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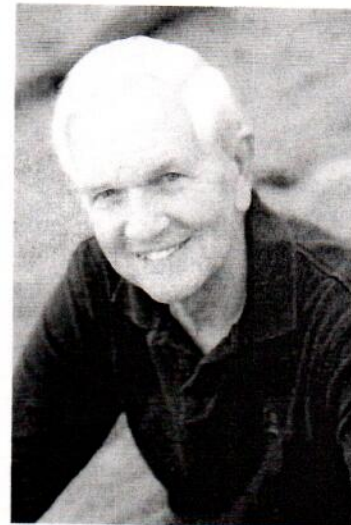
Honoring the Past—Inspiring the Future

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Wednesday, JULY 6, 2011
PROGRAM

William C. Bowes

William Bowes is a retired Navy Vice Admiral, having served 33 years in the Navy in numerous operational and acquisition assignments. As a Vice Admiral he served as the Commander of the Naval Air Systems Command, the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition (RDA), and the Acting Assistant Secretary of the Navy for RDA.



As a Naval Aviator he commanded an A-7E squadron, flew 350 combat missions during the Viet Nam conflict and has flown over 5000 hrs in more than 50 different US and foreign military aircraft types. He is an accomplished test pilot and program manager. He served as the program manager for the F-14 and Phoenix missile program, the Joint Cruise Missiles Project, which developed and deployed the Tomahawk cruise missile, and was the first director of DOD's Joint Unmanned Aerial Vehicles Project.

After retiring from the Navy, Bowes joined Hughes Aircraft as a Senior Vice President and Deputy General Manager of the newly forming Sensors and Communications Sector. After Hughes was acquired by Raytheon, Bowes joined Litton Industries as the Vice President, Corporate Strategic Planning, and subsequently led the creation of the Military Aircraft Electronics Systems business unit after Litton was acquired by Northrop Grumman.

Since retiring from Northrop Grumman he has served as a director on a number of public company, private company and non-profit boards. Mr. Bowes serves as a director on the boards of Cobham Defense Systems and the Carnegie Mellon University Software Engineering Institute. Mr. Bowes is the vice chairman of the Naval Research Advisory Committee. He is a fellow in the Society of Experimental Test Pilots (SETP) and has received numerous awards during his career, including the AIAA National Quality Management Award, the SETP Doolittle Aerospace Management Excellence Award, the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, two Navy Distinguished Service Medals, three Legions of Merit, three Distinguished Flying Crosses, thirty-six Air Medals and eight Navy Commendation Medals.

Mr. Bowes holds a B.S. in chemical engineering from the University of Idaho, an M.S. in systems acquisition management from the Navy Postgraduate School, and he is a graduate of the U.S. Navy Test Pilot School. He is a certified director from the UCLA Anderson School. Mr. Bowes will speak to our museum about the U.S. Navy "Centennial of Flight" and his combat experiences in Viet Nam. Mr. Bows currently lives in Morro Bay, CA.



Celebrate Our
Nation's Birthday
Wednesday
July 6, 2011

M E N U

Larry's

Famous Beef BBQ

Larry's Fresh

Garden Veggie Salad

Tossed Green Salad

BBQ Beans

Garlic Bread

Strawberry Shortcake

Ice Tea & Coffee

\$17.00 pp

(Tax, Gratuity Inc.)

Reservations Please

Call Rosemary

By Monday July 4th

805-467-3521

Social Hour 6:00pm

Dinner 7:00pm



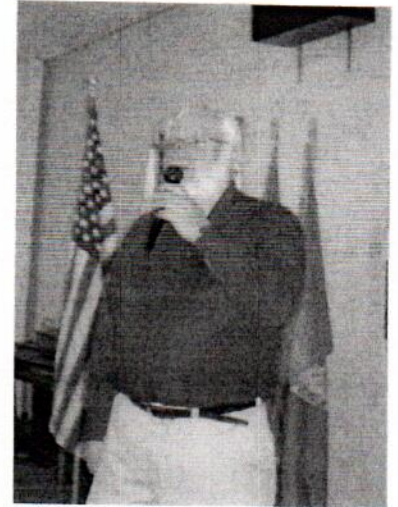
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
AMERICA!**

The Prez Sez...

By President

Rob Kinnear

Captain Dan Dow was our guest speaker at the June dinner meeting. He just recently returned from a tour of duty in Iraq. He talked about how our country is doing in this war-torn land and the effect combat has had on his personal life. It was intriguing and informative to hear what is going on in Iraq now. Larry Eastwood's Hawaiian Luau dinner of course was a hit.



The water main rerouting is in progress. This needs to be done to permit the building of the Hind Pavilion between Freedom Hall and the Brooks building. Some of the aircraft on display outside were moved to allow this. While they are next to the restoration building, they are getting some tender loving care by the restoration crew.

The SAAB Lansen jetfighter is being repainted. The L-17 is gone. All of the pieces of the British Gnat jetfighter have arrived. We must next get the Italian Aeromachi jet trainer once it has been dismantled at Mojave. The big news is we are acquiring an F-16B aircraft from the California State Agency for Property Reuse. We are expecting to see it sometime in July when it is trucked in. We will then need to reassemble it for display.

Remember we have a tour to the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library on **July 12th**. The ticket covers transportation, a guided tour, and lunch. There are many changes at the Library since our last visit. All Museum Members and their guests are invited. You can get tickets at Freedom Hall, the next dinner meeting on July 6th, or by calling George Taylor at 805-448-7402. It will be a good time.

Memorial Day brought out the Freedom Flight in full force. They made flyovers at several commemorative events.

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

Rob Kinnear

EWM President

Join your Fellow Estrella Warbird Museum Members

Democrats, Republicans and Independents can enjoy a special tour featuring a wonderful collection of Historical items from our Nation's History on a Estrella Warbird Museum Tour visiting the Ronald Reagan Library Museum on TUESDAY, JULY 12th!

Limited seats are now available for this Tour for only \$75.00 per person.

PRICE INCLUDES: Roundtrip transportation from the Museum to the Reagan Library, your Admission , a delicious *Marine One Buffet Lunch*. Walk Thru Tour of *Air Force One* and Guided Tour of the Reagan Library including the newest, just-opened exhibit,

"Start Your Engines: American Race Cars " featuring WOODLAND NASCAR NUMBER 86 DISPLAYING THE EWM LOGO!!

Tickets are on SALE NOW in the EWM Gift Shop, at the July 6th Dinner Meeting, or you can call Tour Organizer, George Taylor at 805- 448-7402. First Come — First Served. Limited seats are available so Purchase your Tickets using your credit card, cash or a check, TODAY!!

P.S., For those of you who have toured the Library in the past, the previously existing displays have been changed and added to, so you will see many new items on display. It really won't be the same tour you did before!



LAST CALL!!

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 JULY

To get FREE admission for yourself and your guests, you will need to show your card to the Gift Shop/Admission volunteers.

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At the **First of JULY** 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.)



Sympathy and Caring Thoughts

Please send your Best Wishes for improved Health to **Andrea Taylor**, wife of George Taylor, **Mary Houston**, wife of Cmdr. Bill Houston, and your Sympathy to **Ginger Cromwell** in the loss of her husband, longtime former member of the Board of Directors, **Col. John Cromwell, US Army, Retired**

CURATOR'S CORNER

Continued interest in your Museum has resulted in more items being offered for acceptance. Due to lack of storage space we have had to decline some items, and ask potential donors to hold other accepted items until we have the space to display or store them for future display..

President Rob Kinnear and myself recently attended a State-sponsored course (Californians Connecting to Collections workshop), called "Protecting Cultural Collections: Disaster Preparedness, Response & Recovery". The course consisted of two 6 hour sessions on May 13 and June 10. It was hosted at the Paso Robles Pioneer Museum and had participants from 11 Museums and Historical Societies from all over California.

Rob and I will be setting up Response Teams and then holding training sessions to implement the Estrella Warbird Museum Disaster Plan. Museum members will be involved in many facets of this and will find it interesting as well as essential to protect our growing assets.

If you are interested in participating call Rob at **438-4232** or myself at **471-0472**.

Thanks, Betty Miller, Curator

Do you enjoy meeting really new and interesting people?

**DOCENTS, GIFT SHOP VOLUNTEERS AND
SIMULATOR OPERATORS NEEDED**

**Call Museum Coordinator Jeanne Thiebaud today
805-238-3897**

Departments & Contacts

Acquisitions (Macro) Gary Corippo
805-712-1222
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805-927-8303
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Museum Member Bus Tours
George Taylor-805-448-7402
Museum Vehicles-John Everett
805-237-9523
Movie Night-Hal & Margi Bauer
805-466-4440
Newsletter-Betty Miller
805-471-0472
Programs-George Marrett
805-466-7640
Public Information Officer
Sue Dollemore 805-239-7675
Refreshments-Rosalie Joyce
805-226-0376
Webmaster-Peter Visel
309-831-5682



Long-time Museum Member John Cromwell Passes



Col. John L. Cromwell was born in Los Angeles in November of 1933. He passed away at his home in Paso Robles with his wife at his side on May 28, 2011.

John joined the California Army National Guard at the age of 16, shortly thereafter, the Guard Unit was activated and John served in the Korean War. John returned to California after the war and stayed active in the National Guard for 37 years, retiring as a Colonel.

John married Ginger Olsen in 1955. They have two sons - Jim and daughter-in-law Vickie; John and daughter-in-law Darla Cromwell; grandchildren John, Robyn, Don and Sara; John and wife Jessica with great-granddaughter Allison Cromwell, who all reside in Paso Robles; their adopted family Kevin Kurf and grandchildren Kriistina - married to Matt, Kevin and Alek, who all reside in Yucaipa, Calif. They have a number of nieces and nephews who are important in their lives.

John took a two year leave of absence, taking his family to Saudi Arabia in 1967, where they spent two years. John flew the Minister of Petroleum and the well known Ben Ladin Family! While overseas they were able to travel much of the world.

When the Cromwell family returned to California, John accepted a full-time position with the California National Guard, the state and government. His favorite flight-related job was arranging and/or flying Gov. Ronald Reagan. It was always interesting flying in and out of the Western Whitehouse. John was based at Las Alamitos, Calif., and his flying took him to many schools and states throughout his career.

He enjoyed his many years of flying in and out of Camp Roberts and that played a big part in the Cromwell family settling in Paso Robles for the last 22 years. In their retirement years, John and Ginger continued extensive traveling and cruising the world. They were always happy to return home to their ranch in Paso Robles.

John and Ginger enjoyed working with the Optimist Clubs for more than 35 years. The Optimist Club is a service organization that works with kids. John was also a long-time member of the Estrella Warbird Museum and served on the Board of Directors for many years. John and Ginger continued extensive traveling and cruising the world in their retirement years, but they were always happy to return home to their ranch in Paso Robles. A celebration of life for John was held at the Estrella Warbird Museum on Saturday, June 18, 2011 at 2 p.m.,

Facility Use Report for June

Thomson Memorial Hall was rented for three out of four weeks in June.

June 11 was rented by the International Aerobatic Competition (IAC) annual meet and banquet from 6pm to 10pm

June 18 was for the John Cromwell Memorial Service from 2pm to 5pm

June 25 was a Tour and Dinner for the SLO Exchange Club from 4pm to 10pm

We have more events coming through the summer and we will need your help in setting up for these events which are essential in maintaining the financial health of your Museum.

Please call Betty Miller, Interim Facility Use Manager at 4671-0472 to help out!

New Director/Treasurer Needed

After many years of faithful service as a Director and Treasurer **Rosemary Netto** has announced that she will be retiring effective September 1, 2011. Rosemary is a Charter Member of the Estrel-la Warbird Museum and has worn many hats over the past years. Rosemary has always stepped up to the task and done many things to keep the Museum going. She has decided she would like to take some time to travel, re-enter her rockhound hobby and get back to painting. She would also like time to enjoy her newest great-grandson. We have been lucky to have Rosemary's help in keeping our books in order and she will be deeply missed.

Her retirement leaves an empty spot on the Board of Directors to fill the balance of her term (10 months) and to take on the job of Treasurer. If you have some bookkeeping background and would like to be considered please call Rob Kinnear at **438-4232** or Margi Bauer at **466-4440** as soon as possible. Rosemary will work with the new Treasurer to familiarize them with the system in place.

BARTENDERS NEEDED!!

With Rosemary's retirement, we also need some bartenders to cover our once-a-month Wednesday Dinner Meeting. You need people skills, and be willing to pour wine, serve beer and the occasional Gin & Tonic, bourbon and water, etc. This is a volunteer position.

We also are in need of bartenders to work our outside events held up to 4 times a month in Thomson Hall on Friday or Saturday. These events only serve wine and beer, no hard liquors and are a paid position through the person renting the Hall.

We have some space reserved in August through the ABC for a class to familiarize the Bartenders with rules and regs to make your job easier. **Please Call Rob Kinnear at 438-4232 or Margi Bauer at 466-4440 if you are interested.**

Welcome Aboard to New Director

Our Newest Director, John Couch, was elected at the May Board Meeting and took his seat June 15th. John served in law enforcement for 31 years and retired as the Chief of Police for the City of Atascadero in 2007. John served in the US Army with a tour in Vietnam as a Crew Chief and door gunner on a UH-1 "Huey" helicopter in 1971. You will find his name on the door of the Museum's UH-1 Huey in our static aircraft display.

Please join us in welcoming John Couch as part of our membership team!



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Paso Robles, CA 93446

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Permit 163
Paso Robles, CA 93446

MOVIE NIGHT, WEDNESDAY, JULY 13th

6pm Pizza & Popcorn



VON RYAN'S EXPRESS

STARRING: Frank Sinatra, Trevor Howard

6:30pm FREE MOVIE
Begins



Central Italy, August 1943. With the collapse of the Italian war effort, the SS herds 400 Allied POWs aboard a heavily guarded freight train and embarks for an internment camp in Austria. Realizing it's their only chance to escape, Colonel Joseph Ryan (Sinatra) & a handful of officers manage to subdue their guards & hijack the train. Fast, suspensful, & exciting.

(1965 - 117 min.) COLOR