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Captain Mark Hubbard, USN
Commander, Strike Fighter Wing, U.S. Pacific Fleet

Mark, a new member of our Wing, is currently flying our F6F-5. He flew the Hellcat to Midland, Texas to participate in Airsho 2010 at CAF Headquarters on October 9 & 10. See Page 6 for his biography.

**Wing Staff Meeting, Saturday, November 13, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. at the
CAF Museum Hangar, 455 Aviation Drive, Camarillo Airport**

[Our CAF Mission: To Honor American Military Aviation Through Flight, Exhibition and Remembrance.](#)

November 2010

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Wing Leader's Report

by Shirley Murphy



This is to commend our crew for all the hard work and long hours that have made our Wing one to be truly proud of.

Here are a few things of which all of us can be proud:

The special events have kept our staff busy. The result has been funds that are needed for the day-to-day operations, as well as upkeep for our aircraft.

The work by Dodie Wilhite, who is responsible for recording the numerous donations of uniforms, books, etc. to our Aviation Museum.

The work of our docents, who greet and guide our guests, and tell them the stories of our facilities, our airplanes and our many volunteers who keep our operation going.

The long hours of maintenance and TLC devoted to our airplanes and our facilities that keep our ground equipment and aircraft operational, and our Museum chugging along.

All this, and more, has resulted in our So Cal Wing Museum being a high point for our visitors.

Remember, we serve as a bridge in history for those who served, their children who are the adults of today, and their children, who are the adults of tomorrow.

Thank you all for your hard work in behalf of our CAF – Southern California Wing !

Operation Mail Call: Follow-Up

Last year we conducted "Operation Mail Call," where members of our Wing wrote letters, sent e-mails, and also sent "care" packages to members of VAW-117 Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron, deployed in the Middle East on the USS Nimitz aircraft carrier.

One of our Friends of the Museum, Marilyn Meyer, wrote to a young Navy airman named Mikel Halencak, of Vernon, Texas. Marilyn's grandson, Jack Severino, also wrote to Mikel, and the three quickly became friends. They came together to visit our Aviation Museum recently.

The Hunt for Veterans

Writer Jannette Jauregui of Santa Paula is currently working on a book of images that will feature Ventura County military veterans from World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War.

The book, titled Images of America: Ventura County Veterans: World War II to Vietnam, is scheduled for publication in the spring of 2011. Jauregui is seeking original photographs featuring Ventura County veterans from all three wars.

Photographs can be in any setting, from the front lines to wedding photos in uniform, and professional individual portraits. Candid photos from training camps and overseas are highly desired.

Those interested in submitting an image should include the original photograph(s), [along with a self addressed stamped envelope for return of the photo\(s\)](#), and a two-paragraph description of where the photo was taken, whom the photo includes, where the veteran served, and what branch of the military he/she was in.

All information should be mailed to:

Jannette Jauregui
P.O. Box 104
590 W. Main St.
Santa Paula, CA 93060

The deadline to send the photographs is Nov. 1, 2010. Any questions can be directed to Jauregui via e-mail at jannette@jannettejauregui.com.

Editor's Note: Thanks to Yoshi Abe for sharing this article from the Ventura County Star with us. We hope that many of our veterans will participate in Jannette's worthwhile project. She has been doing a wonderful service by telling stories of veterans in the Ventura County Star for several years. Your stories are important, and your photos, too. We want to memorialize the stories of veterans. That's one of the important goals of the CAF – [Remembrance](#).

[Keep in mind that the deadline is November 1 – so time is of the essence.](#)



Jack, Mikel and Marilyn during their CAF visit.

“FRIENDS OF THE MUSEUM” PROGRAM

by Ceci Stratford

The “Friends of the Museum” is an annual donation program to bring funds to the Wing. Since its inception in 2007, the program has brought in more than \$11,000!

The program is open to anyone, starting at \$50 and going up to \$5,000. Different levels provide different giving opportunities and benefits.

Each Friend receives a personal ID card, a 10% discount at the gift shop, and a Quarterly “Friends” newsletter (different from the “Flight Line”). Different benefits are given for amounts in between \$50 and \$5000. See the *Friends Donation Form* on the back page for details.

CAF Colonels are invited to participate, but it’s especially designed for spouses, neighbors, friends, businesses, and anyone who is interested in helping us grow. **So, please take a look at the *Friends Donation Form*, make copies of it and start giving it to people you know are interested in World War II aviation.** Send in an application for yourself and another for your neighbor or spouse!

Blue *Friends Donation Cards* are also inserted into our new Museum brochures.

Remember, this is a fund raising program for the Wing, not a membership program.

For questions, call me at (805) 630-3696 or email me at cecipilot@sbcglobal.net.

Members of the Month:

September 2010

- **Dick Roberts** - For dedication and consistency in working on the Spitfire and doing those odd jobs no one else likes to do, like mopping the 'O' Club floor and taking out the trash!
- **Ron Fleishman** - For his many years of service as Wing Historian, photographer extraordinaire, and Docent.

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- **Les Bedding** - for his continued perseverance in leading the Spitfire crew to a successful restoration!!
- **Larry Kates** - for his many years of being a docent and for making those beautiful wooden wings in the 'O' Club and on the Pictorial Display Walls in the Maintenance Hangar.

Congratulations to all for helping us to “Keep ‘Em Flying!”

“Operation Sun Kings”

The men and women of the Carrier Airborne Early Warning E2C Hawkeye Squadron VAW-116 have recently deployed from Pt. Mugu Naval Air Station to the Pacific and Indian Ocean theater.

VAW-116 is known as “The Sun Kings.” They are the eyes and ears of the fleet – and help coordinate the battle plans of the planes flying off the USS Abraham Lincoln (CV-72).

They are a very hard-working bunch of servicemen and women, and need our help to make things happier for them as they ply the Red Sea and environs to support our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan.

With your help, we will be sending “care” packages to them to lighten their days and remind them that people in the U.S. are thinking about them and wishing them well.

Stephanie Tagliaferri, a member of our Wing, has volunteered to take care of the shopping, packing and shipping of the packages to the squadron. She is working with the VAW-116 Ombudsman to get free shipping to the squadron. Stephanie works at Pt. Mugu with the outfit that does maintenance for the E2C Hawkeye squadrons.

The 130 members of The Sun Kings squadron will be deployed during the Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years holidays. They are not scheduled for return until sometime in March, 2011. We can all help make their days a little brighter by pitching in and sending our donations to the **Sun Kings Care Package Fund**.

Kindly send whatever you can afford to:

CAF-SoCAWing
455 Aviation Drive
Camarillo, CA 93010

Attn: Casey de Bree
(Please mark your check:
“For VAW-116”)

We plan to publish some photos from VAW-116 aboard the USS Abraham Lincoln in the future, and we will keep you all advised of their operations while deployed.



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The CAF So Cal Wing has created a financial donation opportunity by establishing a “**Friends of the Museum**” program. (Note, this is not a membership program. Rather, it is a fund raising program. Membership is through our Midland Headquarters and costs \$200 annually. Call our office at the number above for more details.)

The CAF So Cal Wing is a volunteer organization dedicated to supporting the education and preservation of military aviation and its value to our country. The “Friends of the Museum” program was established to provide funding for our educational programs, help us expand our exhibits, and maintain our airplanes.

By joining the “Friends” program, not only will you receive the benefits of unlimited admission to the Museum Hangar, discounts at our gift shop, and a “Friends Newsletter”, you will also be ensuring that an important piece of history is [reserved for future generations.

Complete the form and mail it and your check/credit card information to the address above.

FRIENDS OF THE MUSEUM DONOR FORM

COMMEMORATIVE AIR FORCE – SO CAL WING WORLD WAR II AVIATION MUSEUM



Print Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone () _____ Cell () _____

Email _____

I am a current CAF Colonel I am a current Friend ID ___

Form of Payment: Cash Credit Card Check
(Make check payable to “CAF SoCal Wing - Friends of the Museum”)

Credit Card # _____ Exp. Date _____

Check One: Visa Master Card Discovery

Signature _____

Select Participation Level (Benefits for each level are listed below)

- Individual \$50
- Family \$75
- Supporter \$250
- Sustaining \$500
- Patron \$1000
- Benefactor \$5000

Friends of the Museum donation is valid for 1 year from the month of donation

The CAF is a 501(c)3 organization. Your contribution is tax-deductible.

(See your Tax advisor for your individual tax situation.)

Mail to above address.

Friends of the Museum Levels and Benefits

BENEFIT	INDIVIDUAL \$50	FAMILY \$75	SUPPORTER \$250	SUSTAINING \$500	PATRON \$1000	BENEFACTOR \$5000
Unlimited Museum Hangar Access	X	X	X	X	X	X
Personalized Friends of the Museum ID Card	X	X	X	X	X	X
“Friends Newsletter”	X	X	X	X	X	X
Gift Shop Discount 10%	X	X	X	X	X	X
Wing Patch			X	X	X	X
Drawing for Ride in SNJ				X	X	
Framed Certificate					X	X
Ride in SNJ and Photo						X
Name on Plaque in Museum						X

CAPTAIN MARK A. HUBBARD, USN **Commander, Strike Fighter Wing, U.S. Pacific Fleet**



© Photo by Dave Flood

Here's Mark with his grandson, "Khai," on the wing of his new "bird," the F6F-5 Hellcat. Mark is Commander of the Navy's Strike Fighter Wing, Pacific. He has approximately 380 FA-18 Hornets under his command, along with all the personnel who fly and maintain the aircraft. He is based at Lemoore Naval Air Station. We are honored to have him as a member! Here is his bio:

Captain Hubbard is a 1985 graduate of Missouri State University. He was commissioned through the Aviation Officers Candidate Program in April of 1985 and designated a Naval Aviator in September of 1986. Following A-6E Intruder training in Whidbey Island, Washington, he reported to VA-52 where he completed two WESTPAC and one NORPAC deployments on board the *USS CARL VINSON* (CVN-70).

After his tour with the "Knightriders" in June of 1990, Captain Hubbard reported to VMFAT-101 at El Toro, California, for transition to the F/A-18 Hornet and duty as an FRS instructor and Landing Signals Officer (LSO). In October of 1992, he joined the VMFA-314 "Black Knights" as a Navy Exchange pilot and LSO in preparation for their chop to Carrier Air Wing ELEVEN (CVW-11). During the 1993 WESTPAC deployment on board *USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN* (CVN-72), Captain Hubbard accepted a position on the Air Wing staff as "CAG LSO."

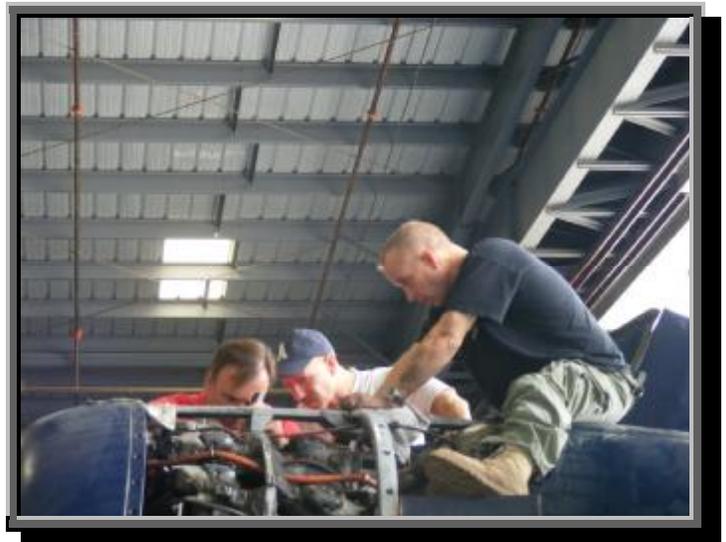
In June of 1994, Captain Hubbard retired as "CAG Paddles" and reported to Lemoore, California for duty as the Operations Officer at the Strike Fighter Weapons School. In July of 1996, he reported to VFA-115 as the first Department Head to transition and assist in the homeport change of VA-115, Carrier Air Wing FIVE (CVW-5) from Atsugi, Japan to Carrier Air Wing FOURTEEN (CVW-14) in Lemoore, California. In May of 1998, he reported to CSFWPAC as the Assistant Officer in Charge

of the Super Hornet Fleet Introduction Team. Here he participated in the Operational Evaluation (OPEVAL) with VX-9, stand-up of VFA-122 as the Navy's first Super Hornet FRS.

Captain Hubbard reported to VFA-151 as the Executive Officer in June of 2002, and assumed command of the Vigilantes in August 2002. During his tour as Commanding Officer, he served as the Strike Warfare Board Chairman for Carrier Air Wing TWO (CVW-2) embarked aboard *USS CONSTELLATION* (CV-64) and led the first coalition strikes of *Operation Iraqi Freedom* into Iraqi on March 21, 2003. After completing his command tour in February 2004, Captain Hubbard attended the United States Naval War College where he received a Masters of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies. In June of 2005, he was assigned to United States Special Operations Command (USSOCOM) as the Chief of Strategic Plans and Policy (J-52).

Captain Hubbard reported to Commander, Strike Fighter Wing Pacific in flight status October 2008.

His personal awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Distinguished Flying Cross (with combat distinguishing device), Meritorious Service Medal, Bronze Star, Strike/Flight Air Medal (four awards with bronze star and combat distinguishing device), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (five awards with combat distinguishing device), and the Navy Achievement Medal as well as various other campaign and unit awards. Captain Hubbard has logged over 4,600 total flight hours, 3,000 in the F/A-18, and 680 arrested landings. He is married to the former Robyn A. Pires of Lemoore, CA and has three adult children, Kendra, Cody, and Katelin.



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Mark is a "hands on" pilot. Here he is with his nose into the Hellcat's engine, along with Ken Gottschall (left) and Mark's friend, Kevin Corcoran (right), an Army buddy. Kevin, from Hanford, CA is also a "tail wheel" pilot.

Wing Photo Page I



© Photo by Bob Goubitz
Mark Hubbard “saddling up” the Hellcat in preparation to flying her during the CAF’s Airsho 2010.



© Photo by Bob Goubitz
Pat Brown doing her annual stint with the Water Cart at Airsho 2010 in Midland, TX on October 9 and 10.



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Jason Somes and Bob Goubitz at Midland – taking care of our F8F-2 Bearcat. The Hellcat and Bearcat were our Wing’s participants in the Midland Show.



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Here’s our Wing Ballot Box, which will be stationed in the “O Club” between October 15 and November 15. All members in good standing are encouraged to vote.



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Give Jim Hinckley a piece of wall, and he creates wonders. Here is his display in honor of our WWII veterans – the “Greatest Generation.”



Five of the seven flyable P-38 Lightnings flying from Chino to Sacramento for an air show. One of the Lightnings had to drop out and land at Fresno due to mechanical difficulties. The fourth one down in the “stack” is the P-51 that was in our Museum Hangar for awhile. It was at the Wings over Camarillo air show.

Shari Heitkotter: Candidate for Safety Officer



Shari joined the CAF in 2007 after learning about the organization from one of our pilots (Jason Somes) at an airshow. Since then, she has been actively involved in the maintenance of the aircraft, as well as helping at airshows and other events, participating in ramp organization and moving of aircraft to and from the flight line.

She got her pilots license in 2004; has her tailwheel endorsement; and completed an Emergency Maneuvers Training course.

She is currently in the process of getting checked out in the PT-19 and recently purchased a Luscombe 8a. She would like to continue her aviation education by getting a high performance/complex endorsement, her commercial and instrument ratings and an A & P license.

Shari is a Biologist for the California Department of Fish and Game, working in the Mojave desert of eastern Kern County.

Introducing: Stephanie Russell

by Kelsey Stuart, from "The Flyer" – newsletter of the Ventura County Chapter of the Ninety-Nines, Inc.

"The ink was still wet from her initial operating experience for her promotion to captain with SkyWest Air Lines when (1) the head flight attendant rushed to the cockpit to let her know that a man was smoking, and smoke was infiltrating the cabin; (2) her copilot announced that the de-icers were faulty; and (3) a woman in 1st class was sleeping so soundly that her dentures were hanging out, and the staff was uncertain of her mortality. En route to Seattle from Spokane, Stephanie Russell had no time to waste. She landed her first trip as captain of an aircraft to an audience of cop cars, mechanics and airport security.

Stephanie was born and raised in Seattle, WA, and is a "daughter of the airlines." While her father (Al) and the majority of the men in her family were commercial airline

pilots, and the women were flight attendants, she decided it was time for a change.

After completing her private pilot's license just out of high school at Renton Flying Service in Seattle, she completed her instrument training and other ratings while earning a degree in Psychology at the University of Washington. "We literally had a fleet in my family with a 172, an A-36 Bonanza and an Aztec for multi-time," she says. As the first female pilot in her family, Stephanie started as a CFI with Galvin Flying Service at Boeing Field.

She flew some corporate in a Citation and was soon hired on by SkyWest in 1998, and in a year was promoted to captain. She lived in Vancouver, WA and flew out of Portland, OR. In 2000 she received a job opportunity with United Airlines and moved to Manhattan Beach to be near LAX.

She married Marc Russell, another United pilot, in 2001. In 2003 she was furloughed by United, and started flying between the Hawaiian islands for Aloha in 737s, and eventually checked out to fly planes over the ocean.

When Stephanie was recalled back by United, she went on maternity leave. "When I came back from maternity leave I was doing four-day-long trips," Russell said. "I came home and had to put all these fires out," she joked. Russell is on furlough again with United, and plans to go back when she can.

Stephanie gave birth to Katie in 2007. "I never knew how much fun it would be, and how rewarding motherhood was going to be," she said. "Katie loves airplanes, and has had a couple of rides by both Mommy and Daddy in our T-34."

Stephanie has been a member of the Ninety-Nines since 2001, and was a lot more active before Katie was born. Now her goal is to become more involved."



Here's Stephanie in her "office" for United Airlines

Stephanie is married to Marc Russell, our Crew Chief on the North American PBJ-1J Restoration Team. Steph's dad Al is also a member of the PBJ Team.

Wing Photo Page II: OKTOBERFEST



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Karl Weismuller, 84 years young, appeared with the German Band & Dance Troupe from Anaheim at the Newbury Park Rotary Club's OKTOBERFEST – held at our Museum Hangar on September 25 & 26.



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Here is the dance group from Anaheim – doing a traditional German folk dance. Very colorful.



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The Mercedes Benz Club of Santa Barbara displayed their beautiful cars at the OKTOBERFEST. Note our C-46 "China Doll" in the background – open for tours.



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Our aircraft were displayed behind a special fencing, which was custom built by our resident Metal Work Designer, Lloyd McAfee. Attago, Lloyd!



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Alan Gaynor (left) and Paul Kleinbaum took orders for rides in our P-51, SNJ-5 and PT-19. Pilots were giving rides into the late evening. Business took off!



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The Wing took donations from OKTOBERFEST attendees for tours in our C-46 "China Doll," from vintage airplane rides, and from photos taken by parents of children in the Fokker Triplane or our Willys Jeep. Kudos to Steve Barber, Jr. and all the volunteers! It was a wonderful event and a credit to our Wing!

Commemorative Air Force Southern California Wing

Presents

Warbird Appreciation Day

Featuring the Grumman F6F-5 Hellcat "Minsi III"



CAF Aviation Museum
455 Aviation Drive – Camarillo Airport
Camarillo, CA 93010

Saturday, November 6, 2010
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Fly-bys / Photo Ops with airplane
Pilot briefing for public, with Q & A session
Public rides available in P-51, SNJ-5 and PT-19
Gift Shop Items tied in to F6F-5 Hellcat

Museum Donations Accepted

For more information, call 805-479-2221

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Wing Photo Page III



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A print by Randy Mytar, a talented aviation artist, of our No. American SNJ-5 Texan #290 is being displayed in our Gift Shop. It is suitable for framing. Those who have already taken the Vintage Airplane Ride in the SNJ-5 might want to order one. The cost is \$200 (\$150 for members). Call (805) 482-0064 to order one.



© Photo by Alan Nicholson

Steve Barber, one of our P-51 pilots, gave a very interesting talk about the P-51 – its history, its strengths and weaknesses, dotted with personal stories about those who flew the plane in WWII. A good crowd of attendees at our Warbird Appreciation Day on October 2 really appreciated Steve's talk, and asked many questions about the plane – all of which Steve answered with knowledge accumulated over years of flying and studying fighters of WWII. Great job, Steve!

Wing Air Show Schedule: 2010

Nov 5-7 Jacqueline Cochrane Air Show, Thermal, CA
P-51, Spitfire

Nov 13,14 Nellis AFB Air Show, Las Vegas, NV
Aircraft TBD

Since this schedule is subject to change, please call (805) 482-0064 for updated information.

Ken Gottschall; Candidate for Maintenance Officer



My aviation maintenance background started at a very young age, thanks to my father. My first plane ride was at two weeks of age in the family plane. Our family always had a 4-place plane and it was only natural for me to help my dad with the upkeep of the plane.

My love affair with war birds started early on as well. My first trip to the airshow at Oshkosh was when I was 9 years old and that's when I decided that I would do whatever it took to fly the WWII Fighters. Fast forward to my 20s, when I was one of three guys that restored one of the first civilian owned T-28Cs. A 3-year ground-up restoration of an AT-6G followed thereafter. Realizing aviation maintenance might be a great way to make a living - I hired on with Garrett Aviation Services and worked on all sorts of corporate jets, which included overhaul of their jet engines.

I still continued to work on and fly war birds in my spare time, which eventually lead me to the CAF over 5 years ago. Presently, I am Director of Maintenance for a Gulfstream IV in Burbank, and thoroughly enjoy working at the CAF SoCal whenever I can.

My goals for the position are to maintain and restore the aircraft within our collection to ever-increasing higher standards. Efforts will include not only prompt repair of any grounding discrepancies but also ongoing restoration of structures and systems to include overall aesthetic condition. I will also make sure that all logbooks and associated regulatory paperwork are kept up-to-date and stored in a safe place. I will continue to educate and encourage any member within our wing who wishes to learn more about aviation maintenance.

I greatly appreciate all who have supported my CAF SoCal efforts - as many of my life long dreams have come true here. I ask for continued support in exchange for whatever I can do to help anyone of our members share the same wonderful experience I have had.

Wing Christmas Party

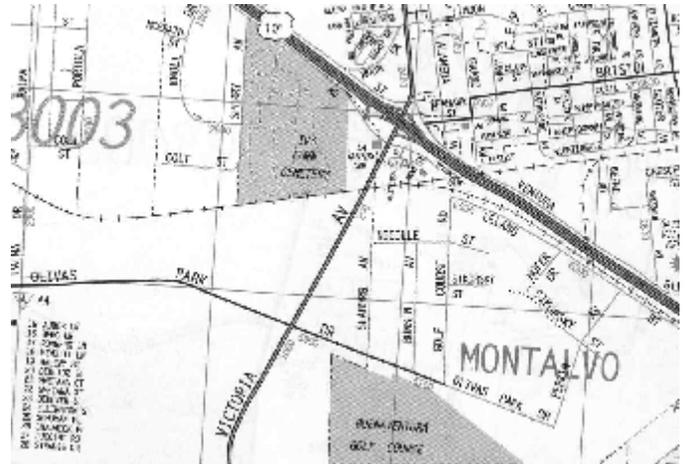
by Casey de Bree

Our Christmas Party is set for Thursday, December 2, 2010 at the Wedgewood Banquet Center, 5880 Olivas Park Drive, Ventura CA 93003. The banquet center is located at the Buenaventura Golf Course. The social hour will start at 6:30 with dinner served at 7:30. We will wrap up by 10:00 PM. Our annual auction will follow the dinner. Cost is \$35 per person

The dinner will be a buffet featuring barbecue chicken, tri-tips of beef, salads galore, garlic bread, roasted red potatoes, and beverage. There will be a no-host bar.

Mail or drop off your reservation with a check made out to "Southern California Wing" to Casey de Bree at the hangar, 455 Aviation Dr., Camarillo, CA 93010. The map at right provides driving directions to the Wedgewood

Banquet Center. The Buenaventura Golf Course is at the lower center of the map.



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OFFICIAL BALLOT

Southern California Wing
455 Aviation Drive
Camarillo CA 93010
Attention: Election Committee

Southern California Wing Staff Election – November 2010

Office	Candidate
Wing Leader	Steve Barber Dick Troy

	(write-in)
Maintenance Officer	Ken Gottschall

	(write-in)

Office	Candidate
Executive Officer	John Woolley

	(write-in)
Safety Officer	Eric Lange Shari Heitkotter

	(write-in)

Only Colonels whose dues are current are eligible to vote

BALLOTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY NOVEMBER 17, 2010

Voting instructions:

- Vote for one candidate for each office by circling the candidate's name, or write in the candidate's name in the space provided
- Place completed ballot in a sealed envelope. Mark this envelope "Ballot." Do not put your name or any other info on this envelope or on the ballot itself. Any ballots or ballot envelopes received with names will be discarded.
- Place "Ballot" envelope inside another envelope, and seal this 2nd envelope.
- Voting in Hangar Ballot Box: In the upper left corner of the 2nd envelope put: your name & colonel number. In the center of the envelope mark: "To Election Committee." Put envelope in ballot box in the "O Club" – flag-decorated box with upside-down helmet
- Voting by Mail: Follow instructions #1,2, & 3. On the 2nd envelope mark your name and colonel number in the upper left corner, plus your return address. Address the envelope to: Commemorative Air Force, Attn: Election Committee, 455 Aviation Drive, Camarillo, CA 93010.
- All ballots must be received by November 17, 2010.**