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Estrella Warbirds Museum

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June 1, 2011 Program "His Blood Is Army Green!"

Capt. Dan Dow, a resident of Paso Robles, just completed a yearlong tour of Iraq as a member of the Army National Guard. Dow works as a deputy District Attorney (DA) for the SLO county District Attorney's Office. This is Dan's second deployment since 9/11, his first was a tour in Kosovo in 2003. He puts his legal expertise to use as a judge advocate general (JAG) in Iraq.



"I did a career change and went to law school at age 31," the 40-year-old Dow explained. His previous life included being a sales executive for Sun Microsystems, a Silicon Valley company that sold computers and technology before it was absorbed by Oracle last year.

Dow joined the Army Reserve in 1989. He started out as a radio operator and later became a linguist in Korea in 1992. Dow said, "The Army has become part of who I am. I had a four-year break and tended to miss it. My blood turns Army green; I'm proud to be able to serve our country." His blood may run Army green, but he also has military running through his veins as his great-great-grandfather served as a 1st lieutenant in Co. E., 4th Maine Infantry Regiment during the Civil War.

"Our president signaled the end of a combat mission to one of stability operations," Dow explained, "Our whole mission is to support our Iraqi partners and improve their security." Dow added, "I'm really thankful to be a part in a small way of an important part of history, handing off a country that's freer than when we found it, working with great people and unbelievably professional paralegals. Yet I'm thankful to be home. I love the Central Coast, my family and I have the best job possible as a deputy DA."

Dan and his wife, Wendy, have two children, Chloe and Jed. He will talk about his recent military tour in Iraq and tell us how our country is doing in this war-torn land and the effect combat has had on his personal life.





Wednesday

June 1

MENU

Hawaiian

Luncheon

Hawaiian Entree
(Chicken)

Tropical Salads
Veggie Selections
Rolls

Island Dessert
Ice Tea & Coffee

\$17.00 pp

Reservations Please
Call Rosemary

By Monday May 30th
805-467-3521

Social Hour 6:00pm
Dinner 7:00pm



The Prez Sez...

By Rob Kinnear

The May dinner meeting featured the crew of *Betsy's Biscuit Bomber* talking about their trip to Oshkosh last summer in the C-47. There were more pictures than we had time to show, and there were plenty of stories to go around. Everyone enjoyed the tales of the one-week trip. Larry served fish and chips for the first time at the Museum. It was delicious as usual.

The rain has slowed our building projects. The permits were submitted to the city to complete the extension of the Brooks Building. We are waiting for the ground to dry out a little more before we can start on the Hind Pavilion connecting the Freedom Hall to the Brooks building.

The SAAB Lansen jetfighter has been reassembled. The next step is to repaint the aircraft. The vehicle restoration crew is also moving along on the military ambulance restoration.

We are in the process of acquiring a British Gnat jetfighter and an Italian Aeromachi jet trainer.

The display at the Paso Robles Chamber of Commerce Expo on April 20 was a success and I have been told that our volunteers had a good time.

The 2011 T-6 Roundup was held at the Museum on April 30th. Weather held back a couple T-6's, but we still had 11 aircraft attending. Most arrived Saturday morning and left the evening. All in all it was a great day, and it is always fun to hear and watch these aircraft as they came in and then left to practice formation flying.

The Friday May 6th Blood Drive held at the Museum was very successful. Twenty-nine people gave blood. We were told that for the short time the blood mobile was here, they could not have taken more people. Thank you to all the people at the Museum who volunteered to help out and especially to those who gave blood. We are planning on doing this again next year, and we would like to see more members turn out.

The big event in May of course was our Warbirds Wings and Wheels III event on Saturday May 14th. We had 292 cars at the show and over 3000 people came to see them. There was something for everyone to see. We were all tired by the end of the day, but it was great fun.

With all that we have going on, we can always use some extra help. Come out and join us!

Rob Kinnear
EWM President



British Gnat



Estrella Warbirds Display goes to the Ronald Reagan Library Museum! *Start Your Engines: American Race Cars at the Reagan Library*

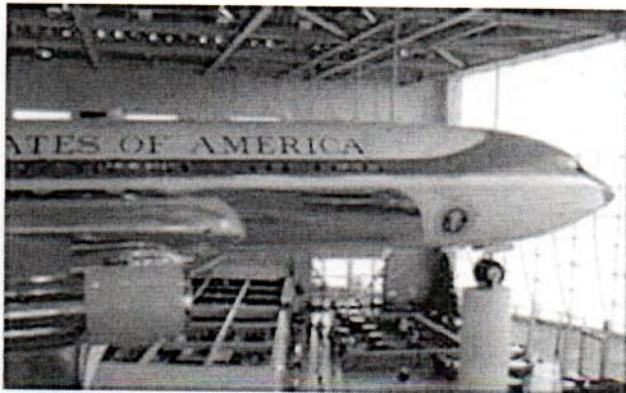
Andrew Wulf, the curator of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum has requested to have the Estrella Warbirds Museum Number 86 NASCAR Stock Car placed on location at their museum for a special display May 27th through October 23rd, 2011. Mr Wulf first saw the car on our website and was very interested in the patriotic logos on the top of #86.

This is a great honor for Estrella Warbirds Museum, Richard Woodland Sr., and Jr., as Rich Jr drove the number 86 car, winning at the Winston West championship race in Phoenix, in 1998. The car will be displayed along with the Mike Curb sponsored car driven by Richard Petty to his 200th NASCAR win.

In 1984, President Ronald Reagan became the first sitting U.S. President to attend a NASCAR race. That July, he started the Firecracker 400 at Daytona where he gave the command, "Gentlemen, start your engines!" from aboard Air Force One. Later that day, Air Force One landed at Daytona International Airport behind the speedway in full view of the fans. It was at that race that Richard Petty captured his historic 200th victory.

In honor of President Reagan's relationship and fascination with race car driving, The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation presents *Start Your Engines: American Race Cars at the Reagan Library*, on view from May 27 through October 23, 2011. The exhibit features a wide array of storied vehicles from the history of American auto racing from the 1930s to today, including those from NASCAR and INDY. Visitors will view historic cars driven by legends such as Dale Earnhardt, Sr. and Richard Petty, as well as current cars by racers Kurt Busch, Jimmie Johnson, Dale Earnhardt, Jr. and Austin Dillon, who will make his NASCAR Sprint Cup Series debut later this year. In addition to the cars, personal items from drivers like trophies, fire suits, helmets and other artifacts, photos and video will also be on display.

This exhibit is sponsored by the Auto Club of Southern California. Special thanks to Mike Curb, Hendrick Motorsports, Richard Woodland of the Estrella Warbirds Museum and Lyn St. James.



Estrella Warbirds Museum offers a **Members Special Tour** on **TUESDAY, JULY 12th**.

Limited seats are now available for this special Tour to the Ronald Reagan Library for only **\$75.00 per person**.

The Tour includes:

Roundtrip transportation from the Museum to the Reagan Library, 7:30am departure.

Admission and Guided Tour of the Regan Library including the new "*Start Your Engines: American Race Cars*"

The Race Car Exhibit includes Richard Woodland's Car 86.

Marine One Buffet Lunch. Walk Thru Tour of Air Force One

Tickets on SALE in the EWM Gift Shop starting May 26th, at the June 1 Dinner Meeting or call George Taylor at 805- 448-7402. First Come First Served. Limited seats are available so Purchase yours TODAY!!

The Reagan Library Museum has redone their Displays so for those who have "been there and done that", you will see many new items on display.

GET WELL!

Caring Thoughts

Please send your Best Wishes to **Mary Houston**, wife of Cmdr. Bill Houston for continued recovery from a stroke May 13. Mary and Bill have been long time supporters of the Museum and we are looking forward to welcoming them back as soon as possible.

Curator's Corner.....Betty Miller

Most of the newly restored display cabinets have now been filled with new displays. We have an awesome Vietnam exhibit with rare artifacts from the Hill tribes of Laos and Uniforms. We also have an exhibit of SAR operations with survival items used during rescue of downed pilots or seamen who have fallen overboard. There is also a new exhibit of WW II Japanese artifacts, rare medals and uniforms which are really unique.

We will soon be displaying an authentic WW I Nurse's uniform along with a WW II US Army Nurse's uniform that we recently acquired. A revision of our WW II London phone booth will be taking place during the next two weeks. So watch for new items on display.

We have requested a bid from the Central Coast Wood Workers for two more large manikin display cabinets like the two existing large cabinets in Freedom Hall. The Museum will only need to pay for the materials used and the CCWW provides the labor. The new cabinets will be moved into the Hind Pavilion once it is completed.

Pending our receipt of Deed of Gift documents, the 1940 Link Trainer owned by the late Ed Stewart will be changing from Loan status to Museum ownership. It will be moved into the Hind Pavilion along with the F-18 Hornet two seat simulator from Lemoore as a centerpiece to demonstrate the comparison of WW II era training devices and 21st Century training.



Museum Member Needs Your Help!



Estrella Warbird Member, Woodland Docent, and veteran race car driver, Kenny Van Blargen of Paso Robles, CA., was seriously injured in a Western Racing Association (WRA) vintage race car race in Havasu City, Arizona, on Saturday, March 12th, 2011. The accident took place during a main event re-start. He ran over a wheel and flipped hard in his open cockpit sprint car. He was air lifted to University Hospital in Las Vegas where he underwent major surgery for serious neck and spinal cord injuries.

Kenny is a long time racer who has won literally hundreds of races. He raced hard-tops and jalopy's in the late 1950's and early 1960's. He moved to the NASCAR modifieds and super modifieds in the latter 1960's and 1970's and from there to sprint cars. He ran some races with the California Racing Association (CRA), but mainly raced at local tracks in central California. He was a many time winner in everything he drove and has numerous track championships to his credit.

While his insurance will help cover a good portion of his medical expenses and rehabilitation, it will not cover it all nor does it cover any of the cost of transporting him back to California to a rehabilitation center. This will be quite costly as he must travel by medivac air.

His family and friends have opened an account in his behalf for donations to help with his transportation back to California rehabilitation facility and to help with his other numerous ongoing expenses.

Kenny entertained the crowds during his career which spanned into 7 different decades. Now he needs the help of his friends and fans.

Please write donation checks to:

FBO: Kenny Van Blargen and mail them to: Santa Lucia Bank, PO Box 1947, Paso Robles, CA 93447.

Museum Musings.....Jeanne Thiebaud, Museum Coordinator

Total Visitors for April 664 (March Visitors numbered 544) Our Docents were kept busy with two large Groups in addition to our normal flow of visitors. As our weather improves our visitor counts go up. We have had some illness in our Docent ranks and some folks have done triple and double duty. Hopefully, everyone is on the mend and will stay healthy .

I have been sending out letters to the major tour companies that offer tours to California. The letters point out all the Museum has to offer them. I have already received response in the form of new tour bookings. We have an added benefit of being able to offer a Breakfast, Luncheon or Dinner as part of their total tour package.

We are offering a Military Family Special from Memorial Day thru Labor Day. Active Duty Military are always Free, but their dependents are also offered Free Admission during this period. We support our Military and their Families!



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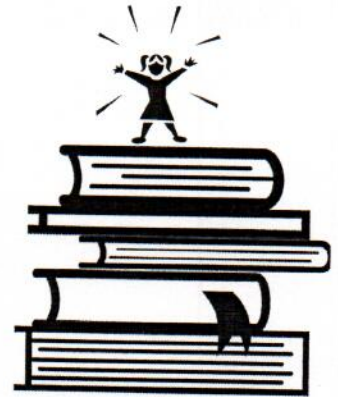


NEWS !!!

Estrella Warbird Museum Research Library Will Be Moving !!

After five years in the making of an incredible Library, "The History of Flight Library", located above Thomson Memorial Hall, will soon be moving DOWNSTAIRS to a section of Freedom Hall (formally known as THE GIFT SHOP and our Curator's Office, plus part of the hallway) in the early Fall of 2011. This will be possible with the completion of the Hind Pavilion, which will connect Freedom Hall to the Brooks Building.

It is with great enthusiasm your Research Librarian along with her husband and Assistant Librarian, Don Peckinpaugh, will bring the EWM Library within the reach of every member and the PUBLIC AT LARGE!



A major part of the move – all of the furnishings, (desks – chairs – stools – ladders - tables – file drawers - paintings) plus the very heart of any library, the book shelves, will be moved to the new location on the day prior to the day we do the actual move BY HAND . Carrying - books – magazines – VHSES – DVDS, plus the model airplanes and personal items. DO NOT TREMBLE -- Martin Wright's BOY SCOUT TROOP will come to our rescue and do all of the HAND CARRYING of the above named items, from the Library up in the LOFT, to the new location down in the MUSEUM!! HOORAY !!!

Keep 'em Flying

Charmaine, Research Librarian

Looking Around the Museum



Membership Renewals for Annual Single, Family, Sustaining and Patron are DUE NOW.

LIFE MEMEBERS and STAR MEMBERS will be issued their new, permanent Membership Cards in June. To get FREE admission for yourself and your guests, you will need to show your card to the Gift Shop/Admission volunteers.

At the end of June Membership Cards will be issued to all PAID members holding Single Annual Membership, Family Membership, Sustaining Membership and Patron Membership.

Here is a review of your Benefits:

ALL memberships include name badge for each valid member and monthly Eagle Newsletter

Single Membership - (\$50.00) Unlimited Free admission to museum for Member whose name appears on Card only

Family Membership - (\$75.00) Unlimited Free admission to museum for you and your family **

Sustaining Membership - (\$100.00) Unlimited Free admission for you and your family** plus Two Guests

Patron Membership - (\$200.00) Unlimited Free admission to museum for you and your family** plus TWO guests

Life Membership - (\$500.00) Membership is paid for Life. Unlimited Free admission to museum for you and your family** plus up to FOUR guests .

Star Life Membership (\$1000.00 for each Star) Membership is paid for Life. Unlimited Free admission to museum for you and your family** plus up to SIX guests .

(**A family defined as Two adults and up to four of their children under 18 years of age.)




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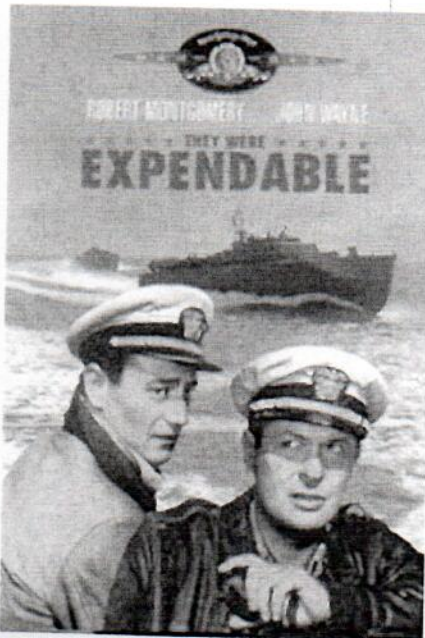
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MOVIE NIGHT, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8

6pm Pizza & Popcorn 6:30pm FREE MOVIE Begins



One of the finest (and most underrated) of all WWII films, based on the true story of America's PT boat squadron in the Philippines during the early days of the war. Moving, exquisitely detailed production, with real-life Naval officer Montgomery a convincing lead.

Starring

John Wayne, Robert Montgomery, Ward Bond

And Donna Reed.

Directed by John Ford

B/W 1947