



# STRAIGHT SCOOP

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**To promote the acquisition, restoration, safe operation and display of historic aircraft, preserve aviation history and provide an educational venue for the community**

The **United States Air Force (USAF)** is the aerial warfare service branch of the United States Armed Forces and one of the seven American uniformed services. Initially part of the United States Army, the USAF was formed as a separate branch of the military on 18 September 1947 under the National Security Act of 1947.<sup>[1]</sup> It is the most recent branch of the U.S. military to be formed, and is the most technologically advanced air force in the world. The USAF articulates its core functions in its *2010 Posture Statement* as Nuclear Deterrence Operations, Special Operations, Air Superiority, Global Integrated ISR, Space Superiority, Command and Control, Cyberspace Superiority, Personnel Recovery, Global Precision Attack, Building Partnerships, Rapid Global Mobility and Agile Combat Support.<sup>[4]</sup>

As of 2009<sup>l</sup> The USAF operates 5,573 manned aircraft in service (3,990 USAF; 1,213 Air National Guard; and 370 Air Force Reserve);<sup>[5]</sup> approximately 180 unmanned combat air vehicles, 2,130 air-launched cruise missiles,<sup>[6]</sup> and 450 intercontinental ballistic missiles. The USAF has 330,159 personnel on active duty, 68,872 in the Selected and Individual Ready Reserves, and 94,753 in the Air National Guard as of September 2008. In addition, the USAF employs 151,360 civilian personnel,<sup>[7]</sup> and has over 60,000 auxiliary members in Civil Air Patrol,<sup>[8]</sup> making it the largest air force in the world.

The Department of the Air Force is headed by the civilian Secretary of the Air Force, who is appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate, and has the authority to conduct all of its affairs, subject to the authority, direction and control of the Secretary of Defense. The Department of the Air Force is a *Military Department* within the Department of Defense, and it includes all elements of the United States Air Force, i.e. the technical designation of the *U.S. Air Force organization*. The highest ranking military officer in the Department of the Air Force is the Chief of Staff of the Air Force who exercises supervision over Air Force units, and serves as a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Air Force combat forces are assigned, as directed by the Secretary of Defense, to the Combatant Commanders, and neither the Secretary of the Air Force nor the Chief of Staff have operational command authority over them.



[www.pacificcoastairmuseum.org](http://www.pacificcoastairmuseum.org)

(707) 575-7900

## The Pacific Coast Air Museum

**Location:** At the Charles M. Schulz-Sonoma County Airport, North of Santa Rosa, West of Highway 101, at 2230 Becker Blvd, off North Laughlin Road.

**Hours:** Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday.  
10:00am—4:00pm.

**“Climb Aboard”:** A selected aircraft is available to “Climb Aboard” the third weekend of each month (weather permitting). Please visit our web site at [www.pacificcoastairmuseum.org](http://www.pacificcoastairmuseum.org) or call 707-575-7900 for details or further information.

**Member Meetings:** Normally held on the third Wednesday of each month, 7:00 pm at Mesa Beverage Company, Inc. 3200 N. Laughlin Road, Santa Rosa, CA

### “Straight Scoop”

The museum newsletter, “Straight Scoop” is published monthly and is available on line on the museum’s web site. Members are highly encouraged to submit articles for possible publication. The deadline is 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 contact:  
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### Membership Renewals:

\$30 per year individual; \$45 per year for families.  
Send renewals to the museum, address below.

**Address Corrections:** Please send to:  
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Please visit our web site at

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Donations Since The Previous Newsletter

Richard Abbott

## July 18th Speaker Information

Our July 18<sup>th</sup> Guest Speaker is **Einar Enevoldson**, former USAF Captain, NASA test pilot, founder and Chairman of the Board of The Perlan Project. Einar will share his incredible story of the project that will result in flying a glider to an altitude of 90,000 feet! He and Steve Fosset set a glider world record of 50,671 feet in 2006 flying Perlan I proving the concept. They piloted a modified DG505M, in stratospheric mountains waves generated by the Polar Vortex over el Calafate, Argentina.

In 1992, Einar first envisioned the Perlan Project when a LIDAR image of a stratospheric mountain wave, at 75,000 feet above Northern Scandinavia was first shown in Germany. Einar believed that such mountain waves could be used to fly a sailplane to astonishing heights.

### BIO

A lifelong glider pilot, Einar is a former jet fighter pilot in the USAF, and exchange officer with the Royal Air Force where he attended the Empire Test Pilot's School in Farnborough, England. Following graduation, he served as a test pilot on the Hunter, Lightning and Javelin British fighter aircraft from 1966 to 1967. From 1968 until 1986 Einar was a NASA research pilot at the Dryden Flight Research Center, Edwards, CA. Among the many planes he flew for NASA were the YF-12A (Interceptor version of the SR-71), the oblique wing AD-1, Controlled Deep Stall Sailplane and the X-24B Lifting Body. He was twice awarded the NASA Exceptional Service Medal.



Perlan I



Einar Enevoldson All suited up



Perlan II

### Help Wanted!! - - Volunteer Coordinator

The museum is seeking a Volunteer Coordinator. This rewarding position consists of contacting new and old members of the museum to determine their interests and recruiting them to our volunteer team. It can be a lot of fun and of tremendous help to the museum. If you are interested in learning more about this exciting opportunity, contact President Allan Morgan at 431-2856 or [amrgn@comcast.net](mailto:amrgn@comcast.net)

**To the membership of the Pacific Coast Air Museum,**

On June 27<sup>th</sup> I sent the letter below to the Board and Staff of the Pacific Coast Air Museum. Chris Tart, who has also decided to retire as long-time newsletter editor, left some space in this newsletter with the thought that I might want to say something to the membership.

I do - - I want to thank all of you for your spirit of volunteerism, for your hard work and loyalty to the Pacific Coast Air Museum and for your friendship and loyalty to me. As a team working together, we have created some amazing and wonderful things - - just come to the museum and look around. The fulfillment of the three missions of the Pacific Coast Air Museum - - restoring, preserving and displaying historic aircraft, preserving aviation history and providing an educational venue for the community has never been done better than you are doing them right now. The future of the Pacific Coast Air Museum and the "Wings over Wine Country" Air Show are bright - - thanks to you - - the membership and the volunteers.

As I told the Board and Staff in the letter announcing my retirement, as a paid up Life Member of the Pacific Coast Air Museum I plan to stay involved with both the museum and the Air Show, and join the wonderful corps of volunteers who made this the great organization that it is.

Thanks again and I'll be seeing you around the museum and the Air Show.

Dave

June 27, 2012

Board, Staff

After much reflection, thought and discussion with my wife Betty, I have decided to retire from my position as Executive Director of the Pacific Coast Air Museum on August 31, 2012 near the conclusion of my seventh year as Executive Director.

Since graduating from college I have worked 51 straight years over three long careers. It's now time to do some different things, travel and spend more time with Betty and my family.

I am extremely proud of what we have accomplished at the Pacific Coast Air Museum during my seven years as Executive Director. Many things, come to mind, but Certification by the National Museum of the United States Air Force, acquiring the 9/11 "First Responder" F-15, constructing the F-15 exhibit and dedicating it on the 10th anniversary of 9/11, our greatly enhanced education programs, the dramatic improvements in function and appearance inside our buildings and outside on the grounds and the huge strides we've made in making the "Wings Over Wine Country" Air Show one of the top shows in the country stand out among them.

As a paid up Life Member of the museum, I plan to stay involved in the museum and Air Show as time allows.

We have accomplished much in the past seven years and I am very proud of what we have accomplished.

Very sincerely,

Dave Pinsky, Colonel, USAF (Ret.)  
Executive Director  
Pacific Coast Air Museum



## PACIFIC COAST AIR MUSEUM

“Top Gun” Weekend  
Climb Aboard  
A-26 “Invader”, F-84 “Thunderstreak”  
RF-86F & F-86H “Sabres”  
July 21st & 22nd  
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

### REMEMBER THESE DATES

Wednesday, July 11th	@ 8:30 a.m. Board of Directors Meeting at the Museum
Thursrday, July 12th	@ 12:00 p.m. Executive Director’s Staff Meeting at the Museum
Wednesday, July 18th	@ 6:00 p.m. Air Show General Meeting
Wednesday, July 18th	@ 7:00 p.m. Membership Meeting

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