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REMEMBER:
 Dinner reservations will
 only be accepted, on
 line or by phone, until
 6:00PM June 29th

NOTE: Phone #
 805-296-1935

Estrella Warbirds Museum
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The Prez Sez

By Estrella Warbirds President
 Jerry Takier



It is with mixed emotions that I accept the reins as your new President. I am excited about the opportunity to serve you, but at the same time saddened by the loss of our friend, our tireless worker, and gift shop manager, Jackie Brooks.

Even in this time of sadness, I see a bright future ahead for our museum. We have just completed a hugely successful WWW 7, with probably the largest recorded public turnout ever. I extend a special thank you to Dan and Carol Verstuyft for heading up this event. I want to thank all the volunteers who made it a day to remember. And that reminds me—volunteers are what makes this museum what it is—a premier attraction in Paso Robles. So that will be a major focus for my tenure as your President. As I said at the dinner meeting, I am hopeful that each of you will contribute 3 hours a month to our cause.

Our next money raising event at the museum will be “Night at the Museum”, a catered dinner with a band and dancing, among other entertainment. We will have only 160 seats at this event, so we want to make tickets available to our members first prior to opening up ticket sales to the public. Tickets will be \$200 per plate and we will have more details in our next “Prez Sez”.

I want to thank your outgoing President, Sherm Smoot, for his tireless efforts over the last 2 years. During his tenure, we completed the Hind Pavilion, two expansions of the Woodland Auto Display, and initiated work on the Pfauter Building, which is nearly complete. The only project left on the books is the expansion of the Hanger Building. This will complete construction of our current site according to our Master Plan approved by the city.

Where do we go from here? Sherm and I share a vision of expansion of our facility to the two parcels to the west of our current location. We are working diligently with city of Paso Robles planning staff to secure a lease to that property. What will it take to make this happen? Money will play a part, of course. We will have to step up our fund raising efforts to acquire sponsors and donors who share our vision. But more importantly, we will need the help of our members. We will need for you to step up and give us those three hours a month.

I’m a big believer in my hero, Ronald Reagan. He said it best when he said simply, “It can be done”.

Be well, **Jerry**

Wednesday JULY 1, 2015 MENU



- BBQ Chicken
- Veggie Pasta Salad
- Chili Beans
- French Bread
- Dessert
- Ice Tea & Coffee

\$17.00 pp

(Includes Tip & Gratuity)

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

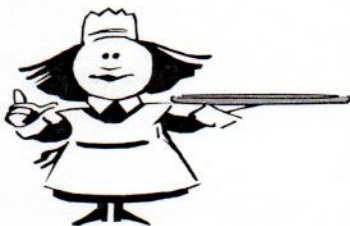
BY MONDAY, June 29th

805-296-1935 You can leave a voice message or text to this number.

or

Use our Website Link:

www.ewarbirds.org/dinnersvp.html



SOCIAL HOUR 6:00 PM

DINNER 7:00 PM

JULY PROGRAM

This month's dinner meeting speaker is —Our History. I'm taking this time to honor our founding fathers (and mothers, to be politically correct), those 42 who sat down around a table and decided they had a story to tell and a museum was the way to tell that story.

As a back drop, the museum actually began as the Estrella Wing of the Confederate Air Force. The first organizational meeting was held in a hangar just down the road on property owned by the Nunno Corp.

The Estrella Warbirds Museum was incorporated in May of 1993 as a non-profit organization. At that time it was still a sub-committee of the Estrella Wing of the CAF.

In July 1997, the CAF Estrella Squadron and the Estrella Warbirds Museum merged under the Museum's non-profit mantle.

The rest is history - a history that will be told by the remaining originators of our organization.

We want to give a big THANK YOU to:

Peter Snyder who got local businesses to donate the fencing used behind the new Pfauter Building.

AND The Civil Air Patrol for doing the dirty job of washing our planes and vehicles.



GIFT SHOP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!!

We need volunteers to work 3 hour shifts in our Gift Shop.

With the loss of Jackie Brooks we will be falling short of help. Jackie used to fill in whenever we didn't have a volunteer signed up to work and that meant many extra hours for her at the museum. Alexandria will train you and stay by your side until you are comfortable to take the task on for yourself. You will meet many wonderful people from all over the world. We are the Tripadvisor's # 1 destination in our area. AND, you get your own discount when you just can't help yourself and purchase some goodie to take home! Call Alexandria at the museum when open.

JACQUELINE LEE BROOKS, GIFT SHOP MANAGER



On May 19, 2015 we lost our beloved Jackie Brooks, wife of Ron Brooks. Jackie worked tirelessly in creating our Gift Shop. She loved the job and working with volunteers. Her memorial service was held May 30th at the Chapel of the Roses in Atascadero. We will miss her and want to support Ron and the family in their time of loss.



Jackie and her volunteers working for the WW7 event this year.

Jacqueline (Jackie) was born on August 12, 1937 in Chicago, Illinois. At five years old her family moved from Illinois to Dinuba in the San Joaquin Valley in California. Later, her family moved to the South Bay area in Los Angeles. She met her future husband, Ronald, at age 17 and married in 1956 in Lomita. They raised two daughters there. Upon Ron's retirement in 1991, they decided to move to the Central Coast. They settled in Atascadero in 1995. Jackie became actively involved, volunteering, at the Charles Paddock Zoo Gift Shop. Jackie and Ron, then, became vital members of the Estrella Warbirds Museum. They have been an active and vital part of this organization to the present.

Jackie had sparkling hazel eyes and a cheery smile. She will be remembered for her happy and positive attitude. She always gave encouraging words to those around her. She loved helping others. She may have been small in stature, but had the heart of a lion to champion others. She enjoyed cake decorating, gardening, home decorating and Amateur Radio as N6QOB. She loved watching her backyard wild birds, especially humming birds. Planting things and watching them grow and bloom brought her great joy. With their two grandsons living nearby, Jackie enjoyed being involved with their activities and watching them grow up.

Jackie is survived by her life partner and husband, Ron, of 59 years, daughters Debbi Lee Brooks and Ronda Dynice Brooks, grandsons, Tielor and Teyvon, half-brother Elmer McDerment and brother-in-law Bernard Fernandez, nephews Eric Fernandez (Melissa) and Christopher Fernandez (Christina) and grandnieces Rachel McDerment, Ashley and Nicole Fernandez.

She was preceded in death by her beloved half sister, Royalene Fernandez, and her parents Florence and Royal McDerment.

Donations may be made to the Estrella Warbirds Museum or to a charity of your choice in Jackie's memory.

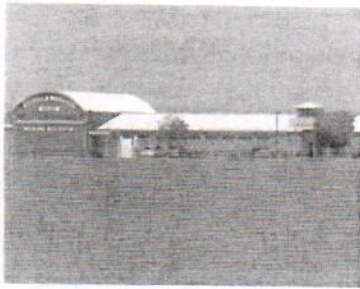
(Jackie submitted this article to the newsletter prior to her passing)

THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED AT THE WW7 EVENT:

Volunteers:

In the Gift Shop and Outside Booth: Edie Knight, Vicky Morse, Peggy Basaraba, Nancy Spitzer, Pam Kressley, Mary Biamonte, Linda Hermansen, Debbi Brooks, Margi Bauer, Jayne Sacks, Alexandria Helms and friend, Kelsey Hunsaker.

Set up and take down of Gift Shop banner and outside booth: Ron Brooks, Arnold Hermansen, Al McDerment and Ben Fernandez.



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What an easy way to donate to the Estrella Warbirds Museum!

THANK YOU!!!

DATES TO REMEMBER!

Wednesday, July	1	Dinner Meeting	6:00pm Social/7:00pm Dinner
Wednesday, July	15	Board Meeting	6:00 pm to 8:00 pm