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Estrella Warbirds Museum
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The Prez Sez

By Estrella Warbirds President
Jerry Takier



I want to give a shout out to all of you who stepped up and accepted my challenge of "just 3 hours a month" for volunteers. Your Board of Directors feel that getting more volunteers is so important that they created a new department to oversee our volunteer effort. Jeanne Thiebaud heads up our Volunteer Department and is currently planning the Volunteer Appreciation Night. Whether you have volunteered in the past or not, I would like to invite you to the event so that you can meet some of the people who give so much to your museum. See the article later in this newsletter for details on how to register.

Many prospective volunteers have told me they don't know the process for volunteering. First of all, if you've never volunteered before, we will train you for the area you are interested in. Just contact our Museum Coordinator, Alexandria Helms, and she will pair you with an experienced volunteer and/or our Volunteer Department representative.

Secondly, I have asked Alexandria to create new calendars for volunteers. Now you can go to our website, www.ewarbirds.org, and see which days are filled and which days need volunteers. Now it is VERY easy to see the need and fill the need when your schedule permits. I invite you to check out these calendars and let me know how we might improve them.

Let me say, in closing, that I really appreciate the new volunteers and welcome aboard. For those of you who have not volunteered before or those who feel that they can give us more time, our greatest need is in the gift shop and Freedom Hall. These positions are so important because they represent our first contact with the public. Please help us if you can.

Jerry



**Wednesday
December 2, 2015
MENU**



- Prime Rib
- Baked Potato
- Seasonal Salad
- Green Beans
- Rolls & Butter
- Holiday Cheesecake
- Ice Tea and Coffee

\$20.00 pp

(Includes Tips and Gratuity)

**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED
BY MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30**

805-296-1935

You can leave a voice message
or text to this number.

OR

Use our Website Link

www.ewarbirds.org/dinnerrsvp.html



SOCIAL HOUR 6:00 PM

DINNER 7:00 PM

DECEMBER PROGRAM

Estrella Warbirds Museum



The **Paso Robles High School Advanced Choir**, Las Voces Celestiales, strives to promote vocal music and spread the joy of music in our school community, city and beyond.

We consist of students in grades 9-12 who rehearse every day in our 7th period class, which meets after the regular school day. The students in Advanced Choir enjoy singing and sharing their joy with you!

Thank you,
Aimee Ware

Editors Note: This is a really great way to start your Holidays!!!

**Christmas Tree Silent
Auction to be held at the
Christmas Dinner!**



Three and a half foot trees and six foot trees, fully lit and decorated, will be available for your bid!

All proceeds will go to the Fund Development Department.



Sue Dollemore

ANNOUNCING: JANUARY 13 VOLUNTEER DINNER

WHO'S WHO CONTACT INFORMATION

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| <p>Catering Larry Eastwood 805-238-3988</p> | <p>Facility Rental Rick Brandt 805-226-8605</p> | <p>Membership & Mailing List Bob Kelly 805-462-9128</p> |
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(PLEASE TEAR OUT THIS SECTION AND KEEP FOR YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION)

Before I get into the nitty-gritty details of all the great progress that is being made at Estrella Warbirds Museum, I'd like to say **HELLO!** to a few people. There are several of you who are getting this kind of e-mail from me for the first time and I just want to say **Thank You** for offering to be a volunteer at the museum and I hope we can work together to further improve this wonderful organization!

Now, to business! It has been a fabulous month at EWM, as we've had several great tours, the highest amount of F18 Sim rides all year and a few really fun days with guest aircrafts such as a B-17 and an F-18. We *really* love when it gets busy and bustling with people, don't we? If you didn't get to join us for either of these guest fly-ins, don't worry! We are going to do our best to get more special events like that lined up for our future.

The holidays are coming up and they're coming up fast – folks from out of the area will be visiting our community and many will be stopping by EWM to see our displays. That means I'm going to need all the help I can get from you guys to man the buildings and such!

I've been asked to change the way the Online Calendars are viewed so that it is easy for anyone to see what volunteer shifts are still open and available for people to take. (Did you know that we had an Online Calendar with the schedule on it? Now you do!)

We work under two main calendars:

- 1) Gift Shop & Freedom Hall Docents
- 2) Simulator and Woodland Auto Display Docents

To view these calendars, please use the following links:

- 1) <http://www.ewarbirds.org/giftdocentcal.html>
- 2) <http://www.ewarbirds.org/simcal.html>



If you go to the month of December, you will see the new changes I have made to the calendars – its color coded! All of the OPEN & AVAILABLE time slots for volunteers are in the color red. If you look at the Gift Shop and Freedom Hall calendar, you will see there is a LOT of red, unfortunately.

Please take a look at both of the calendars and see where you can be of most help! I hope this will make it easier for everyone to plan ahead accordingly and possibly get more of you on the calendar once you see how much I truly need the help. **In short, I am in desperate need of Gift Shop volunteers and Freedom Hall docents.**

Let me know if I can count you in for the month of December and where to put you!

Thank you, as always, for your energy and dedication to the museum.

Cheers,

Alexandrea "Silver" Helms

JACKIE BROOKS MEMORIAL GIFT SHOP

HOLIDAY SHOPPING AVAILABLE HERE!

Linda Hermansen, Shop Manager



Toys galore!



Great kids T-shirts!



Cool kids jackets!

Clearance sale items: Black and White Coffee Cups for \$6.00.

Large selection of Night Lights

Sale on shirts and don't forget those ever popular carry-all bags!

The Gift Shop is open from Thursday to Sunday and some Holidays.

Hours are 10 AM to 4 PM. Shifts are 10 AM to 1 PM and 1 PM to 4 PM.

Training is provided by Alexandra or Linda. Call 238-9317 to volunteer or leave a message.

PECKINPAUGH LIBRARY BOOKNOTES

COLLECTIONS NEEDED!

Tom Gorham, Librarian



World War I



Viet Nam



Korean War

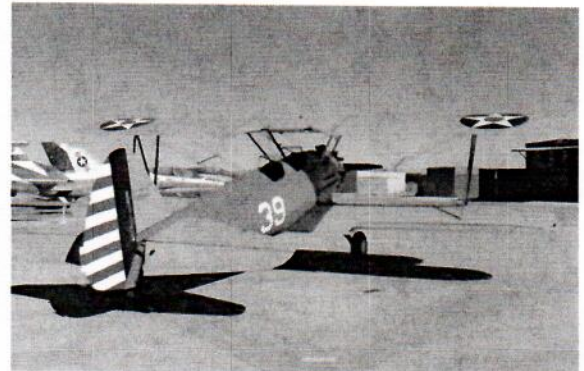
Can you guess which collection of books is the smallest?

We are very lucky to have an extensive collection of WWII books, however, we would love to add to our collection of WWI, Korean War and Viet Nam eras. **Remember that members are allowed to check out up to 4 books or videos at a time, for up to a month!**

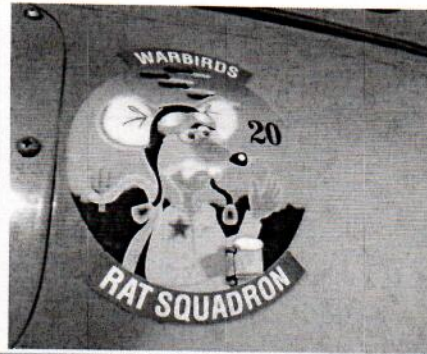
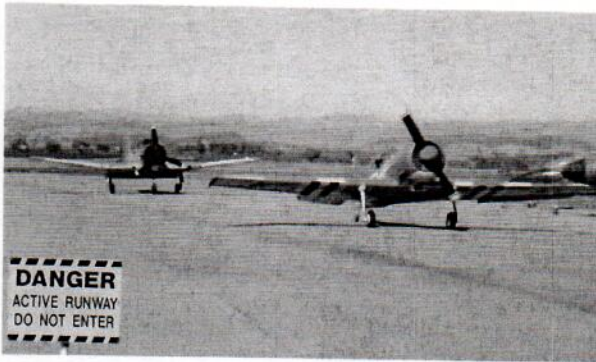
We are open every day the museum is open when a volunteer is present to keep the doors open.

FUTURE VISITS WILL BE TAKING PLACE!

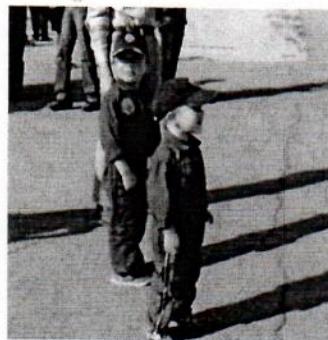
Brad Eaton, pilot, of this completely restored PT 17 Stearman (Primary Trainer) makes a monthly visit to our museum, drawing the interest of the days visitors. This plane is kept in Paso Robles and after the "rainy season" he wants to make regular visits where we have time to let the public know his plane will be available for viewing and, as pilot, he would love to share the history.



MUSEUM HAPPENINGS!



October 24th a war game flying event by the Red Star Pilots took place, just east of Paso Robles, bringing twenty flying aircraft, including several legendary P-51 "Mustangs" to the museum and skies, called "Desert Thunder XI (Mountain Mayhem)". Pilots strategized in Freedom Hall.



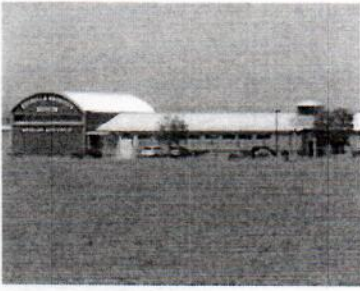
LCDR Paul Oyler, Navy Reserve pilot, and teacher in Paso, brought, with the Navy permission, the FA-18F Super Hornet to our museum from Lemoore Naval Air Station. We had 199 visitors!



Paul's sons and family were among the crowd to greet him onto the runway leading to the museum property.



Paul visited with all who came out from 10 AM to 3 PM. Over 80 people came the next day to watch him fly the plane back.



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SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS



Gary Corippo hand painted the old ambulance into a new sign on Hwy. 46! AND look who made local news in several publications in our area! ALSO, Mike Levine accepted a special Proclamation presented to the Estrella Warbirds Museum for the fly overs done by George Marrett at veteran celebrated occasions and our participation in Atascadero City events. Did you know we are #1 on Trip Advisor as the place to visit?

DATES TO REMEMBER!

Wednesday, December 2 Dinner Meeting 6:00pm Social/7:00pm Dinner
Wednesday, December 16 Board Meeting 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm