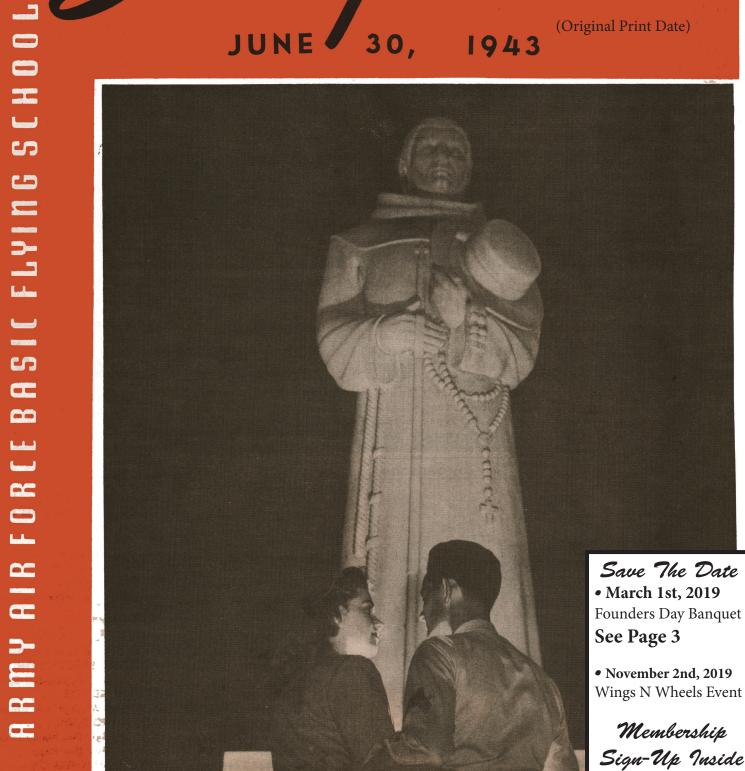
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#### Left Seat by: Chairman Ronald Pierce



Here we are in 2019 already. I hope one of your New Year's resolutions was to pay your Minter Field Air Museum dues, recruit somebody to join and help at the Museum. Come be an active member in 2019, spend time with your friends at the Museum and enjoy the upcoming events.

I want to take this time to wish speedy recovery to some of the members that have been under the weather and in and out of the hospital, Jeff Ward, Gary Ebel, and Mike Hogstad. Our hearts also go out to Dave Patterson for the recent loss of his wife.

This year's 9/11 event again had an endless parade of motorcycles coming from Harley-Davidson Bakersfield to the Museum. Also joining us was the Kern County fire Department with the hook and ladder truck with the huge American flag and one of the rescue helicopters landing next to are hanger.

On September 15th the museums Loach helicopter was at the Crest RV Park for a car show and from there we went straight to the Kern County fair grounds to set up for the Kern County fair.

Arriving at the fair grounds to set up we found out that are fairground location was slightly moved, but thanks to the hard work of the Museum members we adapted to the new location. Again the Minter Field Air Museum exhibit was quite a hit with the fair goers. I want to thank the Pinups and Patriots, Camp Hamilton, Museum members and friends for all their help.

October 27th again we were out at the Kern County Raceway Park promoting Minter Field Air Museum.

Saturday November 3rd was the 1st Wings N Wheels event hosted by Minter Field Air Museum and California Pinups and Patriots at Minter field. What an event it was. We had around 175 show cars registered to come, at 6 AM we looked out and there were Show Cars lined up for 3 or 4 blocks clear out to Lerdo Highway to get in. We ended up with over 400 Show Cars of all types on display.

On the Wings side there was over 100 airplanes including Helicopters, Ultralights, Jets, Experimental Aircraft, Light Sport Aircraft, WW l and WW II Warbirds and also on display was Reno Air Race winner P51 Strega. We had live Music, Food vendors, Beer and Wine, Racing boats, Motorcycles, Military

Jeeps and Trucks and we even had a Porsche Spider like James Dean the movie star was killed in.

If you missed Wings N Wheels in 2018 don't worry we have been asked by many to have it again on November 2, 2019.

Wings N Wheels in 2019 should be bigger and better more Cars more Airplanes and more things to see.

The 1st Saturday in December was our annual Minter Field Air Museum's open house and Santa Claus fly in. This was another successful event put on by the volunteers at Minter Field Air Museum and the help of the California Pinups and Patriots and the Civil Air Patrol cadets. Santa Claus flew in by helicopter and with the help of the volunteers, were able to distribute some 445 stuffed animals to the children that came to the Museum to see Santa Claus. The stuffed animals were donated by the Ming Ave Pet Smart Store.

Come out and see the new portable sign that Eagle Scout candidate Nicholas Hallmark made for Minter Field Air Museum in order to achieve his Eagle Scout badge, photos within.

Come help us preserve a part of history, join us at Minter Field Air Museum, come be an active member, we can use your help.

Ronald Pierce Minter Field Air Museum Chairman of the Board

#### **History in the Know**

**GREAT SEA STORY** 

The passenger steamer SS Warrimoo was quietly knifing its way through the waters of the mid-Pacific on its way from Vancouver to Australia. The navigator had just finished working out a star fix and brought Captain John DS. Phillips, the result. The Warrimoo's position was LAT 0° 31' N and LONG 179 30' W. The date was 31 December 1899. "Know what this means?" First Mate Payton broke in, "We're only a few miles from the intersection of the Equator and the International Date Line". Captain Phillips was prankish enough to take full advantage of the opportunity for achieving the navigational freak of a lifetime.

He called his navigators to the bridge to check & double check the ship's position. He changed course slightly so as to bear directly on his mark. Then he

adjusted the engine speed.

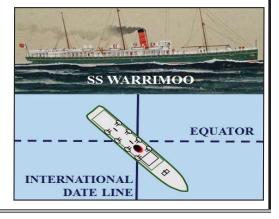
The calm weather & clear night worked in his favor. At mid-night the SS Warrimoo lay on the Equator at exactly the point where it crossed the International Date Line! The consequences of this bizarre position were many:

The forward part (bow) of the ship was in the Southern Hemisphere & in the middle of summer. The rear (stern) was in the Northern Hemisphere & in the middle of winter.

The date in the aft part of the ship was 31 December 1899.

In the bow (forward) part it was 1 January 1900.

This ship was therefore not only in: Two different days, Two different months, Two different years,
Two different seasons
But in two different centuries - all at the same time!



# **Angel Wings**

Jeffrey Allan Ward February 12, 1953 - January 15, 2019

Jeff was born February 12, 1953 in Oakland, CA to Mathew and Athole Ward. He spent most of his growing up in the California Bay Area except when the family moved to Lake Tahoe, Nevada where he learned to ski and shoot guns.

He spent some time in Northrop University, the U.S.A. Air Force and the local Community College where he studied drawing and art. He put that to good use by becoming a book illustrator. He received his Pilot license and then he purchased a plane with a few other people.

Jeff worked part time at Angeles Shooting Range running the rifle and pistol lines plus he worked for a security company in the 80's in South Central Los Angeles, CA. He went to work as a gunsmith for Brown's Gun Craft in Northridge, CA where he learned to build and repair guns plus built beautiful hunting knifes. He co-owned and operated a school that taught security.

Jeff loved music and ran the sound board for several bands, like the Donuts, plus he played back up on the guitar. He loved parades. He rode his beloved horse, Jackson, all decked out in Western gear including a large, tall, black hat. He rode on a float playing guitar with his pal, Cheryl Aiona, who sang at Jeff's memorial at the Museum. He rode in a restored Jeep down the streets of Bakersfield for the Museum.

When Jeff took and early retirement from Global Fabricators he turned to music, playing his guitar and writing poetry plus started writing a science fiction book. He loved to read and had books everywhere about everything. Jeff passed January 15, 2019 from heart failure and left his sister (who he called Honey when he was younger) Helen and Roland, his brother-in-law, Tollefson. They live on the coast in Florence, OR. Jeff left 5 nephews and niece and their families.

He will be missed!









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9-11 Tribute







Wings N Wheels







Santa Fly In

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#### Reasons To Get Involved

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 You Can 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!

**Brief History** 

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.

# 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 effoerts, 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 localresidents 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.

. Our Core Values

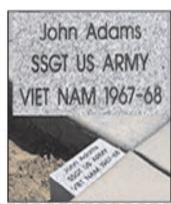
1. Integrity 3. Commitment 5. History 7. Community

2. Patriotism 4. Teamwork 6. Freedom 8. Family

# 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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#### 2019 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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