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MINTER FIELD

Snaproll

DECEMBER 25, 1943

ARMY AIR FORCES PILOT SCHOOL (BASIC)



Left Seat

Here it is 2018 so that means 2017 for Minter Field Air Museum is in the history book and what a great history book it is.

The museum's exhibit at the Kern County fair has come and gone and I want to thank everybody for all the help, Museum members, Pinups for Patriots and friends of the Museum and especially for those who stepped up when I was unable to be there.

On October 28th we were back out to the Kern County Raceway Park and 3 of the Museum members were privileged to announce "Gentlemen, Start Your Engines!"

November 11th we were in the Bakersfield Veterans Day parade with the yellow Jeep pulling the Loach helicopter accompanied by Pinups for Patriots, Capt. America, Agent Carter and two Wonder Women.

On the 1st of December the Museum participated in Shafter's 2nd Christmas parade with our Yellow Jeep, Loach helicopter and Shafter's first fire truck.

The Museum's Christmas open house was on December 9th. Santa Claus arrived in a helicopter and he handed out stuffed animals to 100's of children. The Museum was open and we had several hundred people go through the Museum's exhibits.

I want to thank all the Museum members, Pinups for Patriots, Minter Field Airport District, City of Shafter and all that helped support the Museum in 2017.

2018 looks like it will be even a bigger and better year for the Museum lots of things are in the works.

If you haven't paid your dues for 2018 please do so, if you haven't recruited somebody to join and help us, do so.

I am looking forward to seeing everybody on Friday February 9th at the Museums Founders day banquet at Hodel's.

-Ronald Pierce
M.F.A.M. chairman of the board

Who We Are...

Our Mission

To educate the public about Minter Army Air Field and Kern County aviation's impact on local, regional, and global history through preservation efforts, specialty presentations, and community outreach programs.

Our Vision

To be the finest museum of its type, ensuring that the legacy and historical significance of Minter Air Field is passed on to future generations that no one forgets why people fought to preserve our freedoms.

Our Goals

1. Educate the public about the important roll that Minter Army Air Field played during World War II.
2. Educate the public about the historical significance that Kern County has played in aviation history, both military and civilian.
3. Preserve the history of and commemorate the service of local residents that served in the armed forces from World War I to today.
4. Educate the public about the global impact of Minter Army Air Field.

REASONS TO JOIN OR GET INVOLVED

Minter Field was officially dedicated on February 7, 1942. The base was one of the largest training bases in the Western Training Command. From 1942 until the end of the war in 1945 it graduated 11,280 pilots. The museum was originally founded in 1983. Over the years there have been many achievements and goals accomplished. Many military vehicles and airplanes have been restored. Today the accumulation of donated artifacts has resulted in numerous historical displays from WWI, WWII, Korea, Viet Nam, Cold War and NASA. This was accomplished while maintaining the museum building which was built as a firehouse for Minter Field in 1942.

We are extensively involved in community events, to name a few are the Veteran's Day Parade, Annual 9 11 Ceremony, kern County Fair, many presentations at community organizations and schools. We are a non-profit organization operated completely 100% by volunteers. It is through donations, memberships and tireless efforts of volunteers that has allowed us to keep the museum open and continue free admission to the museum.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- **Become a member - see membership form in this Snap Roll**
- **Donate or loan artifacts both military and civilian aviation equipment**
- **Donate your time and talents to help operate and maintain the museum and it's activities**
- **Last but not least you can make a onetime donation up to including becoming a Lifetime Member (see explanation of Lifetime Member on Membership Form)**

ALL DONATIONS, INCLUDING TRAVEL TO AND FROM MUSEUM, ARE TAX DEDUCTABLE !

Minter Field Founders Day Banquet



Speaker (USAF Ret.) Major Brian Shul

USAF Pilot, Vietnam Veteran -shot down, severely burned, rescued, and miraculously returned to flight status
SR-71 STORIES & PHOTOS YOU WON'T FORGET

Hodel's Liberty Hall
5917 Knudsen Drive

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 9TH
Cocktails 6:00-7:00, Dinner 7:00

Tickets \$35 per person; Premium table of 8 for \$300.00

Please reserve / purchase tickets in advance

Email: mfam@minterfieldairmuseum.com

Leave a Message at the Museum 661-393-0291

Tickets on sale through Wednesday February 1st

(Seating is limited. If available, tickets will also be sold at the door.)

Make checks to: MFAM, PO Box 445, Shafter, CA 93263

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EVENT SPONSOR -



Brian is one of the most popular and dynamic aviation speakers in America today. As an Air Force fighter pilot, Brian was shot down in the Vietnam War and severely burned in the ensuing crash. Initially given up for dead, he was rescued and spent one year in hospitals, endured 15 surgeries and was told his flying days were over. Amazingly, Brian returned to active duty, became an Airshow Demonstration pilot in the A-10, went on to become a TOPGUN instructor and culminated his Air Force career by flying the top secret spy plane the SR- 71. Flying the world's fastest and highest aircraft required an astronaut physical and Brian made Air Force history when he passed without waivers.

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"I would like to encourage everyone to join us in supporting this amazing opportunity to hear one of our American war heroes. It truly is a story that will touch your hearts."

-Morgan Clayton President

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Bakersfield Veterans Day Parade



Veterans Day Parade



Shafter Christmas Parade



Shafter Christmas Parade



Santa Claus makes his landing



Santa Fly-In



MFAM Staff Members with Santa



Santa Fly-In



Front 'N Center

By Pfc Jim Smullen

ONCE UPON A TIME when the world was young and ocean going vessels were being adapted to steam, engine rooms of the steam ships were manned mainly by Scotsmen. At this time there was no elaborate system of telephones and voice tubes for communication between various parts of the ship. Contact between the components of the vessel was expedited by the elementary means of shouting down the companionways.

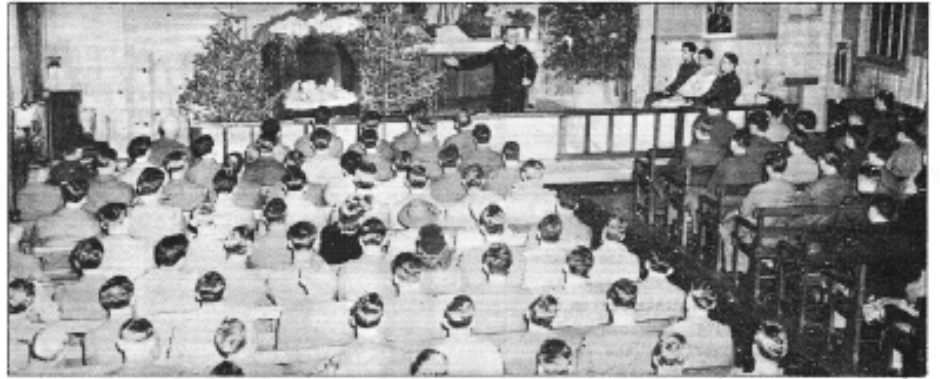
Inasmuch as there was usually a Scot working below, a reply could generally be expected if one merely called out 'Mac!' Beginning with the engine room the term spread over the ship until it became a common term to be used by one seaman to another when he didn't know the other's name. Hence, the usage of Mac when referring to a sailor.

SUBS FOILED: The Allies have sprung a new stunt on the Axis for keeping torpedoed a special system of compressed air lines strung through the ship forces air into the damaged compartments with such a force that it keeps the water out and permits the ship to make port. One tanker recently made a 1200 mile voyage to safety under such conditions. The saving of one tanker, the British say, defrays the expense of equipping the entire tanker fleet with the compressed air system.

PIGEONS: A manual entitled Handling And Releasing Homing Pigeons From Aircraft In Flight* has been distributed to flying personnel and ground crew members of the Air Forces. The booklet tells the members of the crew how to get a pigeon out of a plane in distress with the message properly attached. As all Armies use carrier pigeons the booklet instructs the men in methods used in capturing enemy birds. Water is the number one bait, food number two.

A JET OF WATER gives enemy fighter pilots an awful surprise. No, our new fighters are not equipped with water pistols. Instead, a water jet in the super-chargers on the P-47 and some Navy fighters give extra speed and rate of climb. Engineers say that the vaporization of water in the engine's cylinders gives an added push when the going gets tough. Pilots say the stepped up speed and rate of climb gives the enemy a big surprise.

GUNNERY TRAINING: The Air Force has gone penny arcade in its aerial gunnery training—and very effectively. Five 35 mm. movie projectors flash pictures of enemy planes on a 40 foot screen while gunnery students, using simulated weapons, mounted and weighted as .50-caliber guns, fire "light waves" at the planes. Hits, bursts and rounds are tabulated. A bell rings in the students' earphones denoting a hit on the button and a sound track imitates all the noises of actual battle. Spots of color indicate where bullets hit.



LAST YEAR'S MIDNIGHT MASS. Chaplain John L. Zielinski conducted midnight mass last Christmas Eve. Here a Redeptionist Father, a guest of Winter, is shown delivering the sermon. Both Catholic and Protestant services will be the same this year.



Elinor Otto, a retired Rosie the Riveter, speaks at AFA's Air, Space & Cyber Conference after receiving AFA's Lifetime Achievement award. Otto flew in a C-17, which she helped build, for the first time on Monday. Screenshot photo.

After 68 years in the aerospace industry, and having a hand in producing every single C-17 in the Air Force's inventory, an original Rosie the Riveter got her first flight in one on Monday.

Elinor Otto, 98, took to the skies in a C-17 she riveted at March ARB, Calif., in a ceremonial flight flown by Air Mobility Command head Gen. Carlton Everhart.

"You are a true inspiration," Everhart said. "In the day and age where quicker, faster, more is the goal, and job hopping is the norm, it's inspiring to hear a story about hard work and dedication that was spread over the course of time."

Otto joined the aerospace industry in 1942, shortly after the attacks on Pearl Harbor, when she said recruitment signs calling for women to help with the war effort. Recently single and with a young son, she started at a wage of 65 cents per hour. After World War II, the "Rosies"—terms given for women who took men's jobs in factories—were laid off. Otto tried other jobs before going back to aerospace.

Throughout her career, she worked for Rohr Aircraft Corp., Ryan Aeronautical Co., Douglas Aircraft, and Boeing. She retired in 2014 at the age of 95. At Boeing, Otto worked on every C-17 delivered to the US Air Force, along with aircraft for other nations.

In September, Otto received the Air Force Association's 2017 Lifetime Achievement Award at the annual Air, Space & Cyber Conference.



MINTER★FIELD AIR MUSEUM



2018 Membership

The support of our members allows the museum to preserve the rich aviation history of the San Joaquin Valley and to further educate the community on the important role played by Minter Field during World War II.

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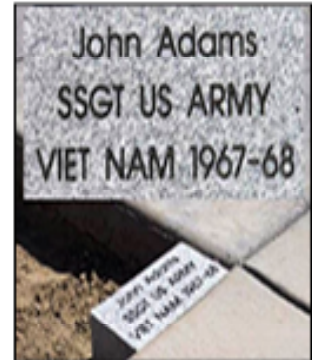
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Memorial Plaza



I want to see "Patriotism & Special Community Service" etched in stone. Please reserve a granite brick in the Minter Field Air Museum's Memorial Plaza for the following veteran who has served honorably in the service to our nation. Police, Sheriff and Fireman can also be honored for their special community service. Select Option A for War Veteran service, Option B for Non - WarVeteran service and Option C for Special Community Service individual. Fourteen(14) characters are max per line. The ceramic brick is either 4 x 8 for one person with 3 lines for \$125.00 or 8 x 8 with 6 lines for \$250.00. To order an 8x8 brick with 2 names, complete optional secondary sheets.



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Use for 8x8 Secondary person

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Years of Service _____

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Name _____

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Years Of Service _____

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War, Conflict or Campaign _____

OPTION B Veteran Service

Name _____

Title/Branch of Service _____

Years of Service _____

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