recreate that component to its original specifications — something very useful for complex aircraft like the P-38.

"Also, we have a propeller shop and all the equipment needed for restoring WWII propellers into airworthy condition. The prop shop is an extremely important addition to our business since it is a specialized art and good prop shops are very few and far between."

WestPac also has a dedicated computer room that process thousands of pages of factory plans and documents that WestPac uses for its many projects. To ensure a restoration's accuracy, these are absolutely essential components. "In many instances, we have every known drawing or blueprint for a particular aircraft and this allows complete accuracy. We also have built an extensive series of fixtures/jigs for aircraft such as the P-38, P-47, and P-51. These fixtures are important for quality restorations since they are built to contain aircraft components exactly as done at original factories.

Neal Melton's recently restored Skyraider in the WestPac facility.

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The WestPac gang with one of the company's Lightning projects.

"Currently, one of our most important projects is to return Lockheed P-38F *White 33* to the air. One of the first Lightnings in Pacific combat, several pilots that went on to become top aces flew this aircraft. Also, and this is a bit unusual, this early model P-38 was flown throughout the entire war. We have acquired very large stocks of P-38 spares and components and currently are contemplating several other P-38 restorations," said Bill.

With restorations for their ultra high-tech facility booked several years into the future, WestPac is looking forward to some extremely significant Warbird projects that the company hopes to announce in the very near future. **WI**

A future P-47D and N3N project...

...and another Corsair.

Parts and components are neatly organized by type of aircraft.

Work is well advanced on a complex P-38 center section.

Fixtures full of Lightning components await restoration.

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