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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE WARHAWK AIR MUSEUM

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The museum in Caldwell where it all began in 1989.

## WE'RE CELEBRATING 30 YEARS!

The Warhawk Air Museum was brought to life in 1989 by our co-founders John and Sue Paul as a place to preserve military aviation history. The museum has since become an educational destination for over 5,000 school-age children and over 30,000 visitors each year.

It all began with John Paul's passion for airplanes. In the 1950s, he watched and listened as two Corsair fighter planes ripped through the sky over his third-grade classroom. He purchased his first plane by the time he was 20: a Fairchild PT-19 WWII trainer with an open cockpit.

Further down the road, John met a woman named Sue Painter and the two fell in love. In 1964, the couple married and purchased a P-40E



Sue and John Paul, both hard at work!

shortly after, which they restored at their home in California. Many years of restoring planes passed when in 1978, the couple discovered parts of a P-40N

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**ADMISSION** \$12 General • \$10 Seniors 65+ & Military • \$5 Kids 5-12

**HOURS** Tue-Sat: 10am-5pm • Sun: 11am-4pm • Closed Monday

## LETTER FROM THE FOUNDER – BY SUE PAUL

Happy spring to all Warhawk Air Museum members! The winter was long and cold, but museum days were busy just the same. Visitors from around the world, scheduled tours, and people renting the museum for private functions all contributed to a full winter of activities and volunteer time for the incredibly generous family of

Warhawk Air Museum volunteers! The upcoming spring and summer schedule is growing every day, so there shouldn't be a dull moment! I hope you will be able to attend all the exciting events we have planned and keep track of the museum on our beautiful website [warhawkairmuseum.org](http://warhawkairmuseum.org)! Until our paths cross again, have a



year filled with great memories and safe journeys!

## MEMO FROM THE "E" – BY PAT KILROY

The Warhawk Air Museum celebrates 30 years: Isn't that terrific!! I suppose John and Sue never expected to see all the activity, excitement and growth around the Warhawk like we see these days. Have you ever seen so many families?! From humble roots at the Caldwell Airport to thriving today in Nampa where we contribute \$2.4 million into the local economy – our future is really bright and there's even talk going around about where and how we might expand in the not-too-distant future! So what's next? Well...

To celebrate our 30th anniversary, we hope you'll join us for a few upcoming special events this summer. We'll kick it off over Memorial Day weekend, on Saturday May 25th, as we will honor those fallen in combat with "Murph" – a CrossFit "Hero WOD" so named

for Lieutenant Michael P. Murphy, a Navy SEAL who was killed in action in Afghanistan on June 28th, 2005. Lt. Murphy distinguished himself in combat and was posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for his heroic actions during Operation Red Wings. "Murph" will honor all those who gave the ultimate sacrifice in defense of freedom and liberty.

This year's Warbird Roundup (August 24-25) is aptly themed "The 75th Anniversary of D-Day" to commemorate the largest invasion in history and the beginning of the war's end. Oldest living Ace C.E. "Bud" Anderson is expected to join us and we look forward to announcing the aircraft line-up in July. You'll note the planes on our advertising include "invasion stripes" which we hope you'll be able to see in person in August!



Advance discounted tickets go on sale in June.

Then, to cap off what will be an incredible summer, on September 20th we'll host a WWII themed "Victory Party" and fundraiser which features the World Famous Glenn Miller Orchestra and the Victory Belles from the WWII Museum in New Orleans. This is a must-see event which we expect to be one of the Treasure Valley's premier happenings of the entire year! Tickets are limited, so be sure to get yours once they go on sale to the public.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

John Paul • President

Sue Paul • Secretary/Treasurer

Barry Hill  
Sherry Paul

Dave Marquart  
Bob Nightingale

Todd Lindsey  
Max Percy

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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## "MURPH" AT THE WARHAWK

Memorial Day Weekend

**"MURPH" AT THE WARHAWK AIR MUSEUM**

Saturday, May 25th, 2019  
9am

\$5 All Day  
Museum Admission

Participate or come cheer the athletes on as we pay tribute to the fallen.



1 MILE RUN  
100 PULL-UPS  
200 PUSH-UPS  
300 SQUATS  
1 MILE RUN

**"MURPH"**

Hero WOD workout in honor of Navy Lieutenant Michael "Murph" Murphy, 29, killed in Afghanistan June 28th, 2005

First Name: William  
Register at the door



Warhawk Air Museum | 201 Municipal Dr. | Nampa

## KILROY COFFEE KLATCH

10AM – 11:30AM  
FREE for ALL Veterans

MAY 7

Speaker is Brian Von Herbulis on Mission43

JUNE 4

JULY 2

AUGUST 6

IDAHO'S LARGEST  
MONTHLY  
GATHERING  
OF VETERANS



AUG  
24  
25

## WARBIRD ROUNDUP 2019



SEP  
20

## 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY VICTORY GALA



## UPCOMING DATES

### MUSEUM EVENTS

- MAY 25 "Murph" at the Warhawk
- MAY 27 Open for Memorial Day  
Memorial Day Flyovers

### MUSEUM CLOSED

- MAY 12 Mother's Day
- JULY 4 Fourth of July

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## RECENT BLOG POSTS

READ AT [WARHAWKAIRMUSEUM.ORG](http://WARHAWKAIRMUSEUM.ORG)



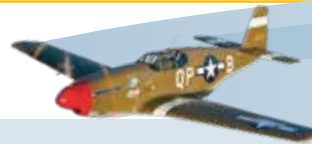
### Flygirls: Kay Chaffey and the first women in the Air Force to take flight

While women weren't technically part of the Air Force until 1947, discover how Kay Gott Chaffey and the WASPs were truly the first women in the Air Force to take flight.



### Warhawk captures stories of military romance with letters, photos and keepsakes.

At the Warhawk Air Museum, we feature personal stories, including the wartime effect on romance. These stories, told with photos, hand-written letters, telegrams, and keepsake items, strike an emotional chord of love, lasting bonds, and sometimes loss.



## CURATOR'S CORNER - BY LOU BAUMAN



Cabinet 77

Much of the WWI memorabilia was donated in memory of Floyd Shelp, a veteran of the Great War. Also included are the WWI uniforms of Samuel Caldwell, Henry Hansen, and John Allen Turner.



Cabinet 190

Cabinet 190 holds Robert Tuttle's memorabilia and additional Civil Defense items from the Cold War. Robert was aboard the U.S.S. *Perry* when it was assigned to the Joint Task Force One for Operation Crosswinds, the 1946 atomic bomb test series at Bikini. He witnessed tests Able and Baker.



Cabinet 191

The Spanish American War uniforms were donated by Gloria Draper in memory of Nicholas Randa and Charles Edmond Lee. Included are the uniforms of Lester Newbrough and Gordon Vogelsson.



Cabinet 192

WWI items pertaining to the Air, Naval, and Army services. Of special interest is the saddle bag that held a horse gas mask, a rare knuckle knife, and a piece of a British tank hit by a German shell.

# FEATURES

1989



2000



2001



1989 – The museum in Caldwell, where it all began.

2000 – Construction begins on the new Nampa location.

2001 – The new space seems huge! How will we ever fill it?

## ...CON'T FROM PG 1

buried in a Canadian farm field. John nicknamed the plane “Curtissaurus Rex” upon recognizing the shape of its port exhaust stack. They received help from a local farmer who remembered watching the burial of the plane 23 years earlier. In order to bring the plane back to California with them, they spent two days salvaging the buried parts, digging them up and loading them onto a truck.

In 1986, Sue and John Paul moved to Boise, Idaho with two WWII era planes. When John began restoring a third plane in a hangar at the Caldwell Airport, people gathered to watch and witness the revival of history. Visitors began leaving boxes

filled with WWII memorabilia, like uniforms and equipment, with notes attached that said, “Maybe you can do something with this.” The Pauls knew they needed to preserve this history and, more importantly, to dignify all it represented.

The museum began in that hangar at the Caldwell airport, but by 2000, there were so many donated pieces of history that they decided to relocate to the current Nampa location.

In the ensuing 24 years, the museum has grown immensely. What started as a tribute to WWI/WWII veterans has expanded to include veterans’ history from the Iraq War, Persian Gulf War, Vietnam War, Korean War and

Cold War.

Throughout the museum, donations from community members are also on display to educate future generations about national and local history. Local veterans and their families have donated one-of-a-kind collections of uniforms, photos, medals, gear and written narratives describing battle experiences. The museum now houses 2,334 personal stories and memorabilia donations.

We at the museum would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of our members for helping to make our mission a reality.

**THANKS FOR 30  
AMAZING YEARS!**

## MEET OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS: BARRY HILL

The first time I walked into the crowded hangar in Caldwell in 1987 and saw the beautifully restored P-40 and the cabinets of carefully arranged military artifacts that Sue had put together, I knew I wanted to get involved and help wherever I could. This was difficult to do as we were living in Southern California at the time.

After several more trips to Idaho and helping out at air shows and other events put on by the fledgling museum, we were finally able to move here and begin to lend a hand where needed.

In 2001, when the museum moved to a beautiful newly constructed facility in Nampa, I saw that I could be useful in helping with some of the technical needs of the museum. I gladly jumped in. Our budget was very small at the outset so we had to be creative and even use hand-me-down equipment just to get up and running. But it all worked out and in time we were able to refresh and

replace equipment thanks to some very generous donations from people who liked and encouraged what the museum was doing.

I was born in England during WWII and saw first-hand some of the bombed out buildings in London. My family emigrated to Canada after the war and lived there for seven years. We returned to England in 1955. I left in 1961 and moved to the United States, where I joined the USAF and served for 5 ½ years in Texas, Georgia, Guam and Spain. After leaving the service I worked for several computer companies in technical and sales positions. My last eighteen years before retirement were spent at United Airlines in the Computer and Communications Group.

I have a wonderful wife, Ali, who also volunteers at the museum and a son, Justin.

I have a great appreciation for all the brave men and women who helped to free Europe from the Nazi

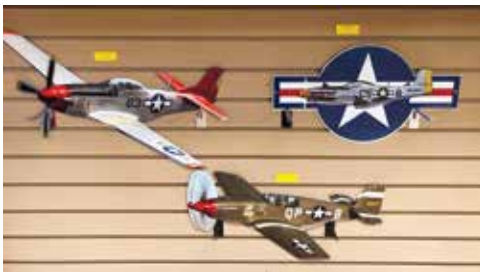


Barry and Ali Hill during the 2017 Warbird Roundup.

evil as well as the amazing “arsenal of democracy” that America was by providing the tools to win the war. I have been so lucky to have known so many of our wonderful veterans, many who came to England in the war, who I met and befriended at the museum. Each time I pass their cabinet I say a little silent “thank you” for what they did.

— BARRY HILL

## NEW IN THE GIFT SHOP:



One-of-a-kind metal wall art of our gorgeous planes.



Custom jewelry made by Portsche's Fine Jewelry out of warbird brass fittings.



Camo and Rosie the Riveter items for everyone in the family.

## WISH LIST

Macbook Pro - \$2,468

Display Building Materials - \$8,000

Cutting Machine - \$3,200-3,500

(2) - Set of 60 in. Round Banquet Tables (15) w/Cart (#80442) - \$2,250 ea.

(7) - Set of White Folding Banquet Chairs (32) w/Cart (#80134) - \$1,299 ea.

(Available at the Lifetime store at 10495 Fairview in Boise: 208-284-2596; [www.lifetime.com](http://www.lifetime.com))

# INTRODUCING...

## OUR NEW MEMBERS – WELCOME!

Bryant Harp  
Michael Wasnea  
Hal Singer  
Jim and Diane Wiens  
Eric Holbrook  
Lorraine Arden  
Kelsey Rule  
Missy Dickson  
Gerald Miller  
Kendall Simmons  
Mike Waltermire  
Richard Basley  
Danielle Campbell  
John Huyg  
Robert Bourn

Peder Kopperud  
John Bassetti  
Jerome Fries  
Darcy Pedro  
Kim Ray  
Dennis Harding  
Chuck Clabots  
Miles Soppe  
Susan Beck  
Charles and Kathy Moore  
Clifford and Marilyn Short  
Sharyn Tessmer  
Brenda Campbell  
Ruth Pittman

Doug Beehler  
Harry Cougar  
Larry Hansen  
Dennis Nielson  
Jim Spanberger  
Jason and Becki Boyd  
Brian and Carol Dixon  
Bob Jenkins  
Stan and Eva Patterson  
Jeff and Tammy Rimack  
Bruce and Debbie Turner  
Robert and Theresa Ally  
Raymond Friday  
Michael Farnsworth



## NEW VETERANS HISTORY PROJECT INTERVIEWS

Interview Count:  
1,154

Bobbi L. Henk–Navy  
Alfred Larson–Marine Corps  
Greta Thove–Coast Guard  
Dave Owen–Air Force  
Emery L. Rock–Army  
Ted Thompson–Air Force  
Bob Zimmerman–Army  
Ezra Joel Starr–Navy  
James B. Longest–Air Force  
Bill Crowley–Intelligence  
Vernon Alcorn–Army  
Guy Vurnham–Army

Kaaren Brodesser–Civilian  
Michael Ehresman–Army  
Edward E. Bloom–Air Force  
Roger A. Perkins–Army National Guard  
Michael D. Boyle–Air Force  
Lance A. Hobson–Air Force  
Deniece Halford–Army  
Jerry Lane–Navy  
Tom Coops–National Air Guard  
Donald Halcom–National Guard  
Frankie Garrett–Navy

John Mullinex–Army  
George Alton–Army  
Danny Wilkens–Navy  
Joe Barinaga–Navy  
Matt Van Ronzelen–Army  
Isaac Martinez–Army  
Jeff Jackson–Air Force  
Ernest Underwood–Air Force  
Anthony R. Mendoza III–Army  
Kyrel Morgan–Army  
Bryan Madden–Army

### We are always looking for more veterans to interview!

If you are interested, or know someone who might be, give us a call and we can start the process of getting them scheduled. A copy of the interview will be sent to the Library of Congress as part of their Veterans History Project, a copy will be kept at the museum, and the veteran will be given a copy as a gift.

# SHARE YOUR EXCITEMENT ABOUT THE WARHAWK WITH A FRIEND!

Just cut out this coupon and give it to someone you know who will love the museum just as much as you.



*Refer a Friend*

**COURTESY OF:**

(member name)

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**BUY ONE, GET ONE FREE**

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Discount Coupon

Visit the Warhawk Air Museum and present this coupon to receive one FREE ADMISSION with the purchase of one regular adult admission at the discounted price of just \$10!

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## MEMORIAL DAY FLYOVERS

10AM – 11:30AM

Come watch as our two P-40's & P-51 take to the sky over the Warhawk to pay tribute to our fallen heroes.



Time to renew your membership?

### RENEW ONLINE:

[warhawkairmuseum.org/  
get-involved/membership/](http://warhawkairmuseum.org/get-involved/membership/)

### WHAT'S INSIDE:

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