



### Celebrating the Living Historians of World War II & Korea Veterans

We thank you! Our veterans thank you!  
We couldn't do it without you!

Second annual Celebrating the Living Historians of World War II & Korea  
America's "Greatest Generation"

Thank you for your service to our country!

#### SAVE THE DATE:

Saturday, May 19, 2018 10:00 to 2:00

Free Admission for the Entire Family!

#### Visit With the Heroes of the '40s and '50s

Meet and speak with the men and women who were served our nation. The event is designed for people of all ages, but especially for young people, to meet the heroes of the 1940s and 1950s, and talk one-on-one with them and hear their stories first-hand!

Admission is free. Food will be available for purchase. Additional attractions include:

- ✈ P-51 Mustang fly-by
- ✈ Big Band/Swing Music
- ✈ Sonoma County Calendar Girls in clothing from the era
- ✈ Kids' activities
- ✈ Warbirds on display



Participants include over 40 local pilots, navigators, bombardiers, turret gunners, paratroopers, battleship gunners, decipher specialists, infantrymen, WAVES, radio operators, map interpreters, journalists, and more. Many of them flew or served as crew aboard P-47 Thunderbolts, P-51 Mustangs, B-17 Flying Fortresses, P-38 Lightnings, B-29 Super Fortress, F4U Corsairs, TBM Avengers, B-24 Liberators, C-47 Gooney Birds, and T-33 Shooting Stars. Learn about their varied experiences.

We look forward to seeing you on May 19<sup>th</sup>! For more information and to learn more about this special event please go to our website:

<http://pacificcoastairmuseum.org/vets>

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Heritage Fly-by—2004 PCAM

#### The PCAM Mission

**"To Educate and Inspire both young and old about our aviation heritage and aerospace technology, to Preserve historic aircraft and artifacts, and to Honor veterans."**

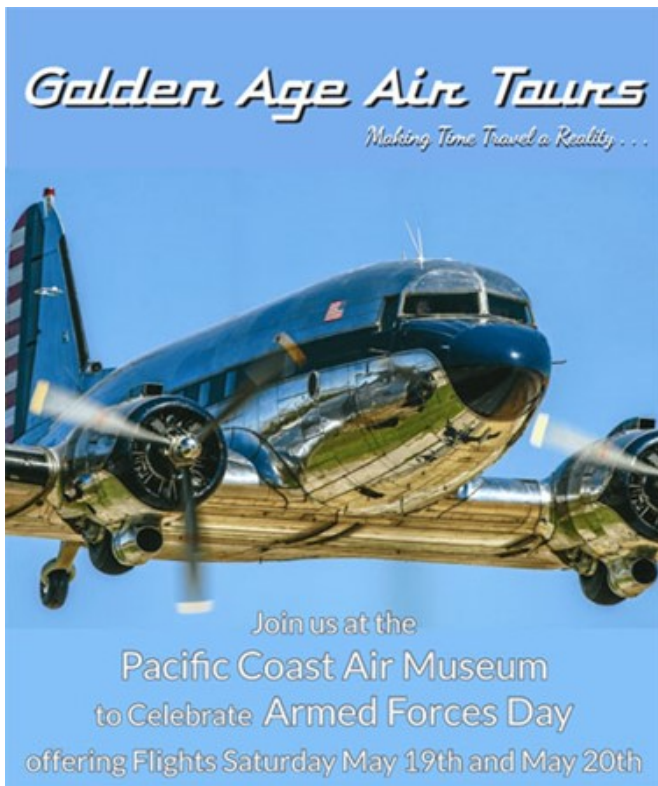
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## DC3 rides offered during the May 19th Veteran Event.

During the May 19th Veteran Celebration event, the Golden Age Air Tours will be selling airplane rides on their beautifully restored DC-3. Known as the C-47 Skytrain during WWII, it served as a transport plane, moving troops to/from the European and Pacific Theaters.

While you can purchase rides at the event, it is recommended that you go to the following link and pre-register: <https://www.goldenageairtours.com/tickets/>

For every 8 rides sold, the owner will donate 1 free ride to a participating WWII veteran. So your purchase will help support and reward one of our honored veterans.



## President's Message

by Dave Ford

With regard to the Lt. Dan Band concert, I want to go back to the beginning and reminisce about this event and its development. We were very fortunate to have had Tim, for whatever reason, select our site for the concert. The first planning meeting we had was on February 7<sup>th</sup> with Tim, John and Jim (the firefighter team) and the PCAM team, consisting of myself, Andy and Dana. Periodically, the six of us met to check on assignments, and keep each other abreast of what each team was doing and what had to be done. As the time approached, things became a little more hectic and stressful. Both teams...especially Tim, Andy and Dana...were pushing to get all the necessary permits that were required, which seemed to be the major hurdle.

The logistics of pulling this event off were unique. The firefighter team worked with the Sinise Foundation via conference call in Southern California. Supplies of T-shirts and apparel for the firefighter team and the Sinise Foundation were shipped to Dave Ford at the PCAM address. Robert, the pilot of the Embear 140, called Dave at his home a week before the concert and wanted information on KSTS. The information was provided, as well as providing all the necessary information to contact either Josh or Julia at Sonoma Jet Center.

Despite the necessary long distance communications and lack of face-to-face meetings with so many other entities and agencies, what came together as a successful concert was not a miracle, but the result of a heck of a lot of volunteers stepping up and doing one fantastic job. I know Tim, John and Jim are as proud of their group, as I am of all our PCAM volunteers.

One thing that we discovered as a result of the concert is the fact that we have a tremendous asset in the Butler hangar. To have a concert like the one Gary Sinise just put on is proof that we definitely have a great venue for future events. Marie, I hope you are reading this!

Well done people. Thank you for your time, energy and the hard work for all the things you do for PCAM!



## Gary Sinise & the Lt. Dan Band Headline in the Butler Hangar

by Andy Werback


On the afternoon of April 29<sup>th</sup>, the weather cleared up and about 1000 First Responders, Veterans and their families filled the historic Butler Hangar to hear a concert by Gary Sinise & the Lt. Dan Band. The event was in response to the historic and devastating fires about 6 months ago. Many of the people who attended had spent the better part of two weeks living out of their fire truck during that time.

Gary Sinise and his band that was nearly the size of an orchestra along with the Pipes and Drums group, courtesy of California Fire Foundation, put on quite a show. The crowd especially enjoyed Gary getting down into the audience for a little jamming and pictures with Gary. He's very engaging, modest, and extremely dedicated to providing support and encouragement to the Veterans and First Responders. So, it was quite a treat for him to come here.



In order for this to happen, we need to recognize and thank the Volunteers of the Pacific Coast Air Museum! It took many, many hours to prepare for this – doing the permits and plans, cleaning out the Butler Hangar, organizing a full weekend of security to handle the audience, the band, and the vendors. And then after the event, of course, getting everybody out of the venue, and following up the next day with putting the airplanes back, returning all the stuff we used, escorting the vendors until they were done cleaning up. And of course, we are honored that we were called upon and able to support this event.



In addition, representatives of the Gary Sinise Foundation were most helpful and we were very impressed by their talent and dedication. A really fun and interesting group. We also want to thank the Staff and Operations of Sonoma County Airport for their support and cooperation. Getting the paper work done and approved fortunately went very smoothly. 

## Butler

by Lynn Hunt

Life hasn't been easy for this old hangar. In another year it will celebrate its 75<sup>th</sup> birthday. That will be 75 years without any maintenance to speak of. Its beams have been allowed to rust in the elements. The holes in its roof grow steadily larger and are now to a point where it only keeps some of the rain out. It has been forgotten, neglected and ignored. Occasionally something eventful happens like an airplane flying through it but nowadays it's just the pigeons. It has been allowed to deteriorate until it becomes unsafe and should be torn down. More than a few people have shared that opinion.



However the engineers who look at it reply that it is still in surprisingly good shape.

There is even a glimmer of hope with some of the airport community dreamers who still see a promising asset, a diamond in the rough just waiting for the right moment and the right opportunity.

If you weren't around for the Gary Sinise Lt. Dan Band concert this last Sunday you really missed something. You missed a world-class group of musicians perform for our first responders and veterans. You missed some great live music and you missed a group of locals having a really good time. You missed out on a free concert with really good free food. You also missed something else.



You missed this dilapidated old building come alive again. In a city and county that has witnessed more death and destruction than any should have to, for one old building life was restored. This was just the beginning. In the weeks and months to follow an army of dedicated volunteers will continue the process of bringing the old hangar back to life and rendering it a monument to aviation, our veterans and the history of Sonoma County. There will be more concerts, more events, more visits by generations yet unborn. If you were there perhaps you noticed. If you weren't, you really missed something.



**THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!  
WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU!**

## 13<sup>th</sup> Season for Hot Dog Thursday!

by Paul Heck

Some people say 13 is an unlucky number. Some hotels and elevators don't even have a 13<sup>th</sup> floor. For PCAM, 13 is a lucky number.

When we started Hot Dog Thursday we thought if we made it through two seasons we'd be lucky, much less 13! April 5, 2018 began our 13<sup>th</sup> year and all who attended celebrated with cake and champagne and a presentation by our President, Dave Ford.

This event has been a tremendous success for the Pacific Coast Air Museum. It has been a total team effort by the whole Hot Dog Thursday crew and the gift shop crew working together to make our Museum stand out. Over the years the Hot Dog Thursday event has contributed \$130,000 in profits to the Museum. In addition, the gift shop sales have added substantially to that number.

Hot Dog Thursday has been the de facto once a month social event around the airport from early spring to early fall.



We started this event with a group of guys (Ed Nelson, Barney Hagan, Duane Coppock, and Bill Green) called the Tuesday/Thursday group. I explained the idea to them and since we were here anyway, maybe we could sell some hotdogs. After much deliberation and board approval the decision was made to plan the first Hot Dog Thursday. With

a bit more brain-storming, the guys came up with some ideas and the event got rolling.

It started slow, as you might expect. That was a blessing because it gave us time to adjust what we needed

to do to make the event a success. We started advertising in the Straight Scoop and marketing to the business parks around the airport. The first year we sold around 100 hotdogs on the first Thursday of the month, April through October. The second year we were selling over 200 hotdogs; the third year we were selling over 300 hotdogs and heading for 400!

It was beginning to look like we would need more seating. Our patio just couldn't accommodate the crowd. We came up with the idea of using pop-up tents and tables in front of the airplanes. Very soon we were starting to look like the mash unit on TV!



As time went on, we received requests from Sonoma Jet Center to cook hotdogs at their open house event. We were happy to accommodate their request which allowed us to increase the funds we donated to the Museum. Eventually we started selling hot dogs during some of PCAM's other events like the Wheels and Wings Car Show and the Celebrating the Living Historians of World War II & Korea Veterans event.

We are very grateful for the businesses who have supported Hot Dog Thursday through the years with their generous sponsorship, which has allowed us to keep the price of the hot dog lunch at \$5.00 and still reach our goal of contributing support to the Museum. All in all we expect the 13<sup>th</sup> season to be a good one for the Pacific Coast Air Museum.

If you'd like to volunteer, we are not hard to find. Thanks for all your support over the years.



## F-14A Art Presentation A Very Special Donation

by Dave Ford


Two summers ago, Robin Lee, who lives in the Bay Area, visited the PCAM museum and took particular note of the F-14A. Out of curiosity, he did a little bit of research into the history of the airframe and produced some profile artwork that depicts the airplane as it appeared at various points during its sixteen year Navy career.



Robin indicated that he felt compelled, as a small thank you, for the work PCAM is doing for aviation history, to donate a print of his artwork to the museum.

On April 22<sup>nd</sup> I met Robin Lee at the museum and he presented his artwork to PCAM. It is a 16" X 20" print on metal surface with a gloss finish.




Thank you, Robin, for visiting PCAM and for your interest in the F-14A and your very special donation to PCAM. 

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Your Museum really needs your help! We know you have an interest in the on-going success of the Museum so please come on out and join us for some fun. We have opportunities for everyone with every skill level. We are looking for volunteers in the following areas:

- Administrative
- Newsletter Editor
- Data Entry
- Docents for Museum Tours and Parties Events (of which there are many!)
- ✈ Hot Dog Thursday
- ✈ Celebrating the Living Historians of WWII & Korea
- ✈ Wheels & Wings Car Show
- ✈ Wings Over Wine Country Airshow
- ✈ And many more
- Gift Shop
- Yard Maintenance
- Help with our move

Please contact Jim Mattison, Volunteer Coordinator, at either [jmatti@sonic.net](mailto:jmatti@sonic.net) or 707.291.4719. 


### Volunteers needed for the following up-coming major events:

May 19 ✈ Celebrating the Living Historians of WWII & Korea, please sign-up at:  
<https://goo.gl/UYf6sw>

June 23rd ✈ Wheels & Wings 2018 Car Show

Year-round volunteer positions, please sign up at:  
<https://goo.gl/GKJNFt>

### Friday field trip/ tour coordinator

We are seeking a person to take the lead for Friday field-trips and tours. This will include communicating with the school group or tour leader. The coordinator will greet the group upon arrival and conduct a safety briefing prior to turning them over to the docents. At the conclusion of the field trip/tour the coordinator should thank the group for visiting and encourage their return. 

## The Pacific Coast Air Museum Flight Wing News

By Lynn Hunt

### *Flight Wing Saturday's*

As a quick reminder, beginning in April the Flight Wing will be open for business on the third Saturday of each month. Within the Flight Wing we are blessed to have a wealth of skilled and knowledgeable members. We also have a collection of unique aircraft that need restoration work. There are literally jobs for everyone and of every skill level. These Saturdays will also give us the opportunity and incentive to fly our aircraft which means there will be opportunities for Flight Wing and museum members get to go for rides. We will also be cooking hamburgers and hotdogs if you get hungry. The dates will coincide with open cockpit weekends so that our crew members can join us. Remember that AOA badges are required to access the Flight Wing hangar area. We will have badged escorts available if you don't have one with you. Please plan to come out and see us and spend some time if you can. Don't be surprised if someone puts you to work. ★

### SAVE THE DATE

**Hot Dog Thursday**, first Thursday of each month from April 5th through October 4th from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm

**General Membership Meeting**, third Wednesday of each month, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

**Celebrating the Living Historians of WWII & Korea**, May 19th from 10:00-2:00. To sign up to volunteer, please go to <https://goo.gl/UYf6sw>

**Wheels & Wings 2018 Car Show**, June 23rd from 8:00 to 4:00



## PCAM STEM Students Campus Tour of University of California, Davis

For the second year in a row PCAM's Flight Wing STEM students toured the University of California, Davis Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering facilities on April 24<sup>th</sup>. The department staff arranged for our group of six Windsor High students to visit the many laboratories and work shops at the university. Another highlight was an all-you-can-eat buffet lunch on campus where the prepper's used their imagination and creativity to their fullest extent to explore the many possibilities offered by the dining facility. The visit was capped off in an informal meeting with two Aerospace seniors who were able to answer the group's many questions. The department chair, Dr. Steven Robinson capped off the presentation with a thorough but entertaining synopsis of what the engineering program requires and provides. Judging by the buzz in the van during the return trip the gang was suitably impressed and pleased with their brief glimpse inside college life.

Thanks to the UCD team for their hospitality and thanks to Sean for driving.



Starting in the back from the left- Tadhg, Tyler, Chris, Sean Vezino, Windsor High School STEM Coordinator, In the front from the left - Iain, Nick, Dalton.



**PCAM Education Committee  
Mark West Union School District Science Fair**

by Charley Taylor

April 14<sup>th</sup> marked the return of the PCAM Education Team to the Mark West Union School District Science Fair. The four hour event was attended by several hundred students and their families. Students were given the opportunity to fly a desktop simulator of a Cessna 172, taking off on Runway 14 at the Charles M. Schultz – Sonoma County Airport (STS), turning downwind and performing an approach and landing at their “home” field.

PCAM President, Dave Ford and Education Committee Head Charley Taylor packed the equipment. PCAM’s Aviation Explorer Post 707 member Amy Melman volunteered to act as Simulator Instructor having gained her experience operating her own software at home. Amy did a superb job working with the young audience.



As the photos show, there was a continual line as young pilots lined up for a chance to fly around the pattern. A software glitch occasionally shut down the plane’s engine allowing some pilots to simulate an engine failure in flight and the subsequent

emergency landing somewhere near the airport. Flying around their own STS airport also provided some unexpected experiences. One young aviator heard his mother exclaim, “You just flew over Grandpa’s house!”

The Science Fair organizer was able to fly the simulator and sent the following much appreciated letter:

*“Hello,  
I hope you had a great week! I am writing to thank you so much for participating in our science fair last Saturday. We had great feedback for families about how many community participants there were. This event would not be the same without people such as yourself. The flight simulator was one of our most popular activities and pretty challenging for me :)*

*Thank you so much and have a great weekend!!!*

*Lisa Warne  
Project Based Learning Integration Support Teacher/  
Coach (PBLIST)  
Mark West Union School District”*





## Boy Scout Merit Badge Class

**Boy Scout Merit Badge Class** is among the other upcoming events. The next scheduled Merit Badge class on Saturday, **May 26, 2018**. Each class includes: Classroom instruction including the components of flight, aircraft engines, types of aircraft and career opportunities in aviation. Activities and attractions include speakers from several facets of aviation, flight in a simulator, a control tower visit, and a graduation flight with an FAA licensed pilot. <http://www.redwoodbsa.org/Event.aspx?id=1319>

**School Year 2018-2019 Merit Badge Classes** will be on: October 20, 2018; January 25, 2019; and May 11, 2019.



## Coming this Summer

PCAM will partner with the **Sonoma Jet Center** in supporting an aviation segment for students attending the summer **Mike Hauser Academy**. This STEM oriented event includes aeronautical sciences, physics of flight, aviation physiology, aircraft familiarization and repair as well as flight simulators.



## And, this Fall

### Buck Institute's North Bay Science Discovery Day

Planning is also underway for PCAM's participation at the **Buck Institute's North Bay Science Discovery Day** scheduled for **October 27, 2018** at the Sonoma County Fair Grounds. PCAM has provided major hands on displays for the past seven years including the F-4 Phantom II Blue Angel Cockpit Trainer or the UH-1H Huey helicopter. The event and parking are free. PCAM members are invited to submit ideas for other PCAM displays at the NBSDD. Please contact Charley Taylor with your suggestions at [c.j.taylor@earthlink.net](mailto:c.j.taylor@earthlink.net)



## WHEELS & WINGS 2018 CAR SHOW

**Saturday, June 23, 2018**  
**8:00 am—4:00 pm**

**Where:** Pacific Coast Air Museum  
**One Air Museum Way**

**Price:** \$10.00 ages 8 and over. Children 7 and under are FREE! You may buy tickets in advance at the PCAM Gift Shop or at the gate the day of the event.



**Car Entry:** \$20 per car includes 2 hot dogs & chips tickets.

**Car Pre-Registration form** is available online at the PCAM website: <http://PacificCoastAirMuseum.org/events/wheels-wings-car-show>.

Come join us for a fun filled day and show off your classic or muscle car (no year restriction).

Take advantage off photo ops with vintage fighter planes (P-51 or P-40).

Buy raffle tickets to win a ride in a P-51 Fighter Plane.

Food and soft drinks will be available for sale and the PCAM Gift Shop will be open with lots off aviation memorabilia.

And, be sure to see the latest performance cars at our sponsor pavilion.

**See You There!**



## Army Pilot Training and Missions Its not if, its when

May 16, 2018 Guest Speaker Robert Nance,  
US Army, CWO4 (Ret.)

by Charley Taylor

Robert Nance joins us Wednesday night, May 16<sup>th</sup>, to share his stories about flying the uh-1 Huey Helicopter during the Vietnam War. His talk will include details on flight school and training during the mid 1960s. He will focus on his Vietnam combat tour flying with the 162<sup>nd</sup> Assault Helicopter Company from 15 January 1968 through 15 January 1969.

Bob's will also discuss his Army flying career to include flight instructor duties teaching future Vietnam bound pilots. After joining the California Army National Guard his flying included the UH-60G Blackhawk on a combat tour as medical evacuation pilot in Bosnia and search and rescue missions over the Sierras.



### Biography

Robert Nance was raised and schooled in Napa, graduating High School in 1963. He joined the US Army while attending Junior College in December 1967. He received his Army wings in December 1968. After completing his one year combat tour in Vietnam, Bob served a flight instructor at Hunter Army Airfield in Savannah, Georgia.

Bob returned to Napa to join the Napa Fire Department in 1971 and in 1975 joined the National Guard

and returned to combat flying combat "medevac" missions in Bosnia in 1998-1999. Having survived a 2001 crash at Mt. Shasta flying search and rescue, Bob left active duty that year as well as retiring from the Napa Fire Department. He has accumulated approximately 8000 flying hours and earned as he puts it, "A bunch of attaboys and awe shucks (sic)" over his six decades of flying.



## April Guest Speaker – Alan Chesterman Operation Nickel Grass

by Charley Taylor

If you were unable to attend our April Member's Meeting, you missed an informative and upbeat presentation by Alan Chesterman, Commander, USNR (Ret.). In 1973, Al was a Navy Lieutenant Instructor Pilot and Landing Signal Officer (LSO) in the A-4 Skyhawk Replacement Squadron (VA-127) at NAS Lemoore CA.



Following the October invasion of Israel by Egypt and Syria, the U.S. embarked on a massive airlift to directly fly war supplies as well as dozens of combat aircraft to replace losses sustained during the Yom Kippur War.

Al detailed the demands of flying from Lemoore to Norfolk

VA on to the Azores, then to the flight deck of the USS Roosevelt (CVA-42) in the Mediterranean. The final leg of the 7,500 mile journey included Israeli Air Force F-4 Phantom escorts to Air Force Bases in Israel. Describing the immediate need to get the replacement jets into combat, Al tells of seeing the Star of David being painted over the Stars and Bars as he walked away from his group of Skyhawks.

**Thank you for your service, Alan and for  
sharing your experiences with us!**



## Veterans History Project

by Marilyn Pahr

The Pacific Coast Air Museum's Oral History Team is actively interviewing World War II, Korean and Vietnam War veterans for the Library of Congress' Veteran's History Project. Each interview is catalogued and entered into the Library of Congress, the archives of The Pacific Coast Air Museum in Santa Rosa in the process of being constructed, and each interviewee is provided a copy (DVD) for themselves and their family.

The Oral History Project of the Pacific Coast Air Museum is an extension of the national Veteran's History Project. The current PCAM Oral History team is continuing the effort of the prior team and continues the project of collecting oral histories of local veterans. The mission of the Veteran's History Project at the Library of Congress is to collect the memories, accounts and documents of war veterans and to preserve these stories of experience and service for future generations.

Legislation was passed in October, 2000 to create the Veteran's History Project as part of the Library of Congress and its America Folklife Center. The project encompasses veterans of WWI, WWII, Korean, Vietnam, Persian, Iraq and Afghan wars, with Cold War and peacetime contributions also welcomed. By "veterans", it is meant all veterans, men and women, who served in war and in support of combat operations, all ranks in all branches of service – the Army, Air Corp and Air Force, Navy Marine Corps, and Coast Guard. It also includes the Merchant Marines, those involved in home front activities and citizens who supported the armed services.

The team's first priority is to focus on the most senior of the veterans. To date eight veterans on our list have passed away, two before we could capture their stories. We are grateful that we have captured over 70 stories to date. Additionally, their families are grateful that they have this permanent record to

watch and share with others. Some families have played the DVD during memorial services, and later commented that they brought fond memories, laughter, and tears to all.

"We were just doing our job," is the most common phrase we have heard in two years of interviewing local veterans. Most veterans, no matter their branch of service, assignment or outcome of their experience, have let us know this was their focus during that greatest challenge to America's freedom. We've recorded stories from fighter and transport pilots, paratroopers, sailors, infantrymen, gunners, navigators, a military journalist, Red Cross worker, radio operator and combat engineers, and a Merchant Marine.

Our presentation June 20th will highlight some snippets of interviews we've done, touching on just a few themes – early interest in aviation, boot camp, learning to fly, being shot down, witnessing the desperate escapes from the fall of Saigon, to the touching moments of returning home to loved ones. These veterans were eyewitnesses to history and we feel privileged and awed to hear and record their stories.

Our team is comprised of Carol Lawson who serves as coordinator, John Nelson, - videographer, Nancy Sandborn – note taker and Marilyn Pahr – interviewer.

If you know of a veteran whose story needs to be told, please contact the PCAM office at (707) 575-7900 and we will take it from there. Leave a name and phone number and the appropriate paperwork and instructions will be provided. Let's not let these stories go untold.



**THANK YOU  
VETERANS HISTOY PROJECT TEAM  
WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU!**

## Crew News

### A-26 Invader Update

by the A-26 Invader Crew Chief

Recently the A-26 crew completed the installation of the 2 underwing machine pods with .50 caliber machine guns. The pods were acquired by former A-26 Crew Chief and PCAM Master Crew Chief Ron Stout. After years of searching, he located them in Marseille, France, and generously donated them to PCAM.

Finding the mounting mechanisms and machine guns was equally difficult, so senior crew member Rick Elwood utilized his incredible machinist skills to make the mounting units and the 4 guns. Using actual .50 caliber machine guns as models, Rick fabricated the parts from light weight materials, making the guns about 1/20th the weight of the originals. This lighter product made the mounting process much easier. The final product possessed the same exact details and dimensions of the original guns, making them difficult to identify as copies.

Michael Elliott-Jones and Greg Ervice assisted in portions of the fabrication process, and in the final mounting.



Completion of this project puts the long term restoration process of the A-26 one step closer to completion. As one of the 2 original aircraft acquired by PCAM, the "City of Santa Rosa" arrived at the museum in hundreds of parts, and missing many more. Many dozens of volunteers have helped over the years with the restoration process making it one of the most inclusive PCAM projects. ★

## Member Meeting — Join Us!

**Next Meeting: May 16, 2018**

Our monthly Member Meetings typically include updates on important Museum news, a raffle, video presentations, a chance to visit with other Museum members, snacks, and a presentation by a featured speaker. Speakers may include military Veterans, historians, civic leaders, and other people with interesting stories to tell of their historical research or their aviation or military experiences.

### Time and Location:

Wednesday, May 16, 2018, 7:00 p.m.

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3200 N. Laughlin Road. Santa Rosa, CA

Cost: Free for Members and Guests. ★

## Shop and Give! (a reminder)

by CJ Stephens

A few months ago Nancy briefed the membership on a method for PCAM to gain money. It is really simple and effective.

All we have to do is go to Amazon.com and sign in. There is a flag that allows each of us to click on "Amazon Smile". We are registered as a Non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation with Amazon. Once you do this it will ask you if you want to use "Amazon Smile" every time you sign into Amazon. If you click yes at each sign in, a percentage of each purchase will accumulate and at years end will be paid to PCAM.

The percentage is low but if many of us do this it will add up as end of year income.

Be sure to pass the word to others. ★

## Open Cockpit Supersonic Weekend

### Blue Angels F-4N Phantom II Cockpit Simulator—May 19 & May 20

Our Blue Angels F-4N Phantom II is a cockpit simulator used to train Phantom pilots. Even though it looks like a real F-4N, it is not.

The military brought the Blue Angels Simulator to our 1998 air show for the first time, and it was a big hit. After that show the Sim was put into storage and forgotten until 2006 when it was offered to the Pacific Coast Air Museum.

Since then our F-4N Simulator has had a successful career educating and inspiring our youth, supporting the military, and promoting aviation at events around the west coast.



### F-4C Phantom II—May 19 & May 20

The workhorse of Vietnam was the F-4 Phantom II. It was used in a number of combat roles.

Pacific Coast Air Museum's F-4 was an Air Force jet. After its service life was over, the jet was assigned to the Sierra Army Depot, on Highway 395, north of Reno, where it sat for several years with its twin F-4, out in the middle of nowhere on the base.

As fate would have it, two museums got word of the aircraft and applied for acquisition. Pacific Coast Air Museum was one of the museums selected to receive one of the aircraft. In 1994, crews of Pacific Coast Air Museum members spent many hours on

the Army base, in desolate conditions, taking the F-4 apart. It was very hard as the aircraft was built to take a lot of abuse, and was not easy to dismantle.

Slowly, pieces began to arrive, and other crews, as well as the disassembly crews, put it back together, for a permanent home at Sonoma county.



### F-106 Delta Dart—May 19 & May 20

In the early 1950's it became clear that the Interceptor being developed by Convair would not be operational by its 1954 deadline. Faced with this problem, the US Air Force decided to procure from Convair a less sophisticated interim interceptor. This emerged as the F-102A Delta Dagger and the original project was then designated the F-102B. It is this latter project which eventually became the F-106 Delta Dart.

On June 17th 1956, the F-102B was officially designated the F-106, reflecting the fact that the original requirements had changed considerably.



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## Open Cockpit Supersonic Weekend

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### F-106 Delta Dart

All the requirements for speed, altitude and all-weather capability had been increased.

The F-106 Delta Dart was the fastest single-engined jet ever. It was a Cold War interceptor, designed to defend the U.S. homeland from enemy bombers by climbing extremely high and extremely fast and knocking them down with nuclear air-to-air missiles.

The aircraft was the primary air defense weapon for most of the 60's and was kept in service much longer than the original design called for. After more than 20 years service with the USAF, the F-106s were finally withdrawn from service in 1988.



### T-38 Talon—May 19 & May 20

Northrop Aviation began a private venture development program in the mid 1950s to create a high performance lightweight fighter that would be suitable for supply to and operation by friendly nations via the Military Assistance Program. It was designated Northrop N-156 and developed into the YT-38. First flown in 1959, the results were good and the military ordered T-38A Talons which entered

The T-38 is many Air Force pilots' favorite aircraft. Supersonic, maneuverable, easy and fun to fly, it has been highly successful at preparing pilots for flying the world's most advanced tactical jets.

Produced between 1961 and 1972, total aircraft 1187 built for the USAF.



### A Special Thank You!

“We vacationed in Windsor this year for spring break, we came to your museum kind of late in the day. It was one of the highlights of our trip. One of your volunteers took us around and told us about the aircraft. And stories from his service in the navy. It was the best air museum tour ever. Our docent was very knowledgeable and a great storyteller. He really made the experience something great! I hope we find ourselves back down that way we would love to see it again.” Greg Korn

This very special retired Navy Airman and PCAM Docent is Gary Casassa!



**THANK YOU, VOLUNTEER DOCENTS!  
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# May 2018

| Sun   | Mon                    | Tue | Wed   | Thu                                  | Fri | Sat   |
|---|------------------------|-----|---|--------------------------------------|-----|---|
|   |                        | 1   | 2   | 3 <i>Hot Dog Thursday</i><br>11:30am | 4   | 5   |
| 6   | 7                      | 8   | 9 <i>PCAM Board Meeting</i> 8:30                                      | 10                                   | 11  | 12  |
| 13  | 14                     | 15  | 16 <i>Air Show Meeting—</i> 6:00 pm<br><i>Member Meeting—</i> 7:00 pm | 17                                   | 18  | 19 <i>Celebrating the Living Historians of World War II &amp; Korea Veterans</i> 10:00-2:00<br><i>Open Cockpit Supersonic Weekend</i> 10:00 |
| 20 <i>Open Cockpit Supersonic Weekend</i> 10:00 | 21                     | 22  | 23  | 24                                   | 25  | 26  |
| 27  | 28 <i>Memorial Day</i> | 29  | 30 <i>Flight Wing Meeting</i> 5:00 pm                                 | 31                                   |     |   |

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## The Pacific Coast Air Museum

### Location

One Air Museum Way, Santa Rosa, CA, 95403  
[www.pacificcoastairmuseum.org](http://www.pacificcoastairmuseum.org)  
707-575-7900

At the Charles M. Schulz-Sonoma County Airport, north of Santa Rosa. Hwy 101 north to Airport Blvd. and go west. Turn left on North Laughlin Rd, right on Becker Blvd. then right on Air Museum Way.



### Hours

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.  
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Closed on major holidays.

### Open Cockpit Weekends

One or more aircraft are open for close examination the third weekend of each month (weather permitting) and you can even climb aboard some of them! For more info phone 707-575-7900 or visit [www.pacificcoastairmuseum.org](http://www.pacificcoastairmuseum.org).

### Member Meetings

Normally held on the third Wednesday of each month, 7:00 p.m. at Columbia Distributing, 3200 N. Laughlin Road, Santa Rosa, CA

### “Straight Scoop” Newsletter

The museum newsletter, “Straight Scoop” is published monthly and is available online on the museum’s web site. Members are encouraged to submit articles for possible publication. Deadline: the 26th of the month prior to publication. All articles in the newsletter are covered by copyright. If you wish to submit articles or use any of the content, please call 707-575-7900.

### Membership Renewals

\$50 per year individual; \$100 per year for families. Send renewals to the museum, address below.

### Address Corrections

Please send to Pacific Coast Air Museum,  
One Air Museum Way, Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Visit our web site at [www.pacificcoastairmuseum.org](http://www.pacificcoastairmuseum.org) or call 707-575-7900 for more information.

Read the “Red Baron Flyer,” the quarterly newsletter of the Charles M. Schulz-Sonoma County Airport:  
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[Open Cockpit: T-38, F-4, F-106](#)

*Saturday, May 19, 2018 - Sunday, May 20, 2018*

[Open Cockpit: AV-8](#)

*Saturday, June 16, 2018 - Sunday, June 17, 2018*

[Hot Dog Thursday](#)

*Thursday, May 3, 2018*

[Celebrating the Living Historians of World War II & Korea Veterans](#)

*Saturday, May 19, 2018*

[Wheels & Wings Car Show](#)

*June 23, 2018*

[Gala and Auction](#)

*Friday, September 21, 2018*

[Wings Over Wine Country Air Show](#)

*Saturday, September 22 - Sunday September 23, 2018*

**2018 Calendar of Events**

The Pacific Coast Air Museum hosts many family-friendly and child-friendly events all year 'round. We host an annual Santa Fly-In around Christmastime, monthly Member Meetings, monthly Hot Dog Thursday lunches from April through October, our annual Wings Over Wine Country Air Show in late summer, and special events like car shows, guest lecturers, and more!

Most events focus upon aviation and our collection of over 35 historic aircraft including military jets, helicopters, and other classic airplanes. ✪