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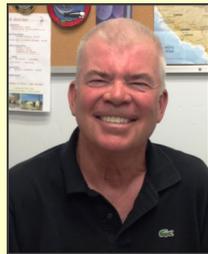
WCSCA HALL OF FAME INDUCTS

DICK WOODLAND

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Prez Sez Estrella President Ren Stelloh

I want to share two developments with you -- one good and the other not so good. Bad news first. We're an organization that depends on volunteers. To do the job right, we need between 100 and 120 regular volunteers. The number of volunteers we can routinely depend on numbers 50. So if you can donate six hours a month to the museum, then that would be great. If you have friends or colleagues who can give us six hours a month, the please send them our way. And lastly, if you can think of ways to encourage more volunteers, please share your ideas with us. The other development concerns the museum's marketing program. The Board of Directors approved the creation of the Marketing Committee which will engage in robust outreach efforts focused on kids, scouting groups, and veterans. Our goal is to "let our light shine" so we never hear the phrase again -- I've lived my whole life in Paso and I've never heard of you!



Easter Season

Freedom Hall Re-Design, Layout In The Works For 2018

Freedom Hall is in for a real facelift.

Dr. Jill Thayer, along with a good number of EWM members has set this project in motion with donations of time, expertise and monetary funds. Still in the planning stages, this project will change the way visitors will experience our Museum.. Some of the plans include:'

- The entrance area of the museum will be designed with an intro graphic to greet visitors and a donor wall (to be proposed). The walls in Hind Pavilion will be designed to reflect the museum's mission and honor our Veterans with flags, artwork, and signage.
- Freedom Hall will feature the historical context of our collection . Timeline and backdrop signage with imagery and text to add visual impact to each area, enhancing the museum experience.
- WWII poster themed banners are being produced

RESTORATION CORNER. . .

TA-4, GUN TRUCK, P2V.

The challenges facing the Restoration Dept. on the **TA-4** are many. First in line is not something you would expect: it is too darn tall for the hangar. Not by much, just a couple of inches. So, what do you do? Shave the tail by removing the tail cap, unbolting the machine's rudder, shimming up the forward landing gear to lower the tail and backing it into place. Takes only a couple of days. That is how it goes in Restoration. Patience will be rewarded. Did you know: the wings and horizontal stabilizer were **sawed off** to get this bird here on the truck that delivered it to EWM. Not to worry!



First things first. First the TA-4 needs a pressure wash. But **first**, some parts need to be found for the pressure washer. There is no "rest" in Restoration.

Gun Truck Ready Racks acquired from Hunter Liggett to carry ammo and first aid kits will be installed soon. These are correct additions as troops used these racks/cans in the field for quick access to equipment and the various types of ammo carried on the vehicle while sweeping the roads in unfriendly areas. Gun Truck will be ready for WW10.

NEWS: **P2V Neptune** on the way here from New Mexico this fall from Neptune Aviation. The bird will fly here and be installed with Neptune/CalFire colors in honor of those who have lost their lives fighting wild fires.



Check out Neptune: <https://neptuneaviation.com/>

Dick's Garage. . .

Attention Please!



West Coast Stock Car Hall of Fame Announces Induction Class of 2018

The Hall's 15th class is comprised of Joe Garone, president and general manager of 2017 Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series Champion Furniture Row Racing; Joe Gibbs Racing senior executive J.D. Gibbs; Southern California racing legend Oren Prosser; two-time NASCAR K&N Pro Series West Champion Greg Pursley and NASCAR and open-wheel car owner Richard "Dick" Woodland. The late Larry Albedi, a five-decade-long public-address announcer, will be inducted as a member of the media. The Class of 2018 will be enshrined June 21, 2018 at the Meritage Resort and Spa in Napa, California.

Mr. Woodland admits that he is a "little shell-shocked" and that "for an old racer, this is no doubt the highest honor I could hope to receive and definitely one that I never expected."



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NOW HEAR THIS!!



“Until further notice, the Estrella Warbirds Library will no longer be accepting any donations of books, magazines, DVDs, or VHS tapes. After 5 years of your many donations, our shelves are full. Thank you for your generosity. If you have materials to donate, please consider the following locations: Camp Roberts Museum; Veterans Memorial Museum, in SLO; the Paso Robles and Atascadero Libraries” . . . Mary Ann and Tom Gorham.

And: The theme at the Library for the month of April is as follows: “Airships—Lighter Than Air”. Come in and check it out and bring a friend.

That Is All



“We are working on two things right now.

One: We completed the **engine work** for

this service cycle involving setting the magneto timing, valve clearance, and compression check. Next weekend we hope to finish putting the valve covers on, installing the remaining plugs and wiring. We still have to do an overall visual inspection and clean and inspect the oil filters. Hopefully by the **end of March the**

engines are ready to go. We received a **quote on the wing work** that is needed. Right now it is beyond our capabilities. It is not cheap. That brings us to number **Two:** Deciding how to **raise funds to complete the repairs**, and cover the cost of making the Normandy event in 2019. We estimate the cost of repairs and the Normandy trip to be around \$300,000. We are in the process of putting a plan together to raise those funds. We will probably need some help putting various assets together to support that effort. It will involve much research, ideas, written pieces to describe this effort.” Betsy’s Biscuit Bomber will make it to France for the 75th Anniversary of D-Day with DaksOverNormandy!

C-47 Restoration Report as of Mid-March 2018

Report From John Doyle

Check out: <http://www.daksovernormandy.com/visitor-info/>

Guide By Cell

Coming To EWM/WAD

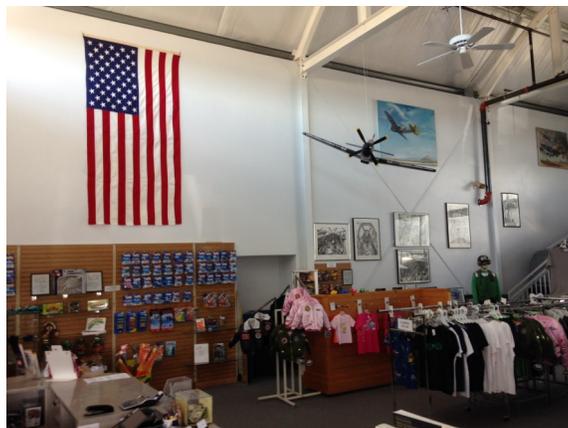
EWM— In keeping with the spirit of “Inspiring The Future” Estrella Warbirds Museum and Woodland

Auto Display will have the opportunity to launch **Guide By Cell** for the use of our visitors.

Soon, visitors to this facility will be able to approach any exhibit, type in a number associated with that exhibit and hear the item’s information explained in detail.



Board Member Dennis Johansen saw this system in use on a visit to Ft. Sill, Oklahoma. Impressed with its “user-friendly” nature, Mr. Johansen knew it would be a good match for EWM/WAD . “I am certain that this guide-by-cell system will greatly increase our visitor experience and over time should grow the number of visitors to the museum”.



Ron Brooks risks life and limb to hang new flag in Hind Pavilion. This is part of the re-arranging of our artifacts undertaken by Dr. Jill Thayer, which will greatly enhance the EWM experience. You can read more about the general plan on page 5.

Dinner/Meeting April 4, 2018

\$20.00 6pm Social, 7pm Meeting

Menu:

Ham

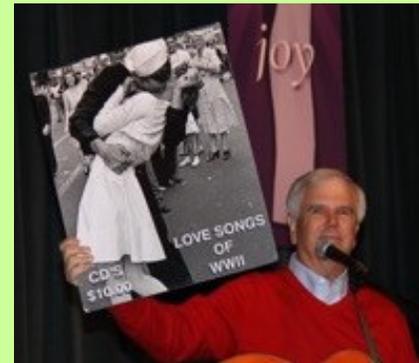
Scalloped Potatoes

Green Salad

Green Beans

Dessert

George Marrett Presents:



Love Songs Of WWII

Performed by Mike Chamberlin

Mike is a Viet Nam Vet who has performed this show over 2500 times for Veterans Groups, Soldier’s reunions, Historical Societies, Senior Centers and Service Fraternities. He is a true Patriot who brings his passion for the Greatest Generation and their special musical times to life. The Love Songs of WWII have the story telling power of the early ‘40s. Be there at Thompson Hall to catch this unique treat!

Reservations:

Phone: 805-296-1935

On Line: ewarbirds.org Drop Down To Dinner Reservations

EWM Master Plan Underway

Start of New Campaign to Enhance Museum Experience

In case you haven't noticed, the very air is about to get fresher at EWM as we embark on an exciting campaign to re-organize, re-arrange, re-design our house. It is good to do this every so often and given the fact that we are registered as a **Major Attraction on the Central Coast** there's no time like right now. The donations of artifacts are increasing in number. The **Library is OUT OF ROOM** and is unable to accept new books, CDs, etc. until more space is available.

Our Curator, Dr. Jill Thayer summarizes:

"The **main goal is to arrange displays chronologically**. Most of the cases will remain where they are, only selected cases will shift to align with the era. The contents of many cases will stay intact while others will be edited, rotated, and redesigned with our collection in archives.

In Phase 1, we will move and consolidate WWI case displays to the West wall in Freedom Hall, as existing cases will be replaced where the WWI cases were (now in WWII section).

The Korean Field Desk against the North wall mural will be moved perpendicular to the wall and **become the docent's desk** (good idea Penny T).

The **large Welcome signage** panel display that presents the museum mission and background, wartime history, U.S. Armed Forces info, and context of the collection will be **moved where the docent desk was**. See image to the right →

I am designing signage, a timeline, and visual imagery to highlight each era and identify display sections.

Ron will install the flag on the North wall of Hind Pavilion, as I am designing adjacent walls to reflect our mission and honor our Veterans. A **future donor wall and signage will be proposed** for the main entry in Hind Pavilion.

WWII banners are being produced for the Communication display in the Brooks' Bldg. Radio Room.

Thank you all for your support in this ongoing initiative.

Going forward, all moving activities will done when the museum is closed. As these changes require planning and time I appreciate your patience in our efforts."

There are many **people to thank** for getting this off the ground. Especially Ron Brooks for his generous donation(s), Jim Blaes, Marty and Patty Wright, Ren Stelloh, Toni Moore, Jerry Jones, Gary Corripo, Aiden Bajema, Jane and Dennis Johansen, Jason Holland, Mike Levine and Sim Crew, Bill Lander and Restoration Team and, not least, Plaza Cleaners in Atascadero." Watch for updates as this project continues.

Freedom Hall Faceliftfrom page 1

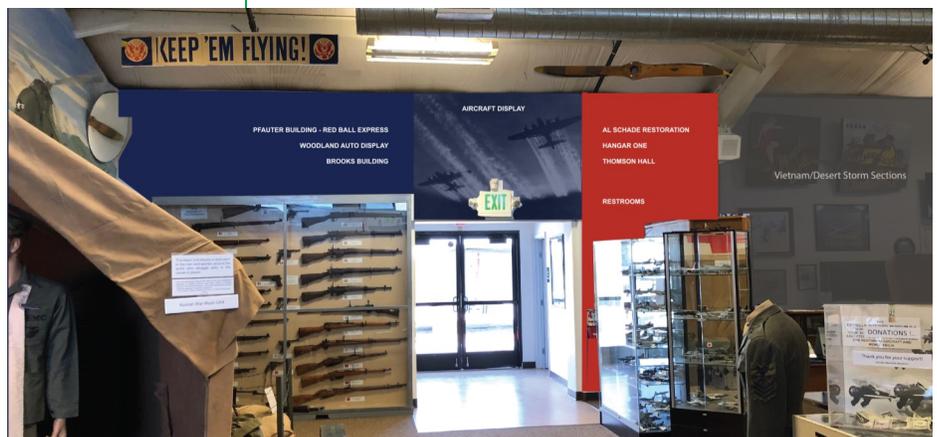
for the Radio Room . Ron Brooks and Mike Kelly are busy with this.

- **Models and Micro artifacts:** specific displays will be developed and some will be rotated to feature individuals; military conflicts; armed forces; missions; aircraft, rolling vehicle, and utilities.
- **Exterior signage for Macro artifacts (aircraft, large vehicles, outside)** is coming from the Restoration Dept. Bill Lander and the crew are producing the stands with the new Mig Welder.

Aligning with the goals for our additional 10 acres to be developed just to the west of us, Dr. Thayer adds that "In the future, as funding allows and the museum moves forward in expansion, custom exhibition cases, audio and video elements with interactive modules, displays, and lighting will be designed to align with the level of exhibition displays notable in our nation's military museums."



Welcome Signage, Paint Scheme, Docent Desk, Will Greet Visitors Upon Entering Freedom Hall.



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WWW10/MSM ENTRY FORMS SEE INSERT INSIDE.



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WARBIRDS
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WHEELS 10
MEGA
SWAP MEET
MAY 11, 12**

