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The Prez Sez

By Estrella Warbirds President
 Wayne Rice



In spite of the spate of cold weather there has been ongoing restoration work out on the ramp. The Wing Nuts, AKA Restoration Crew, have been patching the F-8 Crusader. This plane shows its age now, but will be a beauty by the time it is completed. Although, your museum's finances would have been better served if we held stock in BONDO as it surely requires a lot of it. The F-86 is being prepped for repainting as well. Work is also progressing on the DUKW (aka Duck). It actually moves on its own, but will never float again—there isn't enough BONDO for that!

This year will see some major activities. **February** features Dick Woodland hosting the USAC Western Awards Banquet in Hangar 1. **May** and **June** will be active with the fifth **Warbirds, Wings and Wheels Carshow** on **May 11th**. **June 1st** will see the return of the USO-style "**Bob Hope Roadshow**". Please see Carol Verstuyft if you are interested in helping at the Carshow. Betty Miller is leading the charge for the Roadshow. So, help out, come out and have fun. **October 5th** is the date for the second **Warbirds Over Paso Airshow**. Talk it up among your acquaintances, and volunteer and/or come out for the show.

There is an improvement in Hangar One. Gary Corippo dredged up our stored gas heater and Mike Kelley, along with Ron Brooks, checked it out and installed it. This addition will add to the utility of our hangar by making it usable for events during colder weather.

Volunteers have been and continue to be the key to your museums' past and future. I, again, ask the membership to consider adding docent/gift shop or other museum activities to your resume.

Thank you all for your continued interest and support!

WAYNE

**Wednesday
February 6, 2013
MENU**



Penne Pasta Lasagna
Seasonal Salad
Seasonal Veggies
Garlic Bread
Larry's Dessert

Ice Tea & Coffee

\$17.00 pp

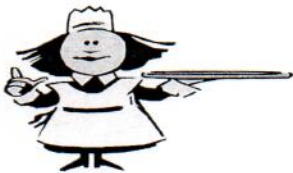
(Includes Tip & Gratuity)

**RESERVATIONS PLEASE
BY MONDAY, February 4th**

805-227-0440 press *2 when
asked & follow instructions
or

Use our Website Link:

www.ewarbirds.org/dinnersvp.html



SOCIAL HOUR 6:00 PM

DINNER 7:00 PM

FEBRUARY PROGRAM

Estrella Warbirds Museum

Come meet Captain Harry J. Zinser, USN (Retired) who spent 26 years with the Navy as a Vietnam combat search and rescue pilot before retiring in 1994.

His decorations include the Navy Cross, Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross, Meritorious Service Air Medal and Naval Operations Aviation Valor Medal.



Harry states, "I have confidence in the Navy's latest group of combat veterans. I think our pilots are the best trained pilots in the world."

After graduation from Wheaton College, Illinois, in June 1968, with three of his college friends, he decided (with a draft physical notice in hand), to check out the US Navy. After taking tests at Glenview Naval Air Station, near Chicago, he was accepted and ordered to aviation officers candidate school in Pensacola, Florida. The trip from icy Illinois, in December 1968, to sunny Florida was special. He and his new bride, Judy, honeymooned along the way. "We left Illinois in a snow storm," he laughed. His first Navy assignment led to his designation as a naval aviator in May 1970.

His first duty station in Japan saw him in and out of the Gulf of Tonkin flying search and rescue missions. If the pilots and crew of the Navy helicopters of HC-7 squadron, flying off carriers during heavy fighting in Vietnam, knew in 1972 what they knew a few months later, "We wouldn't have been sitting on the edge of our seats!" said Zinser. What they didn't know then was that after flying 300 search and rescue missions in combat all in the squadron would return without the loss of crew life or helicopters. That astonishing record came, after three full Navy helicopter crews, and 12 men, were lost trying to save one American pilot. This prompted the Navy to form Zinser's elite squadron, HC-7, specialists in the search and rescue of downed pilots.

On August 7, 1972, Zinser was awarded the Navy Cross (see page 3), that services highest honor for a rescue of a Navy fighter pilot downed while flying over North Vietnam.

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Guest speaker: Capt. Harry J. Zinser, USN (Retired) continued:

After his tour off Vietnam in 1973, Zinser began what became the first in a series of recruiting assignments in Milwaukee. Later Zinser flew in an anti-submarine squadron (HS-8) for five years until he attended the Monterey language training facility in preparation for a 22 month tour in Germany.

In 1983, Zinser was Readiness Officer for Pacific Fleet anti-submarine warfare and made two deployments to the Indian Ocean. His following assignments included posting to the War College and Commanding Officer of Navy recruiting for officer programs.

Zinser and his wife, Judy, have two children. Although he retired from the service in 1994, he still wears his Navy uniform in his latest job. He feels this job is arguably the most important assignment of his life, instructing NJROTC students at Lemoore High School. He, also, flies his own Beechcraft Bonanza.

LT Harry J. Zinser, USN

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting The Navy Cross for service as set forth in the following Citation

For extraordinary heroism in action on the night of 6 August and early morning of 7 August 1972 while serving with Helicopter Combat Support Squadron SEVEN, Detachment 110, embarked on USS SARATOGA (CVA-60). As pilot in command of a combat rescue helicopter during nearly five hours of a coordinated search and rescue effort for a US Navy pilot downed in North Vietnam, Lt. Zinser, in the face of intense enemy fire, commenced a low level flight and turned on his landing lights in order to facilitate the search. Although his aircraft was repeatedly hit by enemy ground fire, he continued the search until the downed pilot was visually located. Lt. Zinser then carried out a skillful landing, picked up the downed airman and succeeded in flying his crippled aircraft at treetop level back to the safety of SARATOGA. By his outstanding aeronautical skill, courageous leadership, and inspiring dedication, Lt. Zinser reflected great credit upon himself and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

GIFT SHOP GAB

By Jackie Brooks, Shop Manager



We have "Air Show" T-shirts available for sale. Adult sizes Sm-XXXLg. \$18 & \$20

Youth/child sizes (6-8) (10-12) (14-16) are \$15.

Shop now while you have a choice of sizes.



We have items for children of all ages: T-shirts, dish sets, brightly colored balls with aircraft motif, jackets, small airplanes, model airplanes, books, and many style pullback toys

For adults: Ballcaps, LED night lights with military aircraft or branches of service, and airplane related shot glasses.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON HOW YOU CAN HELP AS A GIFT SHOP VOLUNTEER

Contact the Gift Shop any Thursday—Sunday, 10 AM to 4 PM

Phone: 238-9317



DINNER RESERVATIONS UPDATE

Dinner reservations will only be accepted until 11:00 AM on Tuesday, February 5, 2013 before our dinner meeting on February 6, 2013. Reservations will not be accepted **AFTER 11:00 AM** each Tuesday preceding our Wednesday dinner meeting. The number of reservations are then called to our caterer so that he can plan for the right amount of meals. You may still call in, but you will be put on the "STANDBY LIST." When making your reservations please speak slowly, spell your last name and state the number of people in your party. Due to the number of no-shows, we may need to start charging those who don't cancel their reservations. We have to still pay for you even if you don't show up!

Thank you,

Jeanne Thiebaud, Betsy Thomson & Cathy Boyte



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Thank You

This is the picture of two very hard working women! If you haven't given Jeanne Thiebaud (our Museum Coordinator) and Jackie Brooks (our Gift Shop Manager) a big 'THANK YOU' lately there is no time like the present!



GIFT SHOP WILL NEED YOUR HELP!

Please call 238-9317 to volunteer and help us move all of our precious gift shop items.

If you get the answering machine, leave your name and phone number where we can reach you.



We will allow volunteers to just drop by on the days we move! No one will be turned away!

Jackie says, "I look forward to a HAPPY NEW YEAR for us all!"



The plan is to relocate our gift shop stock on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday when the dates are set for this big transition.

Jackie will call you when these dates are finally set in stone!

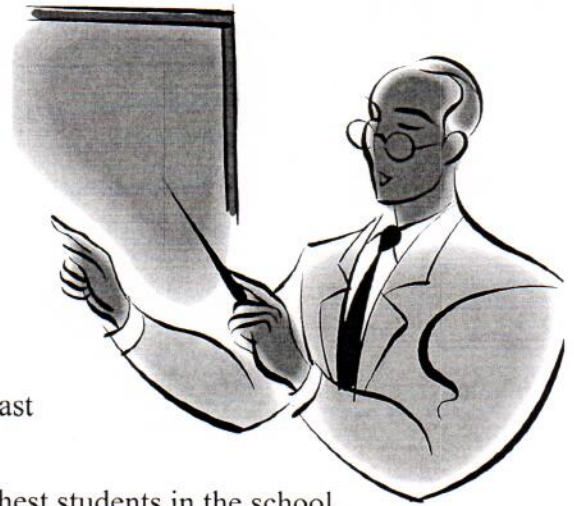
ILLNESS AND CONCERN:

Karen Flynn is slowly recovering from her surgery. We miss her smiling face!

Jackie Brooks wants to thank everyone for her cards, prayers, love and support during her illness. She is especially grateful for the card signed by all the folks at the EWM dinner January 2nd and delivered by Judy Corippo. That came as an extra special message that words cannot express.

To publish names of members, call Judy Corippo at 238-2090 prior to the 15th of the month if you want your information shared in the newsletter. Thank you.

This spot is dedicated to anyone who ever taught school, or parented children!



A former Sergeant, having served his time with the Marine Corps, took a new job as a school teacher, but just before the year began, he injured his back. He was required to wear a plaster cast around the upper part of his body. Fortunately, the cast fit under his shirt and wasn't noticeable.

On the first day of class, he found himself assigned to the toughest students in the school. The punks, having already heard the new teacher was a former Marine, were leery of him and decided to see how tough he really was before trying any rowdy behavior. Walking confidently into the classroom, the new teacher opened the window wide and sat down at his desk.

When a strong breeze made his tie flap, he picked up a stapler and promptly stapled the tie to his chest. There was dead silence! He had no trouble with discipline that year!



Ever walk into a room with some purpose in mind, only to completely forget what that purpose was?

Turns out, doors themselves are to blame for these strange memory lapses.

Psychologists at the University of Notre Dame have discovered that passing through a doorway triggers what's known as an event boundary in the mind, separating one set of thoughts and memories from the next. Your brain files away the thoughts you had in the previous room and prepares a blank slate for the new locale.

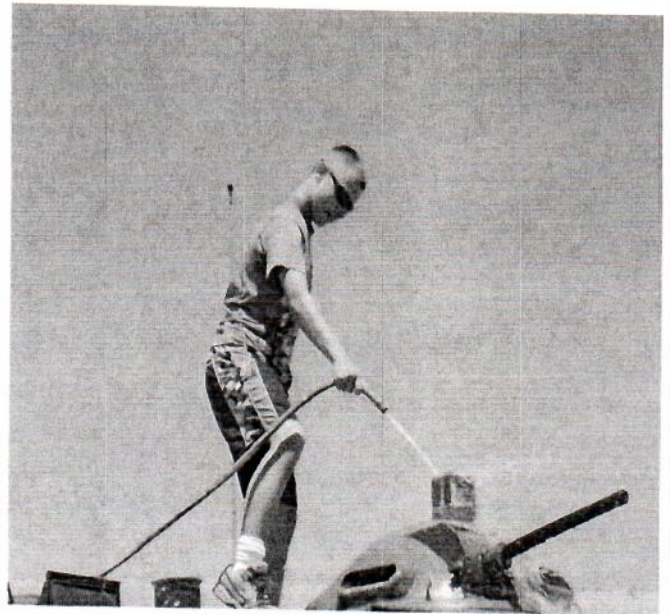
It's not aging: it's the door! Whew, thank goodness for research studies!



This picture was taken at the Santa Barbara Airport by this Editor. People looked at me strangely as I was having a good laugh at the same time I was taking the picture. Then they stood up and walked over to the sign to read it themselves. I just looked back at them and said, "We could have a problem here." "I hope they show up to let us on the plane!"



The Wing Nuts need your helping hands for big projects such as this one.....stop by the big restoration building and see all the fun you, too, can have with tools, sanders, hammers, paint, and putty. Wife won't let you get dirty at home? You are guaranteed to get dirty and dust covered here! Relive your childhood memories here! Make new lifelong friends!



Board member, Jerry Takier's grandson, Christian, visited one hot summer day and actually came to wash military vehicles and a helicopter like his Grandpa Jerry flew. They were covered in "bird contributions"





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DATES TO REMEMBER!

Wednesday, February 6	Dinner Meeting	6:00pm Social/7:00pm Dinner
Wednesday, February 20	Board Meeting	6:00 pm to 8:00 pm