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 Honoring the Past—Inspiring the Future  
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**The Prez Sez**

By Estrella Warbirds President  
 Jerry Takier

Your museum is moving forward, and the changes are coming hard and fast. Sherm Smoot, your immediate past president, and I met with city staff and city council liaison in mid-January to try to finalize the details of a new lease arrangement which will allow us to expand our facilities to the parcel to the west of our present location. City staff were very enthusiastic and helpful during our negotiations, and we should have a draft lease for our consideration by the time you read this. This is obviously good news for us as we have come to the point where we can no longer build another building and finding a place for new exhibits is becoming a challenge.

Accreditation is moving along nicely. The first of six core documents needed for approval, the Emergency Response Plan, has been drafted and has been voted on and adopted by the Board of Directors in the January meeting. We will keep plodding along with our accreditation efforts until we get recognized for what we actually are – a world class museum with great leadership, great staff and wonderful volunteers.

Speaking of volunteers, our Volunteer Department leader, Jeanne Thiebaud, along with Rich Humble, held a volunteer appreciation dinner January 13<sup>th</sup>, and many long-time volunteers were recognized for their many years of service and dedication to the museum. It was really a thoughtful and meaningful gesture put together by Jeanne's department. I can't thank you enough.

And here's an idea for a different kind of volunteer experience. Every Saturday the volunteers are fed in Thomson Hall by another volunteer. Volunteers pay a nominal amount, usually two or three dollars, and the volunteer who prepares the meal is reimbursed for the cost. Wayne Rice is in charge of acquiring the Saturday volunteer cook, so if you would like to participate, contact him and he will help you get started in this unique opportunity. By the way, if we don't get a volunteer for this job each Saturday, Wayne has to do it himself. And he will tell you himself that there is a reason the Marines never made him a chef.

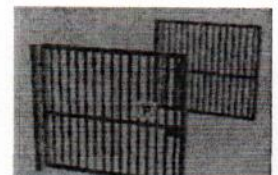
If you are tempted by any of the wonderful ways to volunteer at the museum, we offer you a meeting on February 11<sup>th</sup> at 10am in Thomson Hall where you can learn all the opportunities available to our volunteers. The meeting is informational in nature, and there is no obligation, but if you want to learn what volunteers do, you have our invitation.

*Jerry*

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**WE NEED YOUR HELP.....**Prior to our Warbirds, Wings and Wheels 8 event in May we still need **TWO 10 FOOT WIDE GATES** approximately five to six feet tall to use at entrances. If you can help us out, please call

**Carol Verstuyft at (805) 227-4409.**



**Wednesday  
February 3, 2016  
MENU**



Roast Pork with Cherry Sauce  
Scalloped Potatoes  
Green Salad  
Seasonal Vegetables  
Rolls and Butter  
Valentines Day Dessert  
Ice Tea and Coffee

\$17.00 pp

(Includes Tips and Gratuity)

**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED  
BY MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST**

805-296-1935

You can leave a voice message

Or text to this number.

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

**FEBRUARY PROGRAM**

Estrella Warbirds Museum

**COLONEL JAN C. NORRIS**

**Commander**

**U.S. Army Garrison**

**Fort Hunter Liggett**



COL Jan C. Norris hails from Richmond, VA and his previous assignment was as a staff officer on the Joint Staff J6 at the Pentagon.

Prior to the Pentagon, he served as the Commander of the 4th Joint Communications Squadron (Airborne)-Joint Communications Support Element, MacDill AFB in Tampa, FL; and as the Assistant Chief of Staff, G6 for the 311th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary) in Los Angeles, CA. He served in Hawaii from 2007-2010 in various key positions as S3-516th Signal Brigade, S3-30th Signal Battalion and Chief of Current Operations for the 311th Signal Command (Theater) at Fort Shafter. His most recent deployment was as Chief, Current Operations for the 335th Signal Command Forward at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait in 2009.

COL Norris has held various positions of responsibility to include one company command and one field grade command as the commandant of the High Tech Regional Training School in Sacramento, CA. Other assignments include, G3 Knowledge Management Officer-I (U.S.) Corps, Signal Officer Stryker Brigade Coordination Cell, both at Fort Lewis, WA; G6 Plans Officer, 8th U.S. Army in Seoul, Korea; Telecommunications Officer, 63rd Regional Support Command G6, Los Alamitos, CA; Signal Officer, 1st COSCOM G6, Fort Bragg, NC; and Platoon Leader, 304th Signal Battalion, Camp Colburn, Korea.

He has served as both an Active Component (AC) and Active Guard Reserve (AGR) officer in his 21 year career. He graduated from Virginia Commonwealth University with a bachelor's degree in Journalism in 1990 and was commissioned in the Army Signal Corps through the Army Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, GA in 1991. He earned a master's degree in Applied Linguistics Old Dominion University in 1997. His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (w/ Silver Oak Leaf Cluster), the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal and the Army Parachute badge. He is a graduate of the Army Signal Officer Basic and Advanced

Courses, the Command and General Staff College, the Force Management Course, the Joint C4 Planner's Course, Advanced Joint Professional Military Education (JPME II), and the U.S. Army War College with a Master's Degree in Strategic Studies.

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**(PLEASE TEAR OUT THIS SECTION AND KEEP FOR YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION)**

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### CURATOR'S CORNER

Jill Thayer, Ph.D.



The 514th Signal Company at Camp Robert's Satellite Communications Station presented Estrella Warbirds Museum a Certificate of Appreciation for support and use of our facilities. It was presented by SPC Toombes and SFC Dobbs from the base and accepted by our Curator.



In Freedom Hall is a WWII 101st Airborne Division Paratrooper with uniform as worn on D-Day 1944 in Normandy. Donated by Gary Corippo.

### Editors Note:

If you haven't seen the Museum displays lately, take the time to come and have a look around. As a Docent I see such beautiful changes and organization to our wonderful facility. Great job, Jill!

### JACKIE BROOKS MEMORIAL GIFT SHOP

Linda Hermansen, Shop Manager

**EVER HEARD OF A FIRE SALE???? NO, WE DIDN'T HAVE A FIRE, BUT WE ARE HAVING A HUGE, HUGE SALE!!!!**



- ALL Warbirds Over Paso T-Shirts ONLY \$5.00 EACH!
- ALL Warbirds, Wings and Wheels Show T-Shirts ONLY \$8.00 EACH!
- BLACK AND WHITE COFFEE MUGS \$6.00
- NIGHTLIGHTS \$6.00
- ALL DVD'S \$10.00
- ALL Items in/on table by Simulator drastically reduced!!!

We need to make room for new inventory. So get your deals and buys before they are all gone!!!!

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.

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### PECKINPAUGH LIBRARY BOOKNOTES

Tom Gorham, Librarian

#### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!!!!**

We would love to have you spend a 3 hour period with us in our EWM library.....we still need people both AM and PM shifts on Friday or Sunday. If no volunteer, we don't open.

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### MUSEUM MUSINGS

By Alexandra Helms, Museum Coordinator



It has been a phenomenal year in 2015 getting the opportunity to work up front and personal with all of our visitors that come flowing through the door. People are coming from as far as New Zealand and Thailand internationally, (just to name a few), as well as from many various states. There is a never ending abundance of interesting personal stories and family histories. People walk into our organization curious and expectant. They leave here in awe and with so much respect for what energy and effort everyone has put into making this place a "hidden treasure of Paso Robles". That is our unofficial title. We need not boast our existence, as our artifacts and displays speak volumes on their own, and we have the honor to be here and welcome in the people who wish to hear what our history has to say.

Many thanks and appreciation must be given to each and every individual who volunteers their time with us in any way they can. It was the **people** who made our history that we have to show to the world. It is our **people** now who are giving the stories and memories a platform to be remembered and honored.

Thank you all for your passion and dedication. Here's to a terrific 2016 and many more people coming through the doors!

### MUSEUM HAPPENINGS!

Volunteers Awards given on January 6, 2016 at the monthly dinner meeting.



**EXTRA MILE AWARD**  
Linda and Arnold Hermansen  
Steve Lochen



**GRUNT OF THE YEAR**  
Charlie Harber



**TOP GUN**  
Mike Levine  
Photographer Contributor  
Extraordinaire



**VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR**  
Tom Gorham



**MEMBERS OF THE YEAR**  
Claudia and Dick Woodland



Not pictured: **UNSUNG HERO:** Jim Blaes  
**INTERN OF THE YEAR:** Jacob Anderson

**DIRECTORS CHOICE**  
Rick Brandt  
(Currently living the good life in San Diego)

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**VOLUNTEERS CORNER** by Jeanne Thiebaud and Rich Humble

As a recent transplant from the Chicago area, my wife Barbara and I now call Paso Robles our home. I graduated from John Carroll University in Cleveland, was drafted and served in Viet Nam in 1968-69 with the Army's 25th Division Information Office at Cu Chi, and now having great fun exploring the trails along the Central Coast. I'm also finally able to work on my golf game, having spent a lifetime dodging snowflakes and enduring a painfully short 4-month golf season. To be able to play 365 days a year is a wonderful gift. We have three terrific grown sons living in Maine, Austin, TX and Walnut Creek. In addition, I'm really enjoying all the wonderful people I've met volunteering at the museum.

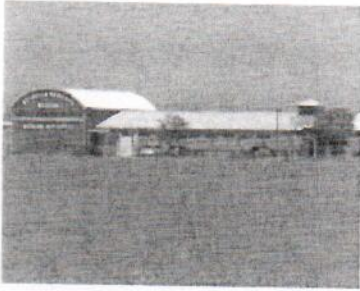
Editors note: Steve, also, backs up Mike Levine as a photographer for the museum!



**MEET**  
**VOLUNTEER**  
**STEVE LOCHEN**

#### NEW VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION MEETING

The Volunteer Committee will be hosting a **new prospective volunteer orientation** at the Estrella Warbirds Museum in Thomson Hall on **February 11, 2016 at 10:00 AM**. All prospective and interested parties please mark this date on your calendar. We can let you know just what volunteering at the museum is all about. I know you may have questions as to what is expected of you and just how to do your job and where. Well, all of that will be explained to you. We will be giving you the details so you can make the right choice about where you will be happy and most productive. Please contact the Volunteer Committee at **(805)238-3897 or (408) 515-0224** to let us know if you are able to attend. Light snacks and beverages will be available.



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**PAPA DUCKS POND**

Woodland Family Collection

**1959 MORRIS MINOR**

**1000 CONVERTIBLE**

The first Morris automobiles were produced in 1913 by William Morris.

The first vehicles named Morris Minor, were produced in 1928 by William Morris, and became know as the 8 and 10 which represent the horsepower output. In 1937, it became Britain's largest automobile manufacturer. In 1939, they became the first to sell one million automobiles.

In 1948, after WWII, it took on the look of the model on display. These were designed to be roomy and fuel efficient. Top speed was 75 mph and rated at close to 40 miles per gallon.



**DATES TO REMEMBER!**

Wednesday, February 3	Dinner Meeting	6:00pm Social/7:00pm Dinner
Wednesday, February 17	Board Meeting	6:00 pm to 8:00 pm