



## We Want YOU To Be A Member



We are actively seeking new members and encouraging all our current/past members to renew their memberships. We are also in the process of updating our membership database so we can keep you informed of

current events and volunteer opportunities. There's never been a better time to become a Life Member!! Membership includes free Air Classics water bottle, unlimited free admission to the museum, 10% gift shop discount, access to museum library, and volunteer opportunities. Life Members also receive a 25% discount in the museum gift shop and after-hours rental of museum or its camping/picnic area. Current Annual and Life membership rates are as follows:

<b>Student: \$15</b>	<b>Individual: \$40</b>
<b>Family: \$50</b>	<b>Life: \$350</b>

## Featured Member: Jack Roderick

Long-time member, former Director, and active volunteer, Jack Roderick graduated from Penn State University's Naval Reserve Officer's Training Corps program in 1956 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering and commission as Ensign, United States Navy. Assigned to NAS Pensacola as a Student Naval Aviator, Jack completed the multi-engine program and won his wings of gold in March 1958.

Assigned to VW-2 (Early Warning) at NAS Patuxent River, Maryland, Jack flew the WV-2 radar-equipped Lockheed Constellation while supporting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Fleet (Atlantic) and 6<sup>th</sup> Fleet in the Mediterranean. Jack's second tour was with WV-2 airborne early warning training unit, also at Patuxent River. Serving as an instructor pilot, he also flew operational missions.



Jack's next assignments included the Navy's Advanced Engineering Course at the Naval Postgraduate School, and Safety Officer & Accident Investigation School at the University of Southern California. He resumed flying duties in the Martin P5M "Marlin" at NAS North Island, CA, NAS Sangley Point, Philippines, and Cam Rahn Bay, Republic of Vietnam. In 1966, he was

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### Hours:

Monday - Friday: CLOSED

Saturday & Sunday: 10AM-3PM

Group and Private Tours

Available by Appointment

### Board of Directors:

Mike Lumen - President

Hank Winkler - VP/Curator

Bill Roth - Treasurer

Steve Ports - Secretary

Ken Kwiatkowski - Mktg/FundRaise

Ray Hicks - Membership

Bob Gluchman - Restoration

Steve Bartkowski - Director

### Next Board Meeting:

November 21, 2020, 8:00 AM

## "Preserving the Dream"

November 1, 2020

### Simulator

Our ongoing project to reassemble the Boeing 737 cockpit simulator is proceeding well. LED lighting is being installed to bring the instrument and control panels alive and once complete, final assembly will begin. This will be a nice interactive display for visitors to enjoy during the 2021 museum season!! Many thanks to Bob Gluchman and Chuck Newell for their recent efforts lighting the interior displays!!

### Board of Directors Work Party

Following the October board meeting, the Directors turned to and got to work cleaning up the West shed area. Grass and weeds were cut, recyclable metals separated for disposal, and artillery piece was prepared for movement. Also placed components of the unassembled A-7 and A-4 on dunnage to protect them from the ground. It was a lot of work, but the area looks so much better!

### Final 2020 Museum Weekend

Air Classics ends the 2020 season November 22. Members are invited to help close for winter and will be greatly appreciated!! We have a well-stocked gift shop that will help with holiday shopping – desktop models, unbuilt plastic model kits, books, toys, as well as museum hats & polo shirts! Come and stock up!



assigned to NAS Sangley Point as base safety officer and assistant operations officer. His flying duties included flying the R4D (C47) and R5D (C54) transports throughout Southeast Asia, including Vietnam.

Jack transitioned from the Navy as a Lieutenant Commander in 1968 and joined United Airlines as a pilot. After 32 years with United, he retired as a Senior Captain on the Boeing 737, May 2000, completing a remarkable aviation career.

We would like to wish Jack well and thank him for his service to our country and for his many contributions to our museum!!

### Republic F-105D "Thunderchief" SN 61-0099

The Museum's "Thud" was constructed by Republic Aviation Corporation in Farmingdale, New York as an F-105D-15-RE "Thunderchief". Completed in 1962, the US Air Force accepted on 9 February 1962.

March 1962 the ship was transferred to the 8<sup>th</sup> Tactical Fighter Squadron (TFS), 49<sup>th</sup> Tactical Fighter Wing (TFW), based at Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany. For nearly four years, it served on the front lines of the Cold War as a high-speed, low-altitude penetration bomber, capable of carrying a single nuclear weapon in its internal bomb bay.

Our "Thud" returned to the US in December 1967 for duty with the 4520<sup>th</sup> Combat Crew Training Wing, Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada. The ship was used to train pilots for combat tours in Vietnam.

In 1972, the aircraft was transferred to the Air Force Reserve, serving with the 305<sup>th</sup> TFS, 507<sup>th</sup> TFW and later, with the 466<sup>th</sup> TFS, 419<sup>th</sup> TFW, based at Hill Air Force Base, Utah. After accumulating 4,532 hours of flight time, she served her last years as a platform for battle damage repair training.

In July 1984, our Thud was honorably struck from Air Force rolls and transferred to the National



Museum of the US Air Force loan program. In April 1985, she was loaned to the City of Aurora, IL and after several years on display, transferred to Air Classics Museum, September 1997.