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Kilroy Was Here

Kilroy was here. But who was Kilroy? And where was he? Well, if you were in the military during World War II, you knew who he was and where he was because he always seemed to get there before you did.

This strange sketch of a man peering over a fence started showing up in various forms everywhere the American military went. No one would ever admit to making the drawing; they would always say it was there when they arrived. One version of the graffiti is shown here:

Soon it became a challenge to put Kilroy in as many places as possible (and some that were not possible). Kilroy was on ships as they invaded islands, on block walls of cities that were attacked, everywhere there was any spare space (especially inside rest rooms and outhouses). He was said to be on top of Mt. Everest, on the Statue of Liberty in New York, on the Arc De Triomphe in Paris, on Big Ben in London. Supposedly, his sketch could even be seen in the dust on the moon! (This was the '40s; not 1969!)

Some people reported "reliably" that Hitler was looking for an American spy named Kilroy who seemed to be everywhere.

When Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin met at Potsdam, Stalin was heard to ask his aide as he

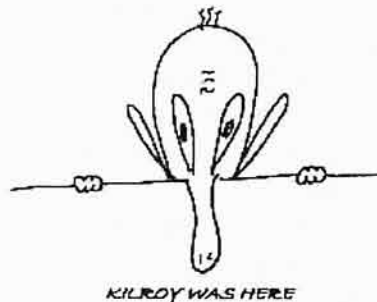
emerged from the specially built outhouse, "Who is Kilroy?"

Well, who was Kilroy? We may never know. Many have claimed the distinction. The most plausible identity is attributed to a man named James Kilroy who worked in the shipyard in Quincy, Massachusetts, near Boston. The workers were paid by the number of rivets they installed. Kilroy would put a chalk mark beside the rivets that had been counted but the workers would erase the mark so the rivets would be

counted again and they would receive more pay. This exasperated Kilroy so he began writing in big dark letters, "KILROY WAS HERE". In the rush to get the ships into service, they were not being painted and the words remained. When the millions of sailors and soldiers saw this catchphrase, someone added the sketch and the legend was initiated and perpetuated.

Kilroy provided a lighter moment during the horror that was World War II. He was around during later military campaigns but never to the same extent as during that time.

Do you remember Kilroy? Where did you see him? Please send us your sketch and we will publish as many as possible. Maybe we need Kilroy again.



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President's Report - January 2003

By Paul Homer, President

The celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Sidewinder missile held Oct. 31 - Nov. 2 was a great success for the China Lake Museum Foundation and the U. S. Naval Museum of Armament and Technology, as well as the entire China Lake -- Ridgecrest community. For CLMF members who missed the celebration, note that the new Sidewinder display, which highlights the early history of Sidewinder to currently developed programs, is still in place in the "back room" of the museum. For those who have seen this display, I expect you will agree that several visits are required to absorb the total scope of the history displayed.

The CLMF Gift Shop has a good supply of remaining Sidewinder commemorative items, including prints of Larry Zabel's painting, "Sidewinder Over Wild Horse Mesa." We plan to have available soon videotapes of the major events during the Sidewinder celebration, including the Technical Forum, the Shooters' Forum, and the speakers at both the City of Ridgecrest and Chamber of Commerce recep-

tion and the main dinner held at the Kerr-McGee Center.

A major event for the CLMF is the membership dinner and auction scheduled on March, also at the Kerr-McGee Center. This event is a significant fundraiser for the foundation, and I hope each member will participate and bring a new recruit member to the dinner. Details are covered elsewhere in this newsletter.

The 50th Anniversary of Sidewinder brings to mind other anniversaries: 2003 is the 10th anniversary of the CLMF, and also the 50th anniversary of the SNORT -- Supersonic Naval Ordnance Research Track. These historical events introduce a new feature in this newsletter -- short feature articles of historical note and interest. We plan to expand these feature articles in future additions, as space permits.

On behalf of CLMF I wish you a very prosperous and successful year in 2003. We hope to see you at the membership dinner and auction in late March.

Farewell to Terry

By Diane Thompson, Membership Committee

With New Year has come a big change for Terry Bellino, the Foundation's popular Business Officer. She is realizing her lifelong goal of owning her own store by purchasing the Ridgecrest Sears Store from John and Joyce Garrard.

As this issue goes to press, Terry is in training at Sears corporate headquarters in Chicago.

Terry's news is wonderful for the community, but bittersweet for the Museum. Her talents will be sorely missed.

Luckily for us, Terry threw herself into the job of training her replacement, Pat Brokke, on the ins and outs of the Museum and the Gift Store. Pat is well-known to many people in Ridgecrest, where she has worked for such entities as Chamber of Commerce and PackWrap.

Terry became our Business Officer in Jan. 2, 2002. This multi-faceted job includes keeping the Foundation financial books, running the Gift Shop, maintaining the Gift Shop inventory, dealing with suppliers, and meeting the public interested in our Museum.

This job was especially challenging during this last year because of the large number of specialty souvenir items ordered and sold for the Sidewinder 50th Anniversary. In addition, pre-sales at local functions leading up to the grand events themselves had to be tracked and accounted for.

Terry did a great job – and thrived on the excitement.

Terry said she loves both the business world and living in the desert. Born in Ft. Worth, she and her three brothers were raised in Albuquerque. She did the usual fast-food store

work during high school and found she had a knack for business and management. It was there that her spark of enterprise was born. "I always wanted to own my own store, but thought it would take more money than I would ever have."

Terry moved to Ridgecrest with husband Frank and their two children in 1986 when Frank left the Navy and came to work for CSC. Frank joined civil service in 1989. Terry held numerous jobs in Ridgecrest, with those jobs involving her in legal secretarial work and tax preparation.

From 1992-1994 she managed the H & R Block office in Mojave. In 1996-97, Frank had a one year assignment for the Navy in Washington and Terry followed, finding more job opportunities there.

As she advanced in management, Terry felt a need for more formal education. She proudly graduated from Cerro Coso with a A.A. in 1994 after seven years of night school.

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A grinning Terry!

Come Visit Us At Our Website!!!

By Diane Thompson, Membership Committee

Join the China Lake family again at:
<http://www.chinalakemuseum.org>

We have recently added new features and expanded existing ones!

Putting the address in your browser will lead you to the main page. From there you can see new things in the Gift Shop. (Lower right button).

Join us on our new Bulletin Board! (The "Hot" button). Look for old friends, keep up on the local news if you have moved from China Lake and give us feedback on the Newsletter!

From here you can recommend exhibits and share your China Lake story. The Bulletin Board is easy to navigate. The subject folders are on the left and the message appears on the right. Barry's message about a name for the Gift Shop is shown in the picture. Do note that the first time you open the Bulletin Board, it will take about a minute to download some software so we can hear from you. From then on it will open quickly.

As our online community expands, we will bring fast breaking news of events to you in your home.

Message List

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 Clicking on a Message Title displays the message in the right window.

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Text of selected message

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Gift Shop

Gift Shop Name - (Barry) 01-11-03 - 12:42 PM [Msgid=361293]

I've been thinking about naming our gift shop with a unique name. This would support some of the things that we are doing toward establishing an on-line gift shop business with on-line ordering, credit-card processing etc.

The Naval Aviation Museum at Pensacola, FL calls their gift shop the "Flight Deck Museum Store." Taking a cue from them I had proposed "The Ordnance Shop Museum Store" given our relationship to weaponry and the fact that the Navy uses the term "ordnance shop" for areas that assemble aviation ordnance in preparation for aircraft loading. Others have proposed "The Ordnance Shack Museum Store" since the term "ordnance shack" refers to areas where "really big" ordnance is serviced.

Anybody care to offer suggestions about a gift shop name?

Date=01-11-03 Barry, balowry2@earthlink.net. [Msgid=361293]

[Replies to this message, if any, are listed below.]

NEW DONORS/MEMBERSHIPS FOR SEPTEMBER 21, 2002 - JANUARY 24, 2003

We would like to "Welcome and Thank" our new major donors and members!

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Cordially Invites You To Our

3rd ANNUAL DINNER & FUNDRAISER

in support of the

U. S. NAVAL MUSEUM OF ARMAMENT AND TECHNOLOGY

March 28, 2003 Kerr-McGee Center

5:30 pm - Cocktails/Start Silent Auction

6:00 pm - Dinner catered by Hitters

8:00 pm - Welcome/Presentations

Desert Casual

Raffle

(Must be present for raffle)

Cash Bar

Dinner: ___ x \$20.00/member or ___ x \$25.00/non-member = \$_____

Event Sponsorship: \$200 Name/Organization _____ = \$_____

(Sponsorship includes 2 Dinner Tickets, Reserved Seating, Name in Program, 10 Raffle Tickets)

Membership: _____ (type) @ \$_____ = \$_____

(Membership is tax deductible TIN#77-0340083)

PURCHASE TICKETS BY FRIDAY, MARCH 21 TOTAL = \$_____

Annual	Individual/Family	\$ 25.00	Contributor	\$100.00	Business Contributor	\$ 100.00
Memberships:	Enlisted Active Duty	\$ 8.00	Benefactor	\$500.00	Business Sponsor	\$ 500.00
	Sponsor*	\$ 33.00			Business	\$1000.00
Lifetime Membership:	\$1000.00	(\$1000 once or \$500 twice consecutively per annum or \$250 four times consecutively per annum)				

* Sponsorship of Enlisted Family in addition to own Individual/Family membership

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Volunteer Work/Area of Interest _____

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Or call the Foundation at 939-3530 with your reservation and/or membership information (please have your credit card information ready) Or purchase tickets at the U.S. Naval Museum of Armament & Technology.

3rd Annual CLMF Membership Dinner and Auction

By Alice Campbell, Vice President Membership

Once again it is time to celebrate and support our Naval Museum of Armament and Technology, aka "The China Lake Weapons Museum," with a dinner party and auction, Friday, March 28, at the Kerr McGee Center, starting at 5:30 p.m.

It's a chance to renew friendships from the past and the present. This year we will honor our business donors and members who help make our dream of building a new museum become a reality by their donations of \$500 or greater. Details are on the enclosed flyer. The auction will be run by Chuck Newmyer of the Agua Bonita Flyfishers. Chuck has gained quite a reputation as a funny and witty auctioneer. Also the silent auction and raffle will be held. As before, we are looking for historic items from China Lake to be auctioned off.

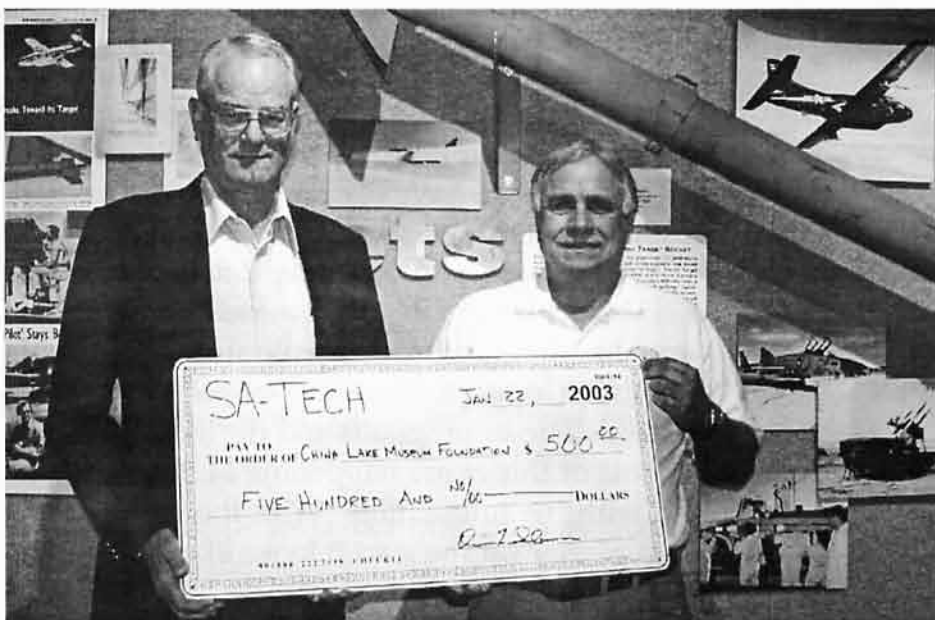
Out-of-towners who did not come to the Sidewinder 50th Anniversary in the Fall are encouraged to come to this event. The Carriage Inn and the Heritage Inn and Suites in Ridgecrest have a special discounted room rate

of \$65 per night for those who come for this "Museum Special" event.

The Randsburg Players are putting on a play that Saturday and the Rock House Gallery at 449 W. Ridgecrest Blvd is displaying the work of the very talented local artists.

The new Sidewinder Room in the Weapons Museum, completed for the Sidewinder 50th Anniversary, is a must for your visit on that Friday, but you will need to contact the Museum Manager Barry Lowry ahead of time, 760-939-4740, to arrange for a pass since the China Lake Pass Office is closed that Flex Friday.

To come to the dinner party, please fill out the bottom half of the flyer included in this newsletter and mail it in to the Museum, or call Pat at our Gift Shop at 760-939-3530 and order your tickets by credit card. You will receive special recognition and a gift for bringing the most guests and/or for signing up the most new memberships!



Mr. Dennis Solomon, Program Manager for Systems Application & Technologies, Inc. (SA-TECH) presents a \$500 check to Paul Homer, President of the China Lake Museum Foundation, to kick off their Business Sponsor Membership in the foundation.

Museum Happenings

By Barry Lowry, Museum Manager

As we start a new year it is once again time for staff changes. It seems to be a developing pattern that I introduce a new Business Officer about this time each year. Last year I was introducing Terry Bellino who came on board to replace Kelly Mockler in the gift shop.

Replacing Terry is Pat Brokke who is known to many around town from her work at the Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce, Bennett Optical, and her volunteer efforts with IWV2000 and the Ridgecrest Hospital Foundation Board. Pat and her husband Harris took leave of the Indian Wells Valley for a period of time, but they are now back and becoming reinvented in area activities and organizations.



Pat Brokke at her desk

The Sidewinder 50th Anniversary is in the record books and it was a success on many fronts. Between 1,000 and 2,000 people came through the museum during the 3-day Sidewinder event on the weekend of November 1-3, 2002. Terry Bellino, along with volunteers Chantal Andrews and Claudia Sound, kept the gift shop humming along which was quite an achievement since they processed several hundred sales transactions over the 3-day period. Evenings were spent reorganizing the

museum, re-stocking shelves and packaging the 2nd production run of Sidewinder videos after the first sold out quickly. Museum staff received significant help from the Burroughs High School Junior NROTC and Navy enlisted personnel. Artist Larry Zabel, Astronaut Wally Schirra and LaV McLean successfully signed prints of the commemorative painting *Sidewinder Over Wild Horse Mesa* during the event while authors Ron Westrum and Elizabeth Babcock signed their respective literary works. Many questions were answered, compliments received and we sent Sidewinder and China Lake memorabilia to the four corners of the world.

With things now closer to normal we are working hard to improve the foundations infrastructure in terms of accounting, policies and processes to support the next phase of fundraising. We are also working projects to improve the web page with on-line purchasing from the gift shop some time this year. We are in the process of packaging the biography kiosk generously donated by Sverdrup in the fall of 2002. This device gives people the opportunity to showcase biographical information and pictures of people that contributed to China Lake over its prestigious history. We hope to have it prominently displayed in the museum lobby in the near future. We are working hard to reorganize the gift shop after the Sidewinder 50th and hope to have several new items for our customers in the near future.

We have stepped out on a strategic planning and budgeting process, we are studying ways to formalize and improve our volunteer efforts and examining opportunities for school tours, tour busses, summer programs and the like.

Lots of things are happening at the museum and with the foundation. With the momentum we have here at the start it looks like this will be a good year all around!

Farewell to Terry (continued from page 3)

By Diane Thompson, Membership Committee

Terry has always given to the community, too. "I love people and I love to speak to people," she said. "After singing in front of an audience, speaking is easy!" A 16-year member of the Cerro Coso Community Choir, she also sings solos with the Immanuel Baptist Church Choir.

A past president of the local Kiwanis Club (1999-2000), she will take that job again next Oct. 1. She has also been active in the Inyokern Chamber of Commerce.

The Bellinos are no strangers to commerce. While living in College Heights, they raised eucalyptus and later pine trees for sale and owned High Desert Eucalyptus and Commercial

Irrigation. "Frank did the outside work. I did the books and taxes."

After the tour in Washington, the Bellinos' nursery business expanded to 40 acres and 1,370 pistachio trees in Inyokern. They sell their total yearly crop to Paramount Produce. Now Terry does outside work during harvest season too.

Asked for some parting words, Terry said with great enthusiasm, "I have loved this job. It is the most fun I have ever had. But I am going on to my dream job, owning my own store.

"I love the Indian Wells Valley, and I feel strongly that you should make a contribution to the place you love."

Terry's Goodbye Poem

By Terry Bellino

Saying goodbye makes me feel really sad
I've enjoyed my time here and not just a tad
The Museum Foundation is such a great place
Even racing around at a really hectic pace

All the people are interesting and fun
I'll miss them all - every single one
Staying involved with you will be my pleasure
'Cause the memories I've made I'll always treasure

I'd like to be a director or maybe a VP
When I can catch my breath maybe then we'll see
I'm leaving you now but in future years
I'll not be far away - you can find me at Sears

The Secretary of State, the Honorable Colin Powell, during a recent trip to the UN in New York was approached by an Iraqi news reporter, who asked: "Is it true that only 13 percent of young Americans can even find Iraq on the map?"

The Secretary turned to the reporter with a smile and said: "Yes, that's true. But the very sad news for Iraq is that the 13 percent are all United States Marines!"