

NC-4 Flight's 90th Anniversary

I use *Naval Aviation News* in my classrooms in the middle school where I have an aviation construction program, and in a county work training program where I teach aircraft construction. I am also the director of The First Across Organization, which is dedicated to constructing a full-scale replica of the NC-4 to fly across the Atlantic for the 90th anniversary of that historic flight in 2009. For details, log on to <http://firstacross.hypermart.net/nc4home.htm>.

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Naval Aviation Cartoon

I'm looking for a well-known Naval Aviation cartoon depicting "The Naval Aviator as seen by . . . his CO, the OpsO, AMO, ASO, himself, etc.," with caricatures for each phrase. For example, the CO sees the Naval Aviator as Bozo the Clown, the OpsO as a crying baby, the ASO as Evel Knievel, and himself as a Clark Gable lookalike. If anyone knows where to find a copy of this cartoon, please contact Lt. Col. Pete Hural at: hercdvr@yahoo.com.

Corrections to Jan-Feb 99

IBC, caption: Martin P5M *Marlins* entered service in 1952, later serving in Vietnam until retirement.

Reunions

AOC/NAOC Class 41-68, 8-11 APR, Pensacola, FL. POC: Rick Farrell at 219-287-4191; fax 219-674-8037; rfarrell@michiana.org.

U.S. Naval Test Pilot School, 16-17 APR, Patuxent River, MD. POC: Rich Greenleaf, USNTPS, 22783 Cedar Point Rd., Patuxent River, MD 20670-1160; 301-342-4411 x3000.

Air Group 12 WW II (deployed aboard *Randolph* (CV 15) in 1945), 20-23 APR, Pensacola, FL. POC: Dick Weston, 72 Penzance Rd., Rockport, MA 01966-2222; 978-546-9753.

Tarawa (CV/CVA/ CVS 40), 29 APR-2 MAY, Norfolk, VA. POC: Cliff Garner, 465 Gardiner Rd. Lt. 35, W. Kingston, RI 02892; 401-241-7472.

Nimitz (CVN 68), 12-15 MAY, San Antonio, TX. POC: Vince Yavorosky, 4704 Pool Side Rd., Virginia Beach, VA 23455; 757-456-0047; vinco@qwick.net.

Franklin D. Roosevelt (CVB/CVA/CV 42), 12-16 MAY, Covington, KY. POC: Harry Adler,

Salute to Navy and Marine Corps Fighter Aces

The Association of Naval Aviation (ANA), in conjunction with VAdm. (Ret.) Don Engen of the National Air and Space Museum, will host a reception and ceremony to honor the legacy of our Navy and Marine Corps fighter aces on Friday, 19 March from 1900 to 2200.

Catered reception with heavy hors d'oeuvres and host/open bar. Cost: \$50 per person. Flight jackets are to be worn by all attendees, if available. Active duty uniform: USN, khaki; USMC, bravo; civilians, business casual.

For tickets, call 410-730-9521, or obtain registration form at: www.erols.com/dutrauch.

6801 Shawnee Run Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45243; 800-437-0869.

Hornet (CV 8)/Mustin (DD 413), 13-15 MAY, Minneapolis, MN. POC: Warren Sorensen, 961 Cobb Rd., Shoreview, MN 55126; 651-415-0927.

Gilbert Islands (CVE 107), 16-18 MAY, Gulfport, MS. POC: Richard Hood, 705 N. 7th St., Mifflintown, PA 17059; 717-436-8731.

Naval Airship Assn., 20-22 MAY, Denver, CO. POC: William Franzen, 1250B E. 130th Ave., Thornton, CO 80241; 303-457-4715.

Electronic Warfare Symposium, "Electronic Combat 2005: A Warrior's Perspective," 24-26 MAY, NAS Whidbey Island, WA. POC: CWO3 Paula Gough, DSN 820-2793; 360-257-2793.

Assn. of Aviation Ordnancemen, JUN 99, Laughlin, NV. POC: Kenneth Foster, 1930-127 W. San Marcos Blvd., San Marcos, CA 92069; 760-597-0340.

Ticonderoga (CV/CVA/ CVS 14), 3-6 JUN, Buffalo, NY. POC: Chuck Large, 31 Lowe Ave., Stoughton, MA 02072; 781-344-3461.

NAS New York, 10-13 JUN, Williamsburg, VA. POC: Chet Atkinson, PO Box 62066, Virginia Beach, VA 23466; 757-495-1338.

1999 Naval Aviation Ball

The 26th annual Washington-area Naval Aviation Ball, sponsored by the Director, Air Warfare, RAdm. John B. Nathman, in conjunction with the Association of Naval Aviation, will be held on Saturday, 20 March at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City, Arlington, Va. Keynote speaker Secretary of the Navy Richard Danzig will discuss "Challenges for the Next Millennium."

This formal gathering is open to all active duty and retired Navy and Marine Corps aviators, Naval Flight Officers and other aviation-related officers, as well

as supporting corporate personnel. The evening will commence with a reception at 1800. Dinner will be followed by dancing and entertainment. Cost: \$40 per person for active duty; \$65 for corporate personnel. Attire: Navy Dinner Dress Blue, USMC Evening Dress "B" or Blue-White Dress "A," and civilian evening dress, black tie.

For information, contact ANA '99 registration headquarters at (410) 730-9521 or Captain Don Watkins, N885D, (703) 697-9359; email: Watkins.Donald@hq.navy.mil.