



STRAIGHT SCOOP

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

The F-15 Eagle 9/11 “First Responder” Aircraft is Coming to Santa Rosa”!



F-15

The First Responder Story

On September 11th 2001, two U.S. Air Force F-15 Eagles from the 101st Fighter Squadron, 102nd Fighter Wing, Otis Air National Guard Base (ANGB) Massachusetts were scrambled by NORAD in response to commercial airliners being hijacked and used as weapons to attack the World Trade Center in New York City. This armed patrol was this nation's first airborne response to the terrorist attacks of that day arriving over Manhattan only moments after the World Trade Center was struck. The sight of these F-15s over New York City was the show of strength New Yorkers on the ground needed to see in their darkest hour.

Owing its heritage to the Massachusetts Minutemen, the 102nd Fighter Wing has been in continuous service since 1921, and the tail flash for this wing includes the Minuteman, the very symbol of the citizen soldier. On May 22, 2002 a Joint Resolution was passed by the Congress of the United States recognizing the members of the 102nd FW for their actions on September 11th, 2001.

One of those historic “First Responder” F-15 Eagles was retired to the Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Center (AMARC) at Davis-Monthan AFB, Tucson Arizona on July 31st after nearly thirty years of service. This is the 102nd Fighter Wing Commander's aircraft, serial number 77-0102 and was the lead aircraft that responded from the alert shelters at Otis ANGB on that fateful day.

This aircraft lead the United States response in the sky over New York City, and developed, in the air, the air defense plan for New York City, Washington DC, and the east coast of the United States.

The exhibit at the [Pacific Coast Air Museum](http://www.pacificcoastairmuseum.org) will honor those who perished and those who responded in a valiant effort to save lives, as well as tell the untold story of the heroism in the skies and on the ground that day by the U.S. Air Force and FAA.

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 or call 707-575-7900 for details or further Information.

Member Meetings: Normally held on the third Wednesday of each month, 7:00pm 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: Chris Tart, Editor
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Membership Renewals:

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

Address Corrections:

Please send to:

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Santa Claus Fly In

Where else can you see Santa Claus arrive on the scene by air?? Mark your Calendar for Dec. 18, 2010 and come to the Pacific Coast Air Museum at 11 a.m. to see Santa fly in by helicopter. After Santa arrives, he will set up shop on the new stage by the KC-97 nose with his bag of treats and will take requests from all of the kids who have been nice. Every child will get a free bag of goodies. The event will have something for children of all ages. While the kids wait to see Santa, they can test their skills making crafts, enjoy animals in the petting zoo, get their face painted, and play in the jumps and air slide.

The museum will have a selection of food and beverages available similar to the famous Hot Dog Thursday menu, with extra items like popcorn, cookies, hot chocolate, tea and coffee. Also, don't forget to check out the many discounted specials offered in the gift shop to fill out your shopping list. Museum members are encouraged to help spread the word to their neighbors and friends. Admission is free for everyone. Posters and flyers are available in the air show office and gift shop.

The BIG HOLIDAY AND GRAND PARTY MEETING December 15, 2010

This is not only the Pacific Coast Air Museum Holiday Party, but it is also the Annual Membership Meeting as required by our by-laws. This meeting is where you (the membership) elect our three new Board Members to a three year term.

WHERE: Mesa Beverage Company

WHEN: **Wednesday**, December 15, 2010 @ 7:00—9:00 PM

DETAILS: Since it is the Holiday meeting, members are asked to bring potluck dishes, hors d'oeuvres and holiday snacks to share. We will announce the Volunteer of the Year, plus many other awards.

This is the chance to meet and greet members you may never have met or have not seen in a long time and to enjoy the fellowship.

Membership Renewal, Planned Giving & Board Elections

In the next few days you'll be receiving a very important envelope with the Pacific Coast Air Museum logo and return address on the outside. It will contain: - 2011 membership renewal, life member and donation info and application. Planned Giving brochure with info on how to remember the Pacific Coast Air Museum in your trust, will, estate, etc - Candidate statements and ballot for the Board elections - Envelope to mail your membership renewal, life member application and election ballot back to us. We know you get a lot of mail around the holidays, but this is the only one you'll get from your Air Museum (other than your 2011 membership card and thanks for those who become Life Members). It is probably the most important thing you'll receive from us all year. Please, please look it over when you get it. Then don't procrastinate - fill out the membership renewal form, write a check, vote for not more than three Board candidates, and mail it back to us not later than Dec 15th (ballots are due by 7:30pm that night). For those who would like more information on Planned Giving, please contact our Development Director Barbara Beedon at 707-695-3683.

Year-end Giving.....

.....most of us do it. Most of us give to organizations we have supported for years. And most of us overlook other organizations to which we give hours instead of money. But **all** organizations need *money* to turn on the lights.....and cannot survive only on donations of time or supplies.

And, yes, like most charitable organizations, we too have our hand out.....not only at this time of year, but also throughout the year, to support the various things we do to meet our mission of honoring and preserving aviation history.

So, if you are a volunteer, then you already know what we do, and we thank you for your gift of time. Hopefully you know the full SCOPE of what we do, as well. Our Education Department has grown significantly over the past couple of years, and we need money for supplies, and to assist low-income schools with transportation, so ALL children in the Santa Rosa area can learn about aviation history at the Pacific Coast Air Museum.

Then, of course there is our “Hattie Stone Building Fund”, which we are still growing to meet the future needs for housing our collection of aircraft and aviation artifacts – a collection which already exceeds most people’s expectations! Then there is the Air Show.....did you know that a large percentage of people living in Santa Rosa still DON’T KNOW that The Pacific Coast Air Museum puts it on? We’re working hard to change that, because we bring in people to play and stay in Sonoma County, which translates to tax dollars and future revenue. In that way, we are an asset to the community that shouldn’t be overlooked

Now, we have another significant reason why we need your supportmore than ever. Because we have a reputation for taking great care with the restoration of our aircraft, and have been a trusted guardian of aircraft on loan from the Air Force, and Navy National Aviation Museums, we have now been entrusted with preserving not only an aircraft of great significance, but also with telling the story behind the aircraft, and the tortuous chain of events that define 9/11. The events of that day also represent the second time our **homeland** was attacked from outside our borders. Along with the City of New York, we will become a touchstone for a generation of people for whom the ripples from 9/11 came all the way to the West Coast of our country.

With the arrival of our F-15 Eagle, the First Responder aircraft to arrive over New York City on 9/11, we become the holders of a piece of our common history, the tellers of the story, and the place where the aviation history of that day will be honored and preserved for future generations.

This will be one of the most important things WE will ever do as a museum. And we want and need your help to do it. As you are making out those checks for your year-end giving, please also write one to the Pacific Coast Air Museum. Help support the work we do on behalf of our local community, and help us preserve and commemorate an event of worldwide significance.

As you gather with your family and loved ones for the holidays, please know that we value your friendship and membership, and wish you all the blessings of the season!

Del Sparrowe Guest Speaker - January 19, 2011

Our January 19, 2011 speaker is [Del Sparrowe](#), is a WWII Veteran who served in the US Army Air Corps as a flight crewman and mechanic assigned to the 46th Troop Carrier Squadron which ultimately flew in the Australia – New Guinea area of the Pacific Theater. Del is also one of our most recent WWII veterans to join the Pacific Coast Air Museum as a member. He was trained in factory new C-47s but after arriving in the Pacific Theater, his unit was assigned older C-47s and a single B-17C Flying Fortress bomber (an unarmed/supercharged version) converted to airlift troops from Port Moresby to Mackay, Queensland, Australia on ten day R&R visits.

While serving in Australia, Del witnessed the crash of his squadron's B-17C which crashed after takeoff on June 14, 1943, at Bakers Creek, killing 40 on board with one survivor. This was the worst single aviation accident in the Pacific during WWII. That crash was memorialized with a stone carving that most recently was transported to the Australian Embassy in Washington DC and is waiting the selection of a site for permanent placement. There have been steps taken to place the memorial at Arlington Cemetery or nearby Fort Myers VA.

Del has crafted a model of the B-17C aircraft lost on June 14, 1943 which was replicated in bronze on the Memorial at Mackay. He will be speaking about his experiences during WWII. Del Sparrowe was born in Berkeley, CA on April 27, 1922 and graduated from Berkeley High School. While attending his first year of college, the Japanese hit Pearl Harbor. He enlisted in the Army Air Corps on January 9th, 1942, as soon after December 7th as possible. He joined the Army because the recruiter said if he got a certain score or better on the General Classification Test they would send him to Sheppard Field, Texas, for basic training and then send him to airplane mechanics school. And that's exactly what they did. They also sent him to Santa Monica where he spent a month at Douglas Air Craft Factory. While stationed in Santa Monica, he married his high school sweetheart (and they have celebrated their 68th anniversary).

Del was returned to his squadron in Townsville and assigned to crew a C-47 again. He flew over most of Australia and all of New Guinea for eighteen months. New Guinea was marked by rather rugged flying and difficult landings. He accumulated almost 150 combat hours which led to his receiving the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal along with other WWII decorations.

Below is a photo of Del with a model of the B-17



NEW MEMBERS

Nicole Vandelaar – Windsor
Dennis & Clara DeFevere Family – Palo Alto
Anderson & Cally Puckett Family - Healdsburg
Deborah Shrimplin – Rohnert Park
Myra Grist – Santa Rosa
Jim McCord – Santa Rosa
Robb Daer Family – Santa Rosa
Charles Dresow – Sausalito
Art Hayssen - Sebastopol

DONATIONS SINCE THE PREVIOUS NEWSLETTER

James & Tracy Long
Judy Knaute
Julius Vereberly
Glenn Barrett
Pete Gellar

Bud Anderson, WWII Triple Ace in the P-51 Mustang captivated our audience when he spoke at our October Member Meeting. His autographed book is available for purchase at the museum Gift Shop.





The new stage attached to the KC-97 nose.



The Santa Rosa High School Symphony Band entertained veterans and their guests on Nov 9th at the annual luncheon honoring veterans



The Pacific Coast Air Museum was very well represented at the annual luncheon honoring veterans on Nov 9th at the Veteran's Hall in Santa Rosa put on by the Santa Rosa Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs.

THE HATTIE STONE BUILDING FUND

The Building Fund for the Pacific Coast Air Museum

Because of Hattie Stone's enthusiasm, interest and support for the building fund, the Board of Directors re-named the building fund **The Hattie Stone Building Fund**. It is an honor for the Museum to have her name on that fund.

From the start of our new museum Building Fund drive through mid-November of this year, the folks on this list have made generous donations for our new museum. We need your donations, now matter how large or small, to support our building campaign. Many thanks to all on this list who made donations to the Building Fund. We are currently meeting with the County to discuss our plans for a wonderful new museum on the airport. We are making progress! You can show your support by sending in a donation of any size. Thanks in advance for your generosity.

PLATINUM WINGS

(donations of \$10,000 or more)

Hattie Stone

GOLD WINGS

(Donations of \$1,000 to \$9,999)

Apex Aviation—Jim Markel

Jim Cook

Dick Dennis

Barney & Clare Hagen

Judy Knaute

Larry Rengstorf

Daniel Cassidy Estate

Duane Coppock

Don & Jann Doherty

Howard Hall

Steve Kwok

John Rutigliano

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Duane Coppock

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In Memory of Robert Cha

John Creech

In Memory of Ray Anderson

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Phil Danskin

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Santa Fly-In

**December 18, 2010
11:00 a.m.
Admission is free
for everyone!**

REMEMBER THESE DATES

December 1st @ 8:30 a.m. Board of Directors Meeting at the Museum

December 14th @ 12:00 p.m. Executive Director's Staff Meeting at the Museum

December 18th @ 11:00 a.m. Santa Fly In

New Member Meeting Location
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