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## Awards

President George W. Bush signed the National Defense Authorization act, part of which directs the Department of Defense to issue a **Korea Defense Service Medal**. The act provides for the awarding of the medal to members of the armed forces who served in Korea after July 1954, when the DoD stopped issuing the Korea Service Medal.

The aviation winners of the Secretary of the Navy and Federal Energy and Water Management Program (FEMP) FY 2001 **Energy Conservation Awards** were (SECNAV category) *Kearsarge* (LHD 3), VR-57 and MCAS Beaufort, S.C.; and (FEMP category) *Kearsarge* (LHD 3), MCAS Beaufort, S.C., and MCAS Yuma, Ariz.

*Enterprise* (CVN 65) was the

**A rainbow welcomes in the new year for Sailors and Marines aboard Harry S. Truman (CVN 75) in Souda Bay, Crete, Greece.**

winner of the **2002 Phoenix Trophy**. The award recognizes the best Department of Defense field-level maintenance units.

NAS Keflavik, Iceland, earned its first dual five-star rating in both permanent party and transient quarters and capped off the achievement with its first **Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt** award for excellence in bachelor housing management.

For the third consecutive year, *Bonhomme Richard* (LHD 6) was awarded the **Chief of Naval Operations Surface Ship Safety Award**. The honor is earned annually by ships which demonstrate an aggressive safety program that

contributes to mishap prevention.

COMCVW-5 Capt. Patrick Driscoll received the **Bronze Star Medal** for meritorious achievement in connection with combat operations during Operation Enduring Freedom.

Three NAS Patuxent River, Md., volunteer programs were named Naval District Washington **2002 Community Service Programs of the Year**. Volunteers were recognized for their efforts in personal excellence partnerships; health, safety and fitness; and environmental stewardship.

VT-2 landing signal officer Lt. Joel Janopoulos, NAS Kingsville, Texas, was selected as the Naval Air Training Command's **2002 LSO of the Year**.

Marine Corps Maj. John Albers,

lead developmental test pilot and project officer of the C/KC-130J Hercules project at NAS Patuxent River, Md., received the Southern Maryland Chapter of the Retired Officer's Association's **2002 Admiral Merlin O'Neil Officer of the Year** award in recognition of his superior performance and leadership.

## Scan Pattern

The Navy's Revolution in Training has come to the aviation

technical community in the form of the **Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training (CNATT)**. The center stood up at Naval Technical Training Center, Pensacola, Fla., on 6 September 2002. CNATT is responsible for defining all curriculum and educational tools, as well as developing technical training solutions and professional development continuums for the aviation ratings **ABE, ABF, ABH, AC, AD, AE, AG, AM, AME, AO, AS, AT, AW, AZ, and PR** and for nondesignated airmen. CNATT

Commanding Officer Capt. Thomas Keely said, "With aviation technology changing so rapidly, it is critical that Navy training be responsive to those changes and integrate them into our curriculum, labs and classrooms. Our center will take advantage of what is going on in the private sector and our aviation technicians will be continually current in their ratings. Our Sailors will also be able to translate their Navy training into professional certifications." To learn more about CNATT and the Navy's Revolution in Training visit [www.nko.navy.mil](http://www.nko.navy.mil).

# GEN. JONES BECOMES 25TH HONORARY NAVAL AVIATOR



In a ceremony held in the CNO's office, the 32nd Commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps, Gen. James L. Jones, (left) was designated Honorary Naval Aviator No. 25 by the senior Naval Aviator, Adm. William J. Fallon (right). The designation was presented in recognition of Jones's extraordinary contributions to Navy and Marine Corps Aviation. These contributions include his efforts ensuring the success of Navy and Marine tactical air integration, supporting the Marine Aviation Campaign Plan which includes the introduction of the MV-22 Osprey, Joint Strike Fighter, and KC-130J, and upgrading legacy aircraft to bridge the gap between today's and tomorrow's aviation fleet. Along with the title, Jones received a Navy flier's leather jacket and a set of Naval Aviator gold wings. Later, he left Washington, D.C., to become Supreme Allied Commander of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

Another product of the Revolution in Training is the **Center for Service Support (CSS)**, which provisionally stood up on 1 October 2002. The Navy Supply Corps School, Athens, Ga., is the site for the new learning center, which is designed to be the knowledge manager for 16 enlisted ratings, including **AK/SK, JO** and **PH**. The CSS is directly responsible for the personal and professional career development of more than 46,000 enlisted Sailors. To learn more about CSS and the Navy's Revolution in Training visit [www.nko.navy.mil](http://www.nko.navy.mil).

Naval Aviation instructors at NAS Whiting Field, Fla., and NAS Lemoore, Calif., can now pursue the Naval Postgraduate School's **Executive Masters of Business Administration** program on base. The 54 credit-hour program provides an advanced education in interdisciplinary approaches to problem solving and policy analysis by applying quantitative, financial, economics, information technology, and other state-of-the-art management



**A new acquisition for the Naval Historical Center, Washington, D.C., is the prop blade assembly from the EP-3E Aries II aircraft that was involved in a collision with a Chinese fighter in 2001.**

techniques and concepts to military management and policy issues. Students will learn analytical and critical thinking skills necessary in making strategic decisions under conditions of uncertainty. For more information on the program see [www.nps.navy.mil](http://www.nps.navy.mil).

*Bonhomme Richard* (LHD 6) is expected to be the test platform for the Naval Personnel Command's **Sea Warrior program**. The new program will allow Sailors to view billets via a website, and submit their requests to fill them without having to call their detailer directly. The website will help Sailors decide which billet to select, and determine if there is a good match between the Sailor and a specific billet's requirements.

During a recent port visit to Hong Kong, *Kitty Hawk* (CV 63) and Carrier Air Wing 5 Sailors had a chance to meet Jackie Chan as the international film star toured the ship. Chan was greeted by hundreds of Sailors during his visit and took the time to shake hands and pose for pictures.

Secretary of the Navy Gordon England officially named the Navy's tenth *Nimitz*-class aircraft carrier, **CVN 77**, in honor of WW II Naval Aviator and former President of the United States **George Herbert Walker Bush** during a December 2002 ceremony at the Pentagon.

Sailors and Marines aboard *Tarawa* (LHA 1) became the focus of a film crew recently when National Geographic sent a team to get footage for a

documentary about preparing for deployments. For a week, various Sailors and Marines allowed the crew to film aspects of their daily lifestyle and roles in training exercises, including mass casualty

and search-and-rescue drills, and well deck and flight operations.

## Records

In October 2002, **LCdr. Victor Smith** of VFA-115 surpassed 500 traps on a single ship, *Abraham Lincoln* (CVN 72), flying an F/A-18E Super Hornet.

On 7 December 2002, COMCVW-17 **Cdr. Dana Potts** marked his 1,000th career trap, in a VF-103 F-14 Tomcat on board *George Washington* (CVN 73).

**LCdr. Matthew Tysler** of VFA-115 achieved 1,000 flight hours in the F/A-18E Super Hornet while on an operational deployment with *Abraham Lincoln* (CVN 72).

The **V-22 Osprey** Integrated Test Team of NAS Patuxent River, Md., surpassed 100 flight hours in Osprey No. 10.



JO2 Dan Bell

On 21 November 2002, the **Gray Eagle Trophy** was passed from VAdm. Michael D. Haskins (right) to VAdm. Charles W. Moore, Jr. The award honors the Naval Aviator on the active duty list, not recalled, who has held that designation for the longest period of time. It is passed to the next earliest designated Naval Aviator on the active duty list, not recalled, when the incumbent retires. The inscription on the trophy reads: "In recognition of a clear eye, a stout heart, a steady hand, and a daring defiance of gravity and the law of averages."

The Secretary of the Navy's new aircraft, a C-37A Gulfstream, was dedicated during a rollout ceremony at NAF Washington, D.C., on 11 October 2002.



## Rescues

A tractor driver aboard *Abraham Lincoln* (CVN 72) inadvertently drove into the hot exhaust of an F-14 Tomcat during normal flight operations. The driver attempted to stop the tractor while jumping off to escape the heat, but failed to set the brake properly. The tractor headed directly toward an aircraft and several people working on the flight deck. AMC(AW) **Brian Campbell** saw the action unfold, jumped on the tractor and applied the brake, preventing a potentially serious accident.

A VFA-151 Sailor was recovered off the coast of southern California after spending more than seven hours in the Pacific Ocean. The Sailor was blown off the flight deck of *Constellation* (CV 64) near midnight from the jet blast of an EA-6B Prowler he had walked behind. The incident was reported and rescue operations began immediately. Around 0720 the Sailor was spotted, recovered and returned to the ship where he received medical treatment.

On 26 October 2002 the **NAS Whidbey Island, Wash.**, search and rescue

**team** received news that a climber had fallen and broken his leg on nearby Mt. Erie. As the team's SH-3 Sea King hovered at 1,000 feet, the crew chief directed the helo to within several feet of Mt. Erie's rock face. The corpsman was hoisted down to the site, where he began to assess the climber's injuries while the helo circled the area to wait for the pickup call. After the climber was stabilized and hoisted aboard, along with the corpsman, the helo landed at a nearby camp, where the

injured man was transferred to an ambulance.

On 5 December 2002, a VC-8 helo crew from NS Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico, rescued a local diver who had become disoriented and came ashore on the island of Vieques. After a few hours of searching, the UH-3H Sea King found the victim lying on a beach. The helo crew retrieved the diver and transported him to a local hospital, where he was treated for exhaustion and released.

The crew of *Constellation* (CV 64) quickly responded to a main machinery room fire on 8 November 2002, preventing any serious injuries or degradation to the ship's ability to continue her deployment. The fire, caused by a fuel oil leak, was contained by installed firefighting equipment in the spaces until the ship's fire parties and damage control teams extinguished it.



**Residents of Bellevue, Nebr., honored military personnel by plowing this message in a field near Offut AFB, Omaha, Nebr.**

## CHANGE OF COMMAND

### *Abraham Lincoln* (CVN 72):

Capt. Kendall L. Card relieved Capt. Douglas K. Dupouy, 5 Nov 02.

**HS-75:** Cdr. Mike Branco relieved Cdr. John Hall, 17 Nov 02.

**NAS Oceana, Va.:** Capt. Jason A. Leaver relieved Capt. Cary A. Silvers, 4 Oct 02.

### **Navy Flight Demonstration**

**Squadron, Blue Angels:** Cdr. Russ Bartlett relieved Capt. Rob Field, 10 Nov 02.

### **NB Ventura County, Calif.:**

Capt. Paul Grossgold relieved Capt. James Rainwater, 4 Oct 02.

**PatResWing-1:** Capt. Fred E. Smith relieved Capt. Harry B.

Harris, Jr., 12 Sep 02.

**VAQ-134:** Cdr. Bradley A. Martin relieved Cdr. Gregg K. Smith, 5 Dec 02.

**VAQ-139:** Cdr. Scott Pollpeter relieved Cdr. Rick Simon, 5 Dec 02.

**VAW-126:** Cdr. Christopher P. Gallagher relieved Cdr. Stephen N. Thompson, 20 Nov 02.

**VF-83:** Cdr. Dennis C. Mikeska relieved Cdr. Thomas A. Meadows, 8 Oct 02.

**VT-2:** Cdr. A. J. Berghorn, USCG, relieved Cdr. William J. Flanagan, Jr., 5 Sep 02.



**USCG Cdr. A. J. Berghorn took the helm of VT-2 in September 2002, becoming the first Coast Guard officer to command a Navy training squadron.**



**VR-51, flying C-20G Gulfstream IV's out of MCAF Kaneohe, Hawaii, right, surpassed the 20,000 mishap-free flight hour milestone on 19 September 2002. A majority of the flight hours occurred during international and overwater missions.**



## Wasp Buries WW II Shipmate

By SM3(SW/AW) Derrik M. Ingle,  
*Wasp* (LHD 1) Public Affairs

With bowed heads and a 21-gun salute, shipmates paid their last respects to a *Wasp* (CV 7) Sailor and veteran in November 2002. Aircrew Survival

Equipmentman 1st Class Clarence G. Leggett, 79, was buried from *Wasp* (LHD 1), 60 years after serving aboard the carrier.

The highlight of the 12-year veteran's service was a three-year deployment in the southwest Pacific. During the Battle of Guadalcanal in 1942, *Wasp* was sunk, and a destroyer rescued Leggett from the sea. A year later, while flying with a bomber squadron, Japanese planes shot down the plane in which Leggett

was riding. The pilot died, but Leggett managed to open his raft, and after four days of floating, the same destroyer saved him once more.

Leggett always had a special bond with *Wasp* and the Navy. He toured the ship when she was first commissioned, and when he died he left a large portion of his estate to the U.S. Naval Institute for public education. The crew of the tenth *Wasp* felt privileged to help put to rest a veteran from their

# Rededication Gives Whirlybird a New Paint Job

By USMC SSgt. Rusty Baker,  
MAG-41 PAO

On 20 October 2002, a ceremony was held to rededicate a Sikorsky H-34 Seahorse helicopter to Marine Air Group (MAG) 41. The H-34 had been positioned as a static display on the main road at NAS JRB Fort Worth at Carswell, Texas, since MAG-41 moved from NAS Dallas, Texas, during the mid-1990s. Col. Packard, the CO of MAG-41, noticed the fading warbird during his first days on the base. Years of baking in the Texas sun had turned its olive drab color to a pale lime green. Rust, corrosion, and flaking paint had taken a toll on the aircraft, leaving the CO with little choice but to begin an entire restoration project.

Great attention to detail was made when restoring the H-34 to its former condition. Marines and Sailors logged many man-hours, scanning old photographs for color schemes and logo placement. AM2 Gonzalez and AM2 Carter were instrumental players in the process, and were awarded Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals for their efforts. The helo's new look is now that of the Red Lions of Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 363,



From left to right: USMC Col. Yarnell, MSgt. (Ret.) Polley, USMC Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Gossell, USMC Maj. Gen. Taylor, AM2 Carter and AM2 Gonzalez celebrate the H-34's rededication following its restoration.

## BLUE ANGELS 2003 SHOW SCHEDULE

### March

31 Millington, TN

15 NAF El Centro, CA  
22-23 Punta Gorda, FL  
29-30 Huntsville, AL

### April

5-6 NAS Corpus Christi, TX  
12-13 Vidalia, GA  
26-27 Knoxville, TN

### May

3-4 MCAS Cherry Point, NC  
10-11 Topeka, KS  
17-18 Millville, NJ  
21 USNA, Annapolis, MD  
22 USNA Graduation Flyover,  
Annapolis, MD  
24-25 NAS Patuxent River, MD

### June

1 Millington, TN  
7-8 Davenport, IA  
14-15 New Windsor, NY  
21-22 La Crosse, WI  
28-29 North Kingstown, RI

### July

5-6 Muskegon, MI  
11-12 Pensacola Beach, FL  
17-18 Dayton, OH  
26-27 Arco, ID

### August

2-3 Seattle, WA  
8-10 Abbotsford, CN  
16-17 Westfield, MA  
30-31 Cleveland, OH