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**The Prez Sez**

By Estrella Warbirds President  
 Wayne Rice



February was, as usual, a busy month. The biggest event for February was the USAC Awards banquet hosted by Dick Woodland. Hangar One was cleaned out and configured for a dinner: over 200 guests were feted the evening of February 9th. In spite of the cold evening, the hangar was comfortable due to the functioning, recently installed, gas heater augmented by some patio heaters provided by Dick Woodland and Scott Stelzle.

Progress on the Hind Pavilion continues by the initiation, in February, of moving of the Gift Shop to its new location. Ron and Jackie Brooks are heading up this effort. Relocation of Jeanne's office will soon follow, and, voila, we will be ready to open.

Outside agencies continue to be attracted to our facility. The FAA will conduct an aviation safety seminar in Thomson Hall on March 13. This seminar, open to any interested parties, is being coordinated through the Paso Robles Airport Association (PRAA).

The February Dinner Meeting witnessed a dramatic presentation by the Honor Flight organization. I urge all members to consider support for this worthwhile endeavor. The museum is also undertaking to support a local Boy Scout in his pursuit of a project leading to additional Scout qualifications.

Planning is well away for the Warbirds, Wings and Wheels Car Show slated for May 11, the Bob Hope Roadshow scheduled for June 8, and the first planning meeting has occurred for Warbirds Over Paso slated for October 5. It will be a busy and fun-filled "show" season. Keep your eyes and ears open. There will be plenty of opportunities for volunteers to pitch in. However, I once again urge the membership to sign up for duty as Museums Greeters or Gift Shop helpers as these positions are needed year round. See Jackie Brooks or Jeanne Thiebaud to take advantage of these opportunities.

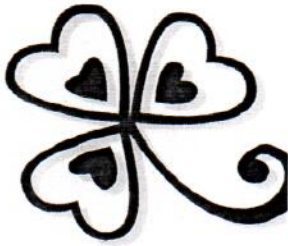
Wayne

PS: How about some rain!

Come and check out the new additions to our Woodland Auto Display! We are getting many compliments on the additional vehicles.



Wednesday  
March 6, 2013  
MENU



Corn Beef and Cabbage  
Green Salad  
Corn Muffins  
St. Patty's Day Dessert

Ice Tea & Coffee

\$17.00 pp

(Includes Tip & Gratuity)

**RESERVATIONS PLEASE**

**BY MONDAY, March 4th**

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

or

Use our Website Link:

[www.ewarbirds.org/dinnersvp.html](http://www.ewarbirds.org/dinnersvp.html)

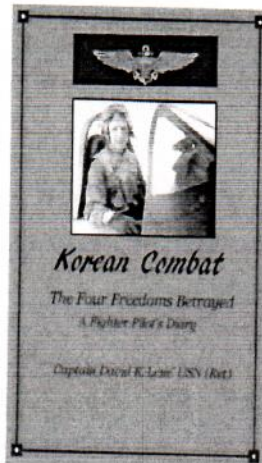


**SOCIAL HOUR** 6:00 PM

**DINNER** 7:00 PM

**MARCH PROGRAM**

Estrella Warbirds Museum



*A Fighter Pilot's Diary*

*The Four Freedoms Betrayed* Instead of the promised peace, the post WWII generation was sentenced to a lifetime of battles for freedom in foreign lands. Beginning in Korea then later in Vietnam, our adversary was our WWII ally, Soviet Russia. Some called this the "Cold War." These hot battles had a similar origin, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's embrace of Joe Stalin.

Capt Leue tells of his journey from a naive teenager through the perils of naval flight training to combat veteran in Korea. He tells of the loss of countless shipmates along the way. He relates of his frustrations over the firing of General MacArthur, fighting in battles that the country had determined we would not win, (however, you could die) and the realization that these wars were totally unnecessary. Why hadn't we defeated the Communists with the Nazi in WWII instead of arming them?



An exciting personal history of the Korean war written by Captain David Leue' USN (Ret). Captain Leue' served thirty-two years moving through the ranks from Apprentice Seaman to Captain. As a fighter/attack pilot he survived 329 combat missions flying from the decks of the aircraft carriers USS Boxer, USS Valley Forge, USS Philippine Sea, USS Coral Sea and USS Constellation, fighting for freedom in Korea and Vietnam. You can purchase this book through Amazon.com (Search by Title and author) or from the author directly: Price \$19.95.

Captain David Leue USN (Ret)  
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Captain David Leue' joined the navy while a senior at Buffalo Technical High School. In his 32 year naval career he moved through the ranks from Apprentice Seaman to Captain. As a fighter/attack pilot he survived 329 combat missions flying from the decks of the aircraft carriers USS Boxer, USS Valley Forge, USS Philippine Sea, USS Coral Sea and USS Constellation, fighting for freedom in Korea and Vietnam.

Significant commands were: Commander Carrier Air Wing Seven; Squadron Commander Attack Squadron One Fifty-Three; Captain of USS Canisteo AO-99, a 650 foot armed replenishment ship; Chief of Staff Carrier Group Three; and Chief of Staff, Light Attack Wing, Pacific At NAS Lemoore, CA.

His education includes the Armed Forces Staff College, a Bachelor of Science in Physics from the University of CA at Berkeley and a Masters of Science in Engineering/Industrial Technology, California State University, Fresno, emphasizing in solar energy.

Following naval service, he established Leue' Solar Inc., designing and installing many unique solar systems in the San Joaquin Valley. He then served as Professor of Engineering/Construction Management, California State University Fresno followed by 20 years as an Engineer with PG&E working on energy efficiency projects in the food and agriculture industry. He flies his own aircraft and lives with his wife in Clovis, CA.

## “Their Next Mission”

Local World War II veterans will take to the sky on one more mission. Nearly 65 years after World War II, local veterans will be flying out of San Luis Obispo on April 12, 2013 to Washington, D.C. to see their war memorial that represents the sacrifice that the “Greatest Generation” gave. The WWII memorial wasn’t finished until 2004 and many veterans have not had the opportunity or the capability to see the memorial that has been put up in their honor.

In 2005 the organization “Honor Flight” was set up to ensure that WWII veterans can make it to Washington to see their war memorial at no cost to them. The organization has flown over 90,000 veterans since the program started in 2005. In 2012 an Honor Flight hub started in Bakersfield (Honor Flight Kern County) and flew over 100 veterans. Now Honor Flight Kern County is reaching out to central coast veterans. The SLO flight is being put together by Greg McGill, who has been on two previous flights out of Bakersfield, and John Lewis of Templeton.

The veterans will go on the flight with a “guardian” who assists them along the flight. The guardians help the veterans by carrying their luggage, pushing them around the memorials in wheel chairs, taking pictures and helping the veterans with anything they may need. All the guardians are self funded, and go through a short training session to ensure that the veterans have a great trip. This trip will change the lives of the veterans and guardians.

On average the trip cost \$1,500 per vet to go on the trip. If you are interested in donating, helping with the trip or know of any WII veterans, please call Greg McGill at (805) 610-4014 or email him at [gmcgillhfkc@yahoo.com](mailto:gmcgillhfkc@yahoo.com). All donations are a tax write off. If you would like to donate, you can make checks payable to **Honor Flight** and send to:

John Lewis  
1469 Brambles Court  
Templeton, CA 93465  
(805) 550-5142 or email [johnlewis2323@gmail.com](mailto:johnlewis2323@gmail.com)

Honor Flight is a federal nonprofit 501c3 organization. We also encourage you to enjoy one of [Honor Flights Videos](#).

Why this trip is important

- WWII vets are passing away at an average of 1,000 per day.
- Less than 2% of WWII vets got a homecoming after the war.
- WWII vets are the **greatest generation**.
- The WWII memorial wasn’t created until **2004**. (60 years after the war)
- It allows the vets to reunite.

*“They fought together as brothers-in-arms. They died together and now they sleep side by side. To them we have a solemn obligation.”*

*Adm. Chester Nimitz*



## DINNER RESERVATIONS UPDATE



Dinner reservations will only be accepted until 11:00 AM on Tuesday, March 5, 2013 before our dinner meeting on March 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." Thank you to those making reservations who speak slowly, spell the last name and state the number of people in the 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



### Who's WHO Contact Information

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Terry Cagan

#### Voting Clerk/Contact

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Jackie Brooks 805-462-8141

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### 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, 227-0440, leave your name and phone number where we can reach you.



With the expansion into the larger quarters of Hind Pavilion, we need more Greeters to keep an eye on Freedom Hall. We ask Gift Shop and Greeters to work a 3 hour shift once a month. There is a job for everyone! In the Gift Shop, you can help inventory stock, dust or price & put out items for sale. As a Greeter, you'll meet lots of interesting folks. Many have great stories they like to share.

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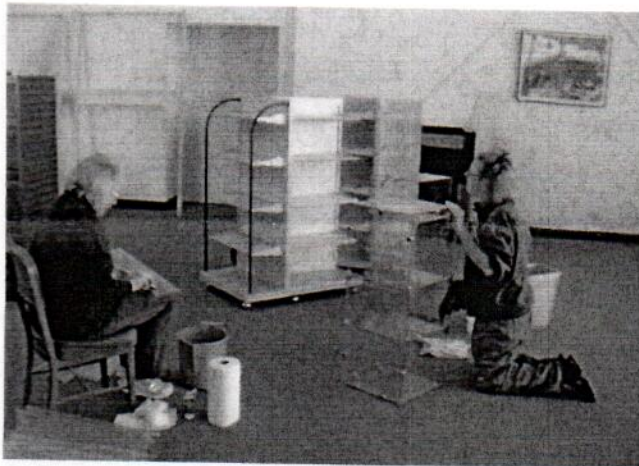
The "Air Show" T-shirts have been reduced:

Adult sizes Sm-XXXL are now only \$15.00

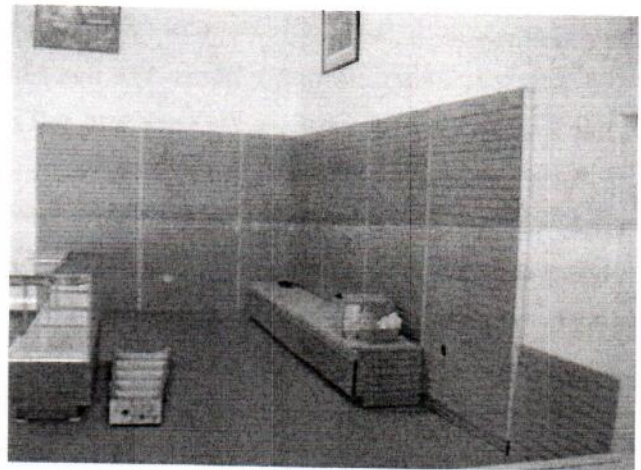
Youth & Child sizes are now only \$10.00

Shop now while you have a choice of sizes!

We have items for everyone who is an Airplane enthusiast!



Volunteers Margi Bauer and Jean Campbell working to clean some of the new display units for our new, relocated Gift Shop.



Here is a look at the slat boards after being moved from the old Gift Shop to the new Gift Shop in the Hind Pavilion.

### GIFT SHOP GAB

By Jackie Brooks, Shop Manager

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### ILLNESS AND CONCERN:

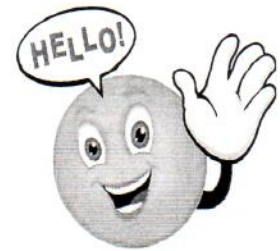
To publish names of members, call Judy Corippo at 238-2090 prior to the 15th of the month if you want your information shared in the newsletter. Thank you.

Museum Musings

Jeanne Thiebaud

## DOCENT OR GREETER

(OR Both)



1. What is the most important part of becoming a Docent?

**You need to enjoy meeting new people. A smile is very important, too.**

2. What kind of commitment does a Docent have to make to the Museum?

**We would like to have a Docent here from 10-1 or 1-4. You can work on a Thursday, Friday, Saturday or Sunday, and whenever we have a holiday fall on a Monday. Once a month would be great, but if you can't do that we will fit you in wherever you like.**

3. Are couples welcomed to work the same day and time?

**Definitely. They can both work in the museum or one can work in the museum and the other in the Woodland Auto Display.**

4. Are you expected to know all about all of the displays located here?

**No, you learn here by being here. We have books available at the desk telling about the planes that will be viewed outside. Be sure and tell the visitors that the outdoor exhibits will have placques explaining the particulars of each plane or vehicle. In the Woodland Auto Display is a book containing colored pictures of the vehicles with descriptions and history. You might find it fun to learn about all the different pilots helmets so you can share the information with visitors.**

5. If we have no visitors, what should a Docent do with the "down time"?

**Walk around the exhibits making sure everything is in place. If the glass looks dirty/dusty we have cleaning supplies to clean the glass. Dust off the uniforms with the brushes in the supply closet or walk through the other buildings to acquaint yourself with what is available to view.**

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### MEET OUR NEW AND YOUNGEST MEMBER



**Austin was given a membership by his family this past Christmas. He comes from Shafter with his family to visit our museum. He loves history and loves coming here to learn more about it first hand. He will be coming to volunteer here, "wherever they need me" one Saturday a month. He, also, intends to come to our Wednesday night dinners, having received permission from his teachers at Shafter High School to give him more time to finish his homework. HE IS WHY WE DOCENT!**

Austin Reeder—Age 16

# BOB HOPE ROAD SHOW COMING SATURDAY, JUNE 8!

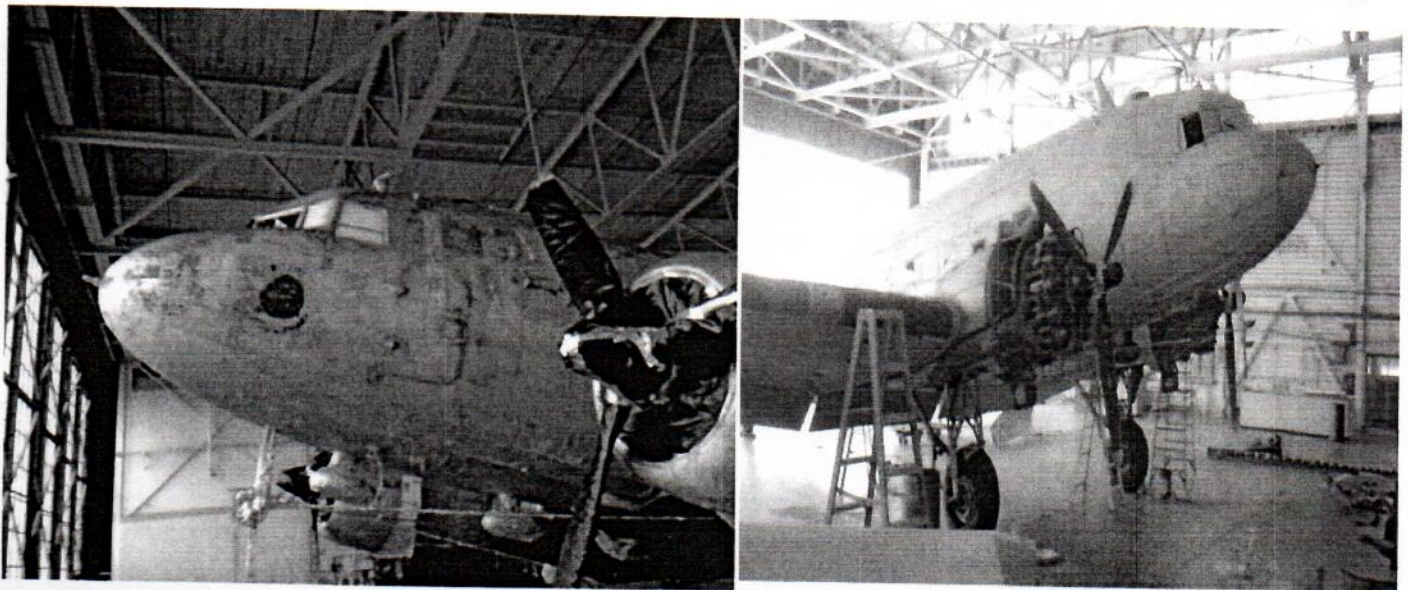
The **Bob Hope Road Show** starring veteran actor Lynn Roberts, will be presented on the Estrella Warbirds Museum Hangar One Stage, Saturday, June 8th.

The Bob Hope Road Show portrays a 1940s radio program complete with an onstage announcer (Chuck Carson) and era commercials plus legendary guest stars, W.C. Fields, Jimmy Durante, Benny Goodman and Red Skelton (all portrayed by the very talented Mr. Roberts) and Frances Langford, known as "Sweetheart of the Fighting Fronts" and Bob Hope's USO Show vocalist (portrayed by our own Betty Miller).

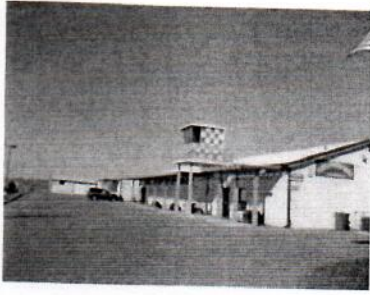
This will be a dinner show and lots of fun. Watch for more info in the next newsletter and on our website, [www.ewarbirds.org](http://www.ewarbirds.org).



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Our C-47 getting her makeover in Santa Maria, CA



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**DATES TO REMEMBER!**

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