



THE STROBE **EAA 512**



JOIN US EVERY 3RD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH AT KPVF



We meet at the EAA 512 green Quonset hangar, on the northwestern side of the airport

Looking for some light reading? Maybe some inspiration for your project?

CHAPTERS.EAA.ORG/EAA512/P ROJECTS/MEMBERS-BUILDERS-LOG

Catch up on our Members Builder's logs!

November thru March, join us for the General Meeting at 7pm.

April thru October, come early for a Potluck Picnic Social at 6pm; followed by the General Meeting at 7pm.

chapter will provide The hotdogs and hamburgers for the picnic. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Bring your aviation enthusiasm and we will do our best to answer your questions and share the many exciting opportunities that the Experimental Aircraft Association has to offer our aviation community.

Any idiot can get an airplane off the ground, but an aviator earns his keep by bringing it back anytime, anywhere, under any circumstances that man and God can dream up. ~ Walter Cunningham







PREZ SEZ

My good friend and fellow Chapter 512 member, Jose Fierro, tells me that my best stories start with bad judgement. This February's issue of Sport Aviation has an article titled "Surviving Bad Judgment" (pg 88). In it, the author, Vic Syracuse, states, "New pilots are given two bags when they get their certificate. One bag is full of luck, and the other is an empty bag of experience. The goal is to fill the bag of experience before the bag of luck runs out." Early in my piloting career, many times I reached deeply into the "Luck" bag. One of those times, "Self-Taught Aerobatics" follows. The reason I present this story is: You don't have to reach into your luck bag to fill your experience bag. The smarter way is to reach into other pilots' experience bags to fill yours. That's the point of EAA and our Chapter - Share your experiences so that others may benefit.

Enjoy my tale...

Self-Taught Aerobatics

As a newly minted aeronautical engineer, I had no desire to work behind a desk. Since I also had a fairly new Commercial Pilot's License and Instructor's Rating, I opted for a job at a local FBO. This was the 70s, Cessna and Piper were selling thousands of aircraft per year. Avgas was 75¢ per gallon. And the VA was paying people to learn to fly. FBOs were booming. My local airport had a single, 2800' runway and two thriving FBOs. The one that hired me owned 34 aircraft.

What originally drew me to aviation was the lure of freedom; motion in all 3 directions; aerobatics. Up until working as a CFI, the most "aerobatic" flying I had done was Chandelles, Lazy 8s, and spin recovery. My new employer had a Cessna 150 Aerobat in the stable. My heart leapt at the though that I'd be able to learn aerobatics here. Those hopes were dashed when I learned that they had no aerobatics instructor. I was further crushed when my boss informed me that he wanted me to get my Instrument and Instrument Instructor Ratings before I ever set foot in the Aerobat. His exact words were, "You're more valuable to me as a CFII than as a 'stunt' pilot". I duly started my instrument training, while quietly drooling over the Aerobat sitting, unused on the ramp.

YOUR 512 BOARD

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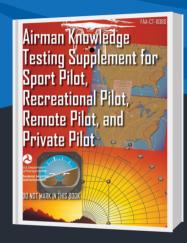
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PRIVATE & SPORT PILOT GROUND SCHOOL

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Details

- Saturdays: 9:30 to 12:30 for 10 weeks, starting January 11th 2025
- Held at the EAA 512 Hangar
- These are not flight lessons

CONTACT US TO ENROLL



Private Pilot

TEST PREP

This course is intended to prepare you to take the FAA Written Exam

Week 1, January 11th, was an orientation with a short introduction to basic aircraft nomenclature, followed by an opportunity to get up close and personal with several of our members' aircraft.

We want both the person new to aviation, as well as those of you who have already started preparing for the FAA Written Test, but need some help crossing the finish line.

Materials are your responsibility.

There is no tuition. But understand that we are an all volunteer staff for a non-profit and would appreciate a donation of your choosing.



Please join us 8:30am Feb 15 RSVP to Beki Parks

Love aviation? Love breakfast? Perfect—so do we! The \$500 Breakfast Club is where aviation enthusiasts cook up fresh ideas (and maybe some bacon) to raise at least \$500 a month for EAA Chapter 512.

Our mission? Fund hangar maintenance, fuel scholarships, and make sure our events are as unforgettable as landing at KOSH. **But don't worry—we're not asking you to donate!** We're here to brainstorm creative ways to generate funds, not pass the hat.

Come hungry, bring your best fundraising ideas, and enjoy a potluck brunch that's just as satisfying as a smooth takeoff. Let's turn creativity into cash, one bite at a time!

FLEDGLING GROUND SCHOOL



EAA 512 Treasurer Judi Gordon holds a mini "Ground School" for kids passionate about aviation, but still just a bit too young to start official lessons.

Topics are taught at an ageappropriate level. and are engaging and interactive. Meetings are held quarterly at Judi's home in Cameron Park @ O61. Lessons are followed by snacks and an aviation-related movie.

To join us for the Quarter 2 session, contact Judi at eaa512pvf@gmail.com

MISSING OUR EMAILS?

If you are not receiving a monthly notice from the chapter about the general meeting and other events, please follow the appropriate procedure below if you are using one or more of these accounts.

Gmail users: check your spam folder

PC/Browser: Drag and drop this email to your "Primary" tab

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eaa512pvf@gmail.com

TRIED EVERYTHING & STILL NO
NEWSLETTER? EMAIL THE EDITOR & WE
MAY BE ABLE TO HELP*

If you can spare \$5 or \$10 monthly for a latte, please instead consider becoming a monthly supporter of EAA 512!

Truly Grateful for you.

Thank you to our generous members for contributing to Young Eagles, to our hangar maintenance, and so much more!



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Consult your physician if symptoms persist.

EAA 512 IMC/VMC Club Meeting

Join Bill Scanlon for Aviation Safety Analysis and "What Would You Do?"

Our Aviation Safety Analysis for discussion include the following: Human Factors for Pilots – Situational Awareness, Decision Making, Threat and Error Management and Design Automation. This is an audience participation event. After a brief Audio/Video presentation we ask "What Would You Do"? Everyone is encouraged to join in the discussion. Videos depicting actual flights that encountered challenges are chosen from a library provided by EAA .

Pilots of all skill levels are encouraged to attend.

To view further details and registration information for this seminar, <u>click here</u>.









A Case Study

Bob Starr
Certified Flight Instructor
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Advanced Ground Instructo
Instrument Ground Instructo

Chapter Meeting



Jan

Ed Markie was
Chapter 512
President from
2000 through
2005. His family
is throwing him a
90th birthday
celebration in
April, and you are
cordially welcomed
to attend!



Adding to Ed's fun 90th Birthday celebration is a memory jar!



You are welcome to bring a written memory you have shared with Ed over the years to read aloud or place in the jar.

If you are unable to attend, email your note and they will be happy to include it.

2025 RAFFLE

This year, EAA 512 is hosting a raffle with some very special prizes!







5 items are being offered - Al Herron's leather jacket, two pieces autographed by Bud Anderson, a framed, signed Frecce Tricolori Poster, and a beautiful airplane-themed quilt!



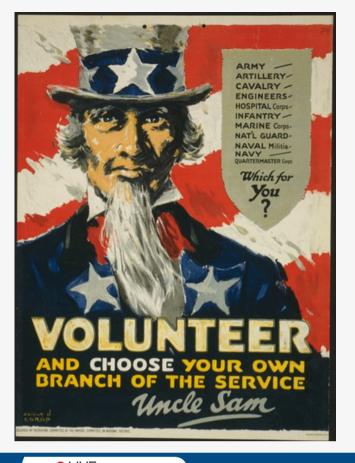


TICKETS \$10 EACH OR 11 FOR \$100

WILL BE SOLD AT VARIOUS CHAPTER EVENTS IN 2025

2 SEPARATE DRAWINGS WILL OCCUR: NOV 10 AND DEC 17

See the Raffle pages for more prize details!



Please Volunteer, We need YOU!

- GRANT/FUNDRAISING
 COMMITTEE
- PILOTS FOR YOUNG EAGLES
- PANCAKE BREAKFAST
 COORDINATOR

VOLUNTEER

BREAKING NEWS

Please consider leaving a lasting gift to EAA 512 in the form of an Endowment - even 1% will help ensure our Chapter's future and continue El Dorado youth aviation opportunities!

For more information, please contact Judi

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IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO POST AN EVENT
TO THE ATTENTION OF OUR
MEMBERSHIP, PLEASE CONTACT JIM
PINKOWSKI OR MICHAEL ZWIJACZ:

EAA512PVF@GMAIL.COM

PLEASE SENDIDEAS FOR
FUTURE FLY-OUTS TO
TIM SULLIVAN

SPOT AN ERROR?
PUBLICIZE AN EVENT?
SHARE A STORY OR PIC?
CONTACT EDITOR BEKI PARKS
SUBMISSIONS DUE BY THE 5TH

DONATE YOUR RECYCLED CANS AND
BOTTLES! DROP OFF AT THE GENERAL
MEETING OR CONTACT US AND WE CAN
GET YOU IN TOUCH WITH HAL STEPHENS.

MINUTES OF ALL
MEETINGS, BOTH BOARD
AND CHAPTER, ARE ON
THE WEBSITE UNDER
"CHAPTER MISC"

TRIVIA:

WHAT IS THE PRIMARY
MISSION OF THE C-17
"GLOBEMASTER III"?

(ANSWER ON LTA PAGE)

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN, CONT'D.

When we weren't in the air, training students or getting additional training for ourselves, the flight instructors had various ground assignments. I'd man the counter as necessary, schedule our aircraft for periodic maintenance, keep the VA billing up to date, etc. One of the perks for these ground chores was that we could fly any aircraft that we were rated for and just had to pay for the gas to refill the tank. I was flying a Piper Arrow for \$8/hr!



To accommodate night flights, our office was open until 11:00 PM every night. As the new guy, I drew the lion's share of those late night hours. One night, while manning a deserted counter, I started thumbing Cessna's Aerobatic through Syllabus; 10 simple lessons to learn the basics of aerobatics. I read Lesson 1, Loops. It seemed simple enough: full power, dive to 130 mph, 3g pullup, reduce back pressure over the top, 3g recovery. That Aerobat was calling my name...Braced with the unfaltering confidence of a 22 year old, I locked up at 11, took a flashlight and the keys, and marched out to the Aerobat to try out what I'd just read.

Five miles east of our airport, I'd reached 3000' above the New Jersey pine barrens. Dark sky, dark ground, 7 miles visibility in haze; i.e., no horizon. But, I'd read the book! I tried a loop. It worked perfectly. The only surprise was a "bump" at the end of the loop (I was later to learn that this was my downwash from the loop's entry and that hitting that bump meant I'd done a nice, circular loop.) I spent the next 45 minutes doing about two dozen more loops.

Armed with this success, two nights later I read Lesson 2, Aileron Rolls. Again, by 11:30 PM I was over the pine barrens, ready to try what I'd read. This time it didn't work as well as I'd expected. I kept falling out of the maneuver, ending up with my nose pointed way too far down. After 5 or 6 attempts, I gave up.

But I still had an Aerobat, so I decided to try something else. I hadn't read about Snap Rolls yet, but I rationalized that they were just spins in the horizontal direction. I looked at the maneuvers placard on the panel: "Snap Roll entry speed – 80 mph". I slowed to 80, yanked the yoke back to cause an accelerated stall, and kicked the rudder. "Bam!" That Cessna loved to snap roll! I must have done 30 that night!

This went on for three or four nights. I'd taught myself barrel rolls, wingovers, Cuban 8s, and Immelmans. I still couldn't master aileron rolls, though. Then my boss discovered what I'd been doing! He called me into his office. I was sure I'd be handed my head, or at least my walking papers. Instead, he said, "Look, if you want to learn aerobatics that badly, we'll find you an instructor. Don't let it slow down getting your instrument rating, and... stop flying stunts at night!"

True to his word, two weeks later I was flying with an aerobatic instructor in Wilmington, Delaware, about 45 minutes from our airport. As it turned out, I was doing pretty well. I had to learn how to keep an eye on visual cues, like the horizon and a "performance" line (road or field edge); things that didn't exist at night. And, I finally mastered those aileron rolls; I wasn't pulling the nose up enough on the entry. By the time I was on Cessna's Lesson 7, my boss had me teaching Lessons 1 and 2 to students at our airport. Consequently, I was making him money as a "stunt" pilot before I made him money instrument instructor.

> Rob Bulaga, President, EAA Chapter 512

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MEMBERS!

DO YOU HAVE AN AIRPLANE TO SELL? LOOKING FOR HARD-TO-FIND PARTS? HOW ABOUT A YARD SALE, BIRTHDAY WISHES, OR PROMOTING YOUR SERVICES? CONTACT US FOR PRICING



Gorgeous Long-EZ for sale!

Interested parties should contact Colonel John Crocker at (916) 416-3492



WANTED: E6Bs

We need your gently used E6B flight computers and navigation Plotters for our Private/ Sport Pilot Ground School.

Contact: Jeff Selling

OSPREY FOR SALE

Osprey II, 2 seater, 160 hp engine with paperwork. Project is 80% Complete.

> Please contact Jim Golding at (775) 848-0431

Chapter dues for 2025 have increased to \$30 per calendar year

There are several ways to pay!

Check:

Make payable to EAA 512 and mail to:
Chapter 512 Treasurer
3204 Western Dr.
Cameron Park, CA 95682

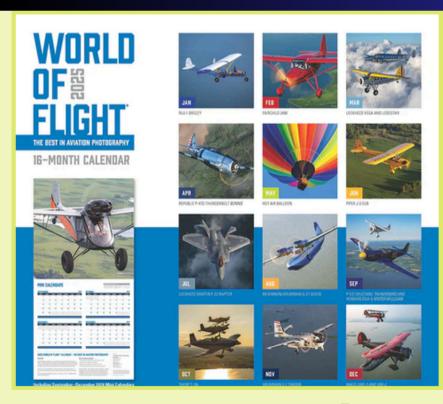
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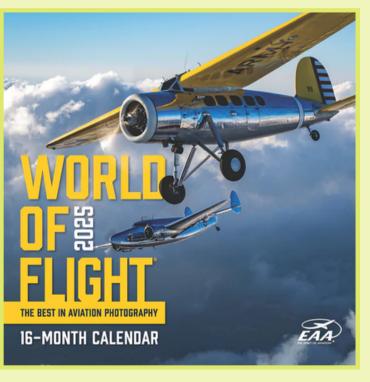
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As a reminder, you must be a member of EAA National to be a member of local Chapter 512.

Click here to become a member of EAA National





2025 Calendars are in

Buy yours at a Chapter event today-Only \$20, proceeds go towards 512's General Fund

CHAPTER 512 MERCH

- Chapter 512 Iron-On Patches \$5/ea.
- Chapter 512
 "Baseball Style"
 Hats* \$20/ea.
- Chapter 512
 Insulated Travel
 Mugs \$30/ea.

Supplies are limited so don't wait, order today!

Email Chapter 512
Merchandise Sales at
eaa512pvf@gmail.com



WEAR YOUR LOGO WITH PRIDE!



- **** Chapter 512 Logo Shirts ****
 - Men's Long Sleeve Shirt* (XL) \$30/ea.
 - Men's T-Shirt w/o Pocket* (XL) \$20/ea.
 - Men's Polo Shirt w/ Collar* (L) \$40/ea.
 - Men's T-Shirt w/ Pocket* (XL, L & M) \$25/ea.
 - Women's V-Neck Shirt* (XXL, XL, L & M) \$20/ea.
 - Youth T-Shirts* (L, M, & S) \$15/ea.



Get ready for a heart-pounding experience at the California Capital Airshow 2025, where the skies above Sacramento will come alive with unmatched energy and spectacle! This year's highlight is the legendary **US Navy Blue Angels**, who will dazzle crowds with their precision aerobatics and jaw-dropping maneuvers in their F/A-18 Super Hornets. Feel the thunder as they perform intricate formations at speeds up to 700 mph, leaving trails of smoke and awe-struck faces in their wake.

But the excitement doesn't stop there! The airshow will feature thrilling performances by world-class pilots, historic aircraft displays, and interactive exhibits perfect for aviation enthusiasts of all ages. Whether you're captivated by modern jets, vintage warbirds, or immersive STEM activities, the California Capital Airshow 2025 promises an unforgettable adventure that will leave you looking skyward long after the final act. Don't miss this spectacular celebration of aviation excellence!

CHAPTER FLYOUT

Join us at the Capitol Air Show on Saturday, March 22nd at 10:00 AM



Aircraft must arrive or depart between 8:00 AM and 11:00 AM or after 5:00 PM. NO arrivals or departures are permitted during waivered airspace on show days.

Please register by completing the form below and purchase your Airshow tickets online PRIOR TO ARRIVAL.

https://californiacapitalairshow.com/fly-in-to-the-show/



FREE YOUTH ADMISSION

Free youth admission ages 18 and under is supported in part by



CAMP WITH 512 AT AIRVENTURE!



Get ready for the ultimate camping adventure at Whitman Field, home to the "World's Busiest Control Tower" at OSH! Each year, we book a Chapter campsite where we share unforgettable moments like the morning wakeup yodel, the VFR Conga Line, and evening events. Our site is always in a <u>prime Camp Scholler location</u>, so you can skip the long school bus rides and go straight to the action.

To join us, and for any logistical support you might need, reach out today!

Let's make this the best AirVenture ever!

FEBRUARY MEETING PRESENTATION

Richard "Dilly" Dilbeck

FAA DAR Ret FAA ASI, A&P, IA



For photos of our intrepid Ground School students



Unairworthy

Learn from Others' Mistakes: Pain-Free

Here's a goldmine of wisdom for homebuilders! This archive is packed with real-world lessons from past mistakes—so you can avoid them without the usual frustration and expense. Save yourself the headaches and build smarter: Check it out!

Unairworthy Archive

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY		
Sat, 15	 \$500 Breakfast Club, 8:30am @ Gordon's home, O61 Ground School, 9:30a-12:30p @KPVF 	
Wed, 19	7pm General Meeting @KPVF. Snack: Beki Speaker: Richard Dilbeck, FAA DAR	
Sat, 22	• <u>Ground School, 9:30a-12:30p</u> <u>@KPVF</u>	



Suzy Murray, mother of Samuel, 512 Ground School thanks you for your generous donation!!

APRIL		
TBD	IMC/VMC Club meeting @KPVF	
Sat, 05	Pancake Breakfast 8-11am @ KPVF	
Wed, 09	• 512 Board Meeting, 6:00pm	
Wed, 16	6pm Potluck followed by 7pm General Meeting @KPVF Speaker: TBD	
Sat, 19	• <u>\$500 Breakfast Club. 8:30am @</u> Gordon's home, O61	
Sun, 27	Fledgling Ground School. 1p @KPVF	

MARCH	
Sat, 01	Ground School, 9:30a-12:30p @KPVF
Tue, 04	IMC/VMC Club meeting @KPVF
Sat, 08	Ground School, 9:30a-12:30p @KPVF
Wed, 12	• 512 Board Meeting, 6:00pm
Sat, 15	 \$500 Breakfast Club, 8:30am @ Gordon's home, O61 Ground School, 9:30a-12:30p @KPVF
Wed, 19	7pm General Meeting @KPVF Snack: please volunteer! Speaker: TBD
Sat, 22	 Ground School, 9:30a-12:30p @KPVF last class! California Capital Airshow! * Chapter Flyout to the Airshow!
Sun, 23	California Capital Airshow! *
Sat, 29	 Hangar cleanup day to prep for April Pancake Breakfast, 9am KPVF

Donate to EAA 512 through your workplace charitable contributions: It's easy! Just select "Hangtown Chapter 512 Experimental Aircraft Association Placerville" EIN 94-3269608

April thru October, the 1st Saturday and Sunday of the month are **Historical Aircraft Display Days**, 8am-12pm @ KPVF

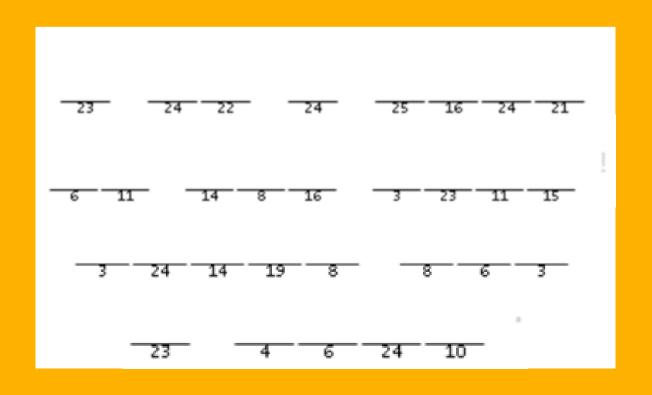


LIGHTER JUST FOR FUN THAN AIR





Trivia answer: The Boeing C17 is the U.S. Air Force's primary strategic, large transport / carrier aircraft





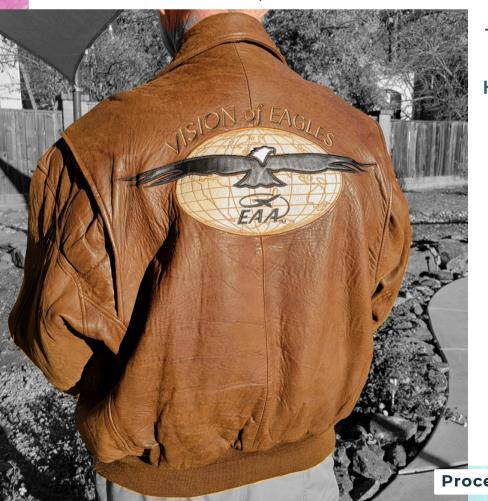
83654005 NOV 10, 2025 RAFFLE

Item #1 - Al Herron's Leather Jacket

Around 15 years ago, EAA offered a special one-year program allowing each chapter to purchase a unique leather coat. While the program initially limited chapters to a single coat, our then-president's efforts secured three for our chapter. These coats, with a retail value of \$900 each, were raffled off as a major fundraiser. The lucky winners were Tim Sullivan, Bob O'Hara, and Al Herron. Sadly, January 2025 will mark the second anniversary of Al's passing. His widow, Gail Herron, has generously donated his coat back to the chapter for another raffle, giving someone new the opportunity to enjoy this special piece.

TICKETS \$10 EACH OR 11 FOR \$100

IN HONOR OF AL,
WE WILL RAFFLE
THIS ITEM ON WHAT
WOULD HAVE BEEN
HIS 70TH BIRTHDAY,
NOVEMBER 10, 2025







Item # 2 - Signed bottle of Old Crow

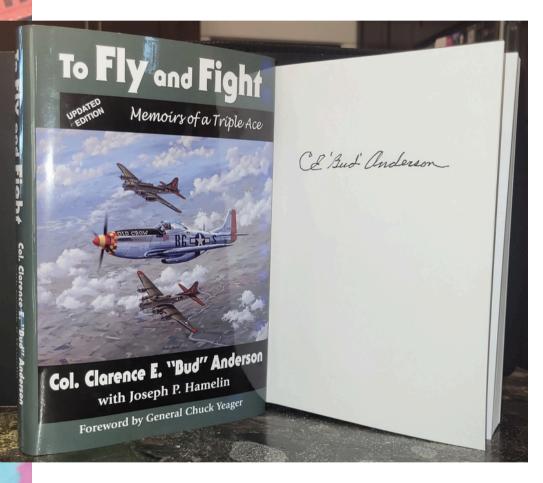
This is a truly unique piece of aviation history: a bottle of Old Crow whiskey, signed by none other than WWII triple ace Bud Anderson! Anderson, former EAA 512 President and legendary pilot, famously flew his P-51 Mustang named "Old Crow," throughout the war. This bottle is a rare collectible, connecting the iconic whiskey brand with one of its most famous namesakes and a true American hero. Don't miss your chance to own this extraordinary piece of memorabilia!





Item # 3 - Autographed Bud Anderson autobiography

Buy a ticket for a signed copy of "To Fly and Fight," the gripping autobiography of WWII triple ace Bud Anderson.



Through his own words, Anderson recounts his daring exploits flying the iconic "Old Crow" Mustang. This signed edition is a prized addition for the bookshelf of any aviation aficionado.

TICKETS \$10 EACH OR 11 FOR \$100

Proceeds will benefit the Scholarship Fund

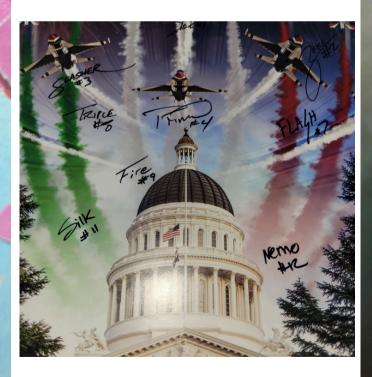




Item # 4 - Autographed Frecce Tricolori Poster

This artfully framed and matted poster commemorating the 2024 Capitol Airshow has been signed by the entire legendary Frecce Tricolori aerobatic demonstration team of the Italian Air Force! This isn't just a poster; it's a piece of aviation artistry, capturing the thrilling spectacle of one of the world's premier aerobatic teams. Imagine owning a piece of history, signed by the very pilots who performed those breathtaking maneuvers in the skies above.

TICKETS \$10 EACH OR 11 FOR \$100



A unique opportunity to own a lasting piece of airshow magic!





Item # 5 - Airplane-themed Quilt

This delightful piece features a playful pattern of little airplanes soaring across a sky-blue backdrop with little puffy clouds. The cheerful design is complemented by a classic striped backing, adding a touch of timeless style. But don't let the whimsical design fool you – this is a quilt of exceptional quality. The carefully chosen fabrics are soft yet substantial, promising warmth and comfort. The binding, that crucial edge finishing, is expertly sewn with a clean and professional finish that will withstand years of use.

And don't let its charming appearance deceive you about its size: this is a generous **80"x80"** quilt – perfect for snuggling up on a full-size bed, draping over a smaller one, or even using as a cozy throw

on the couch.

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