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**The Prez Sez**

By Estrella Warbirds President  
 Sherm Smoot

I cannot believe a month has already gone by...

Ladies and Gentlemen, we are starting to push the throttle up on the annual air show to be held on October 5, 2013. Mark that date cause it's gonna be a doozie! Scott Stelzle, our air show coordinator, has been meeting with the Planes of Fame and tells me we will have a huge supply of flying warbirds here again this year. And yes, the N-9M Flying Wing will be back in all her glory along with a cadre of WWII, Korean, and Vietnam era aircraft. We plan to up the static display aircraft and have more wild aerobatics so, there will be a lot for the family to see and enjoy. There will be more warbird rides offered this year, so get out that checkbook and scratch that P-51, P-40, or B-25 ride off of your bucket list.

We continue to move ahead. We are looking to get our gift shop a long overdue POS/Inventory System. We continue to look at a third major fund raising event in February to tie in with our other two major events, the Car Show in May and the Air Show in October. Betty Miller took time out of her busy schedule to attend a meeting with the Paso Robles Inn to discuss the possibility of having the "new event" there. We hope to get the Hind Pavilion some HVAC soon. I continue to work with the board on these issues and others.

You know, at the dinner meeting on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, I was a little disappointed. You see, I noticed that no one had signed up on the volunteer sheet to help us around the museum or to help with the upcoming air show. We still have important positions to fill for the air show and we still need museum docents. Come and help show people around our fine museum. You will enjoy it and, at the same time, be able to brush up on your military history. Remember, IT'S YOUR MUSEUM.

My friends, the more I walk around this place, the more I think of my father and grand-father, who were both war veterans, standing here looking at me. You see, this was their time. They lived it; maybe even drove one of these jeeps around. I am so truly amazed and humbled to see our museum and to be a part of it. We cannot let these artifacts be lost or forgotten in time - Nor can we allow temporary leaders to rewrite our history. This museum, as others, stands as the pillar of truth as to what our brothers, sisters, fathers, mothers, grand-fathers, and grandmothers have accomplished. Our mission is to keep our history close to our hearts, as they did.

Come jump into history with us - Cherish it. Who knows, you may even see your father and grandfather here too.

I look forward to meeting you at our next Dinner Meeting on August 7<sup>th</sup>.

Prayers to all in harms way,

*Sherm*

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*Send dinner info to model A club -  
 April 2014*

**Wednesday  
August 7, 2013  
MENU**



BBQ Chicken  
Green Salad  
Oven Roasted Red Potatoes  
Vegetable  
Larry's Dessert

Ice Tea & Coffee

\$17.00 pp

(Includes Tip & Gratuity)

**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED**

**BY MONDAY, August 5th**

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

**AUGUST PROGRAM**

Estrella Warbirds Museum

**Lieutenant Colonel Alfred J. Fonzi II,  
U.S. Army (Ret.)**



Al Fonzi, retired since January 2006, was an Army Lieutenant Colonel and intelligence officer with over 36 years of military service which included both enlisted and commissioned service. Since his retirement he has been employed as a consultant for SRI International, an affiliate of Stanford University. He is recognized by the State of California as a specialist in counterterrorism, disaster management and other issues regarding Homeland Security.

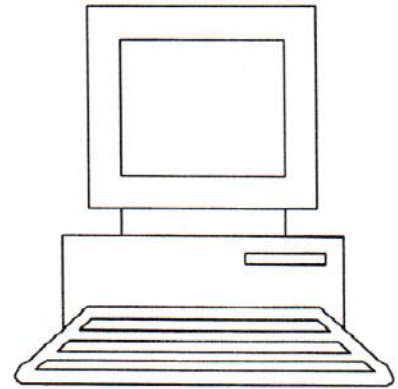
Lieutenant Colonel Fonzi's service began in Southeast Asia which included two combat tours in Vietnam, and various assignments throughout the Cold War, including assignment to Army Special Forces. He served in Europe, Korea, the Middle East and the Balkans, to include service in Bosnia as the Chief of Counter-intelligence and HUMINT for the National Intelligence Cell in Sarajevo. During the 1990's, he served as a counternarcotics intelligence officer while assigned to the DEA and FBI in South Central Los Angeles and along the Mexican border. His last combat tour was in Iraq in 2004, from which he was medically evacuated, leading to his retirement. Among his awards are the Combat Action Badge, Parachutist and Aircrew wings.

LTC Fonzi holds multiple earned degrees, to include a Master's Degree in International Relations from the University of Southern California. He is politically active in conservative politics and is a regular columnist for the Atascadero News. He has been married to former Mayor and current City Councilwoman of Atascadero, Roberta Fonzi, since 1974. They have four children, the oldest of whom is also an Iraq combat veteran with the First Marine Division. Al and his wife, Roberta, live in one of the oldest Colony Homes in Atascadero, the upkeep and repair of which keep him challenged daily.

The photo above was taken of him at the unveiling of a new sign at the Atascadero Veterans Memorial on July 4, 2013. Al played a major part in obtaining the "Faces of Freedom" statue and park five years ago.

So, get your update on the war and national security at our August 7th Dinner.

George Marrett



## DINNER RESERVATIONS:

- \*\*\*Telephone reservations will **only** be accepted until 6:00 PM, on the Monday prior to the monthly meeting. The reservation must be called into the EWM reservations phone number (805-227-0440, ext 2).
- \*\*\*When making your reservation, please speak slowly and clearly, spell your last name, and state the number of persons, in your party.
- \*\*\*You may call in a reservation, prior to 12:00 PM Tuesday, to the EWM reservations number. However, you will be placed on a “Stand-By” list. Individuals, on the “Stand-By” list, will be seated only after confirmed reservations are seated.
- \*\*\*Do not contact Larry Eastwood, at Vic’s Café, directly, to make a reservation. All this does, is confuse the headcount and cause problems for both Larry and the Reservations Coordinator.

The reasons for this deadline are as follows: First, the number of dinner reservations must be called into Larry (Vic’s Café) on Tuesday AM. This allows him sufficient time to obtain and prepare the correct amount of food (thus reducing waste). Second, this allows the group setting up the dining room an accurate count of number of tables and seating needed.

Thank you. We appreciate your understanding.

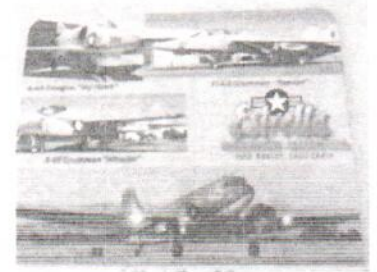
Kathy Boyte and Mary Anne Gorham

## GIFT SHOP GAB

Jackie Brooks, Manager

Estrella Mousepads available for  
your computer!

They come with individual  
aircraft, too. Check it out!



### 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

We look forward to hearing from you!

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## Who's WHO Contact Information

### Acquisitions (Macro)

(Position open)

### Aircraft Restoration—

Al Schade 805-927-8303

### Car Club Liaison

Howard Love 805-466-4483

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Larry Eastwood 805-238-3988

### Curator

(Position open)

### Docent Coordinator

Alexandrea Helms  
aschelms@hotmail.com

### Facilities Maintenance

Ron Brooks 805-462-8141

### Facility Rental

Rick Brandt 226-8605

### Fund Generation

Gary Corippo 805-712-1222

### Gift Shop Manager

Jackie Brooks 805-462-8141

### Ground Support Equip.

Kevin Hermansen 805-550-6253

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Yardvark The Weedeater  
805-238-7354

### Group Tours

Alexandrea Helms  
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### Museum Vehicles

Ron Boyte 805-995-3054

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### Newsletter

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### Parade Manager

James Messineo

### Programs

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### Public Information Officer

Sue Dollemore 805-239-7675

### Refreshments

Rick Brandt 226-8605

Rosalie Joyce 805-226-0376

### Safety Officer

(Position open)

### Voting Clerk/Contact

(Adopt-a-poll)

Jackie Brooks 805-462-8141

### Webmaster

Peter Visel 309-831-5682

**MUSEUM MUSINGS**  
**with Alexandra Helms**

Come visit your museum to see the new displays! We get lots of compliments on our exhibits and it is always fun for our Docents to hear the visitors share their own history with their families.

AND with us!



*Every year, the Girl Scouts of the Central Coast, California have their Annual Day Camp event and this year's theme was "Night at the Museum". Over a course of 5 days, over 120 young ladies, and some of their parents, got to experience first hand what the numerous museums of our county has to offer.*

*I was cordially invited to attend a day of this Day Camp as a teacher, and give a presentation to the Scouts on aviation and aircrafts, and the females who paved the way for future aviatrix. In a span of 6 hours, I had the pleasure of speaking with the girls and answering all of their questions about Amelia Earhart and other heroines from history; how they, themselves, would be able to become pilots some day and how our military and aircraft history is important to their generation.*

*There were 6 groups of Girl Scouts, and each presentation lasted about 35 - 40 minutes. During that time, I spoke to the girls about Harriet Quimby, the first American woman to get her pilot's license; Bessie Coleman, a daredevil pilot and the first African American to get a license to fly; the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP) who helped serve during World War II, as well as the assortment of aircrafts we have on display here at the museum (F4 Phantom II, Lockheed F104).*

*I had a wonderful time speaking with these young ladies and, hopefully, future pilots. Perhaps in these future months, we will see a few of their faces in the museum and will be further inspired by all that we have to show and to teach here.*

**PLEASE CONSIDER BEING A VOLUNTEER. YOU MEET LOTS OF FUN PEOPLE. GREETING WITH A FRIENDLY SMILE IS ALL IT TAKES!**

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**ILLNESS AND CONCERN:**

George and Andrea Taylor are both doing well. They are keeping busy with Dr. appointments.

Ruth Dickey is at home still recovering her strength from a fall. She looks forward to coming back to the museum as a Docent. She wants to volunteer for Library duty too.

Charmain Peckinpugh is awaiting cancer surgery.

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.

## LIBRARY BOOKNOTES from the PECKINPAUGH LIBRARY

The library is now open—planned hours of operation are:

Thursdays 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Saturdays 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Dinner Meeting Evenings—5:30 PM to 6:30 PM

(Note—these hours may be changed or expanded)



Tom Gorham

The library is now open for members and visitors:

Stop in, and see our new display case. This case is something that Charmaine Peckinpaugh ordered months ago. I think it is perfect for displaying our library's bound edition of the collection of the World War One "Stars and Stripes" newspapers.

We are still looking for **VOLUNTEERS**, willing to donate a few hours a month to help operate the library. We are really interested in finding volunteers willing to work on Fridays, Sundays, or the 1st Saturday of the month. Shift hours are (1st shift) 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM and (2nd shift) is from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. You can work as few or as many shifts as you want. We promise that we won't make you work that hard.

### Books & Materials check out Policy:

Books, except selected "in library" books & videos are available for check out, by **museum members ONLY**. Since many of the books and other materials contained in the library are either old, "used and worn", or not easily replaceable, members are asked to treat them "kindly".

The following rules will apply to books and materials checked out:

\*\*\*Members may check out a maximum of four (4) items, at any one time.

\*\*\*Items will be checked out for a maximum of 30 days.

\*\*\*Members must present a valid museum membership card, or be listed on a current museum membership roster, to be eligible to checkout materials.

Any books or materials, checked out, must be returned, before more items can be checked out. However, members may exceed the 30 day check out cycle, by having books or materials re-stamped, with a new due date. There will be a limit to one (1) re-stamp on books or materials.

Books and materials, may be returned to the library, during open hours. There will also be a "return" drop off basket located in the Gift Shop and at Thomson Hall (during the Dinner meetings).



Your museum lives and breathes only through the contributions of its members and the public. Please consider a donation to your museum today. Keep the top portion of this page for your records and tear off the bottom portion to accompany your tax deductible gift. Make a check payable to THE ESTRELLA WARBIRDS MUSEUM. Send it to: 4251 Dry Creek Road, Paso Robles, CA 93446

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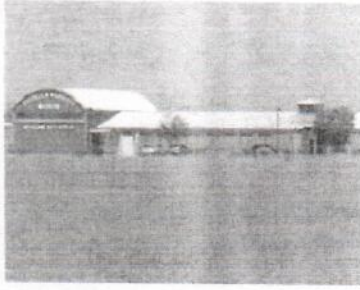
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**DATES TO REMEMBER!**

Wednesday, August 7	Dinner Meeting	6:00pm Social/7:00pm Dinner
Wednesday, August 21	Board Meeting	6:00 pm to 8:00 pm