Luis Obispo County in 1973 after Gary finished his active duty tour with the United States Navy. He went to work for the SLO Sheriff's Dept. in 1974 and in 1977 started working at the SLO Police Department where he remained for 27 years until he had to take early retirement in 2004 due to injuries received on the job.

Gary met his future bride Sammy in 1981, when he attended a Police training class in San Diego, and it was love at first sight, Sammy and Gary were married on October 29, 1981 and will celebrate 30 years of a very special and wonderful marriage together this coming October. They moved to Paso Robles in 1988, and Gary served on the Paso Robles Planning Commission from 1991-2000. He was elected to the Paso Robles City Council and served on the Council from 2000-2008. Gary was reappointed to the Paso Robles

Planning Commission from 2009-2011. Both Sammy and Gary are very involved in our community serving on numerous nonprofit boards and commissions. Gary says he was very honored to have been selected to serve on our board, and has a passion to bring together both the aviation field that we cherish and the automobile world that we also grew up with.

Gary also served on the Citizens Airport Advisory Board for almost four years as a liason between the City Council and the CAAC. He has also served as an Advisory Member for the Estrella Warbird Museum Board of Directors, giving input on the land use master plan from our Board to the City council before being elected to our Board of Directors

Gary and Sammy have one daughter, Kelly, 26, who is currently serving with the US Army in Germany as an advanced technician for Blackhawk helicopters, Please join Gary and other members of EWM at the Paso Robles Chamber of Commerce Business Expo April 20, 2011 at the Fairgrounds from 4:00PM-7:00PM. EWM will have a flight simulator and car display as folks enter the Fairgrounds. We will be promoting our Warbirds Wings & Wheels III Car Show to be held on May 14, 2011.



"Remembrance of Obbie"



Because Museum members were not able to speak at Obbie's Memorial Service in February, we thought it appropriate to set aside the time ordinarily given a guest speaker at our April meeting to open the floor to friends and colleagues who wish to express their thoughts and share their memories of this remarkable man. If you would like to do so please contact Program Chairman George Marrett at GMarrett@charter.net or (805) 466-7640 so that he can set aside sufficient time for the speakers.

Estrella Warbirds Museum April Dinner

Wednesday, April 6

Social Hour 6 PM, Dinner 7 PM



The Prez Sez.....by Rob Kinnear

At the March dinner meeting Greg Sanders gave a very interesting and informative presentation on Kham Duc Special Forces Camp battle of May 10-12, 1968. He not only talked to us about what happened, but why the North Vietnamese politically chose to make the attack. Larry Eastwood made another excellent meal for us. We got to go back for seconds, and most of us did! One person told me they normally do not like corn-beef and cabbage, but they love what Larry does with it.

The cold weather and rain has slowed down our outside activities, but we still have a lot of things going on in the display and shop areas. The F/A-18F simulator has been moved from Lemoore NAS into the main hangar until the Hind Pavilion is built. The plans for that building are coming along and we hope to start construction as soon as the ground dries out. In the meantime, work is moving along to extend the Brooks Building to give us more room to protect our military vehicles.

April and May will see an increase in activity. We will have a display at the Paso Robles Chamber of Commerce Expo on April 20th. The T-6 Roundup will be happening at the Museum on April 30th, and of course the Warbirds Wings and Wheels event on May 14th.

We are busy in the restoration shops, and with being open 4 days, we can always use more people. Come out and join us.

Rob

Rob Kinnear
EWM President

Curator Report.....by Betty Miller

Curator Associate **John Gramentine** has finished the three new cabinets we obtained from Jean Gibson's store. They really look great. We only have the sliding doors at the back to paint and install and we are ready to put new displays inside! Thank you John!!

John is working on completing a display with a WW II Japanese soldier in authentic uniform with related memorabilia and there are plans to add a new display of Spanish American War items as well.

If you have something you wish to donate, please call **Betty Miller** at 471-0472 or **John Gramentine** at 235-1195 **BEFORE** you bring the items into the Museum. We are not accepting memorabilia items "on loan" at this time. All items donated to the Museum must be donated with no conditions. All Donated items are subject to rotation, research and study and available display space.

Original Photographs will be scanned and the original(s) will be returned to the Donor. A detailed list of conditions for donations will be available at the time of donation.

Celebrate Spring with Dinner at the Museum, Wednesday, April 6th

Join your friends, new and old, for a great dinner prepared by Chef Larry Eastwood, owner of Vic's Café of Paso Robles! Social Hour starts at 6:00pm and Dinner will follow at 7:00pm.

Menu

Baked Ham
Scalloped Potatoes
Seasonal Salad
Spring Vegetables
Rolls
Easter Surprise Dessert
Coffee or Tea

\$15.00 per person
(Includes Tax & Gratuity)

RESERVATIONS A MUST!!

Call Rosemary at 467-3521 not later than
6:00 pm Monday, April 4th

Used Washing Machine and Dryer Needed for the Museum!

The Museum is in desperate need of a working washer and dryer immediately! The dryer can be electric or gas, but must be in working order. We would prefer a stack type unit because of space constraints, but the best price we found for a new unit was \$750.00 and it is not in our 2011 budget. Please call **Betty Miller at 805-471-0472** if you have either a washer or a dryer or both that you would like to donate. We will arrange pickup anywhere north of the Cuesta Grade!

BLOOD DRIVE MAY 6

Vice President Wayne Rice has arranged to have the Blood Mobile at the Museum on **FRIDAY, MAY 6th from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm**. It will be parked by Thomson Memorial Hall and check-in will be inside Thomson Hall. Our goal is to do this to help replace much needed blood supplies in the County and to honor Obbie Atkinson's memory.

Please call **Wayne Rice at 805-423-8828** for more information.

DON'T FORGET!!!

BRING YOUR ITEMS TO THE APRIL 6TH DINNER MEETING

Supplies for Soldiers

Supporting The Men & Women of San Luis Obispo County Who Go In Harm's Way

At the October dinner meeting we began collecting much needed personal items for shipment to the 80-150 residents of San Luis Obispo County who are currently serving their country in combat. Your response has been heartening and has reflected well on the Warbird Museum and its members. The need of these brave fellow citizens, however, has not diminished and so we will continue to have the barrel at our Monthly Dinner meetings to receive your contributions. We have listed below the things that are most asked for or most welcome. As small as it might seem, don't forget that the "Notes of Encouragement" mean so much to those who are far from home and sometime think they have been forgotten. A note needn't be eloquent or long, just a short word of thanks for the sacrifices being made and an assurance that these brave men and women remain in our thoughts and prayers will suffice. And, of course, a note accompanied by any of the items listed below is especially welcome.

Items that are most requested are

Snacks (no chocolate) Sunflower Seeds
Dried Fruit Sweetened Powdered drink Mixes
Flavored Coffee Creamer (small) Beef Jerky
Hard Candy ANY small individual snack packages
Red Vines Licorice Gum

Comfort Items

DVD's (old & new) Glad Ware Plastic Containers
CD's (old & new) Glade Stick-Up Room Deodorizers
Disposable Cameras Notes of Encouragement
Handheld Electronic Games Small Battery Operated Fan
Misty Mates, Bandana Coolers/Cool-Ties Small Squirt Bottles
Batteries (AA, AAA, C) Swifter Dusters

The items collected at the Monthly Dinner meetings will be sent by Supplies for Soldiers directly to the men and women from San Luis Obispo County who are on the front lines in Iraq and Afghanistan.

For more information on the committee's work or what you can do to help contact Gary Nemeth at garysam@charter.net.

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