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Awards

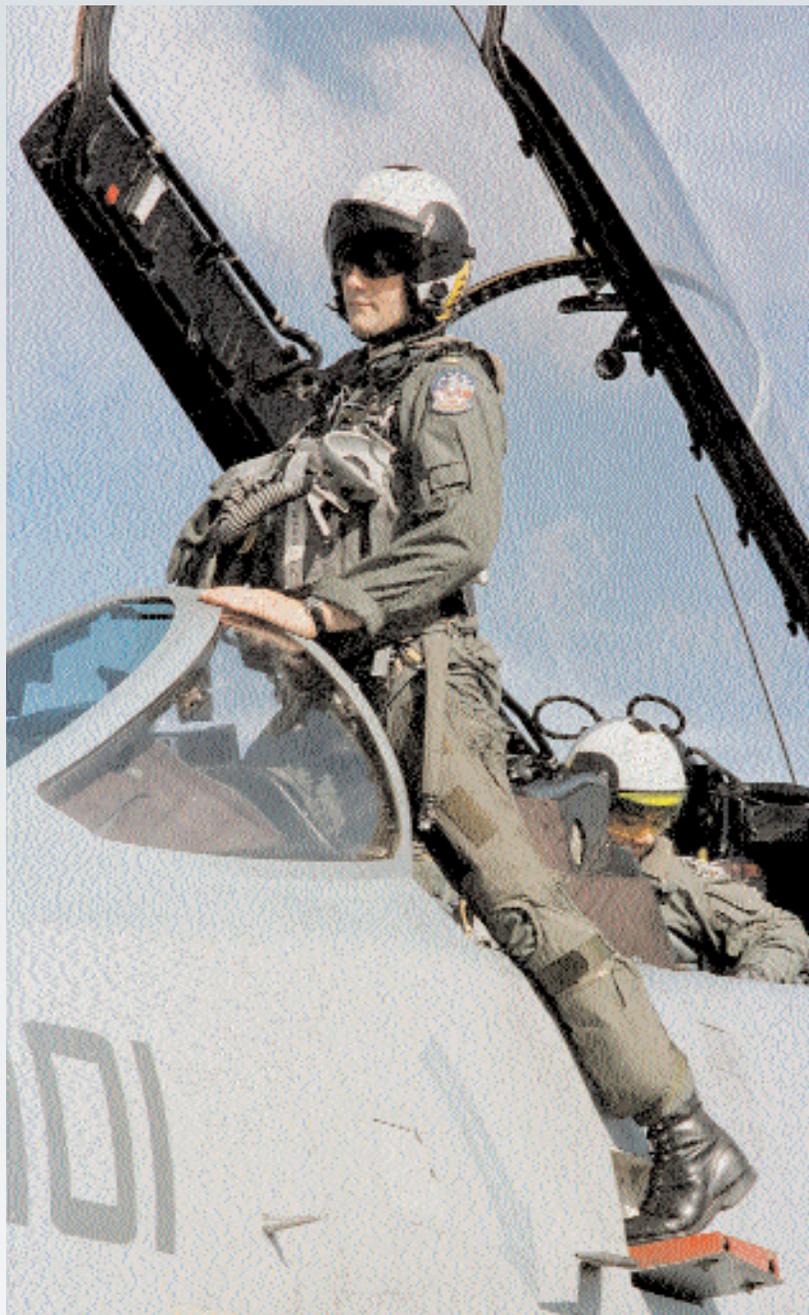
The *Lancers* of VAQ-131 took home the CVW-2 Top Hook Award with a 3.492 grade average and a 98-percent boarding rate. The award recognized the squadron with the highest landing grades during the air wing's 1999 WESTPAC cruise.

The Naval Aviation Production Process Improvement program won the **1999 Secretary of the Navy Beacon Award** in the Process category, for reducing the time it takes to train student Naval Aviators. Known formally as the Revolution in Business Affairs Award, it recognizes improvements that result in enhanced military readiness in three award categories: Process, Organization and Individual. VAW-120 won in the Organization category for identifying training problems and reducing training time by 13 weeks. Individual winners were Cross Functional Team leaders from CNET; Director, Air Warfare; AIRPAC; and AIRLANT, all cited for improving the student flow between various phases of aviator training.

Scan Pattern

A C-9 *Skytrain II* carrying the rock group "Goo Goo Dolls" slid off a runway at Naval Air Station Sigonella, Italy, on 19 December 1999. The group was returning to the States after performing for military personnel throughout Europe. There were no injuries from the landing.

Naval Aviation Depot (NADEP) Cherry Point, N.C., marked its 56th anniversary on 16 December 1999. First commissioned as the Assembly and Repair Department, the NADEP has been renamed several times as it evolved



AA Brian Westrick

LCdr. Brian Waterhouse climbs into the cockpit of a VF-103 *Jolly Rogers* F-14 *Tomcat* as Lt. Joe Nelson begins start-up procedures prior to launch aboard *George Washington* (CVN 73).

into today's industrial complex. One of three naval aviation depots, the NADEP provides maintenance and repair to a variety of aircraft and primary aircraft engine systems for the fleet.

Special Records

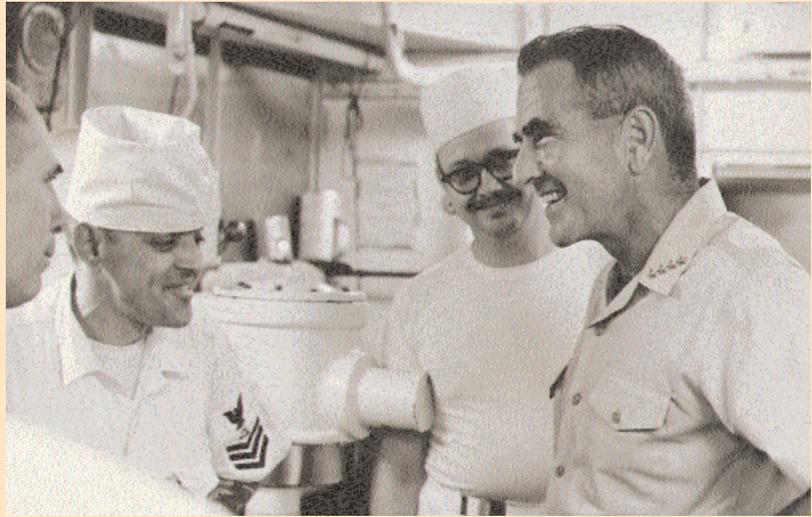
The *Black Stallions* of HC-4 reached a record 5,000 flight hours in an MH-53E *Sea Dragon* during operation Bright Star, a U.S.-Egyptian exercise in Cairo, Egypt.



Constellation (CV 64), above, CVW-2 and the supporting battle group returned on 17 December 1999 from a six-month deployment. During a 10-week patrol in the Arabian Gulf region, aircrews flew more than 5,000 casualty-free sorties, including nearly 1,300 in support of Operation Southern Watch. On 7 December *Connie* achieved her 10,000th trap.

Unit	Hours	Years
VP-26	275,000	37
VFA-113	110,000	25
HSL-41	100,000	17
VP-66	100,000	29
VMFA (AW)-332	80,000	21
VS-30	70,000	20
VMFA-312	50,000	

Zumwalt Remembered



Admiral Elmo Russell "Bud" Zumwalt, Jr., USN (Ret.), above right, former Chief of Naval Operations and a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff from 1970 to 1974, died on 2 January from cancer. At age 44 Adm. Zumwalt became the youngest officer promoted to rear admiral, and the youngest four-star admiral in U.S. history, at age 49. As CNO, Zumwalt initiated wide-ranging reforms with his famous "Z-Grams," improving the quality of life for Sailors. He was also known for the special interest he took in service-related illnesses and served as chairman for several foundations dealing with those issues. In 1998 Adm. Zumwalt was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom for his service to the United States in war and peace.

Kennedy Hosts Goo Goo Dolls



Sailors rock to the music of the "Goo Goo Dolls" on the flight deck of *John F. Kennedy* (CV 67).

PH11 Lance Kirk

PHAN Byron G. Gilbert





Aviation Storekeeper Airman Luke Anderson puts the finishing touches on an ammunition pennant aboard *Dwight D. Eisenhower* (CVN 69) during an ammunition onload.

PHAN Justin K. Thomas

HSL-94 and the Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery County, Pa., joined forces to refurbish houses in Norristown, Pa. More than 70 members of HSL-94 volunteered over 1,340 hours to assist with electrical, heating and mechanical systems for the older homes. Projects like this help families in need obtain quality housing while giving Navy volunteers the opportunity to assist the community.

Rescues

The NAS Whidbey Island, Wash., Search and Rescue (SAR) team retrieved an injured snowboarder on 19 January after a call for assistance from the Whatcom County Sheriff's office. The victim was injured in an avalanche near Mount Baker Ski Resort, and was assisted by two uninjured snowboarders who prepared a working area for medical personnel. Within 20 minutes after notification, the SAR team spotted the trio and began rescue operations. After the victim was secured aboard the helicopter, aircrewmen administered medical care while in transit to the hospital.

NAS Whidbey Island's UH-3H *Sea King* helicopters are important SAR assets for the Pacific Northwest. In addition to the SAR team's primary mission in support of the air station, it also assists local Washington County sheriffs and National Park and Forest services.

One Cool Sailor



PH3 Tedrick E. Fryman

Aviation Boatswain's Mate I. M. Snowy stands guard on the flight deck of *Enterprise* (CVN 65) pierside at Naval Base Norfolk, Va.

Change of Command

CARGRU-8: RAdm. Michael D. Malone relieved RAdm. W. Winston Copeland, Jr.

CVW-2: Capt. Thomas W. Trotter relieved Capt. Danny C. Knutson, 5 Nov.

George Washington (CVN 73): Capt. William J. McCarthy relieved Capt. Lindell G. Rutherford, 19 Nov.

HC-4: Cdr. Michael Zamesnik relieved Cdr. Joan M. Zitterkopf, 10 Dec.

HC-6: Cdr. Sherman R. Lupton relieved Cdr. Peter O. Wheeler.

HC-11: Cdr. John F. Hardison relieved Cdr. Peter J. Sciabarra, 9 Dec.

HELTACWINGLANT: Capt. Charles G. Deitchman relieved Capt. Bruce F. Russell.

HMM-266: Lt. Col. Edward M. Walsh relieved Lt. Col. Jeffery

L. Marshall, 4 Nov.

HSL-40: Cdr. Wayne Tunick relieved Capt. Steven Bagby, 10 Dec.

HSL-46: Cdr. Charles King relieved Cdr. Neil Hogg, 14 Dec.

HSL-51: Cdr. James R. Sullivan relieved Cdr. Thomas H. Webber, 2 Dec.

Naval Strike Aircraft Test Squadron: Cdr. Ronald Weisbrook relieved Capt. Thomas Phelan, 9 Dec.

PATWING-1: Capt. Patrick S. O'Brien relieved Capt. Frank M. Munoz, 15 Dec.

SWATSLANT: Cdr. Richard T. Creange relieved Cdr. Tighe S. Parmenter, 8 Dec.

VAQ-132: Cdr. C. Ladd Wheeler relieved Cdr. David B. Woods, 3 Jan.

VAQ-137: Cdr. William T.

Griffin relieved Cdr. Jeffrey K. Gruetzmacher, 9 Jan.

VAW-124: Cdr. Stephen L. Guse relieved Cdr. Wayne D. Sharer, 4 Jan.

VF-14: Cdr. Samuel B. Richardson relieved Cdr. Walter (Ted) Carter, 10 Dec.

VF-101: Cdr. Luke Parent relieved Capt. Stephen Voetsch, 17 Dec.

VFA-15: Cdr. Scott Smith relieved Cdr. Kenneth Thompson, 14 Jan.

VR-1: Cdr. Scott F. Bohnenkamp relieved Cdr. Wayne G. Chechila, 5 Nov.

VR-54: Cdr. Steven A. Schmidt relieved Capt. (sel) Robert B. Gulley II, 22 Jan.

VT-9: Cdr. Edward R. Wolfe relieved Cdr. Kevin G. Saighman, 3 Dec.

2000 Blue Angels Schedule

March

11 NAF El Centro, CA
18-19 NAS Kingsville, TX
25-26 Punta Gorda, FL

April

1-2 Augusta, GA
8-9 MCAS Beaufort, SC
15-16 Barksdale AFB, LA
29-30 Knoxville, TN

May

6-7 Fort Lauderdale, FL
13-14 NAS JRB Fort Worth, TX
20-21 Andrews AFB, MD
23 USNA Annapolis, MD
24 USNA Graduation
27 Bangor, ME

June

3-4 Myrtle Beach, SC
10-11 Avoca, PA
17-18 La Crosse, WI
24-25 North Kingstown, RI

July

1-2 Traverse City, MI
8-9 Coney Island, NY
14-15 Pensacola Beach, FL
22-23 Hillsboro, OR
29-30 Elmendorf AFB, AK

August

5-6 Seattle, WA
19-20 Chicago, IL
26 Ellsworth AFB, SD

September

2-4 St. Louis, MO
9-10 Grand Junction, CO
14-17 Reno, NV
23-24 NAS Oceana, VA
30 Redding, CA

October

1 Redding, CA
7-8 San Francisco, CA
13-15 MCAS Miramar, CA
21-22 Jackson, MS
28-29 NAS JRB New Orleans, LA

November

4-5 NAS Jacksonville, FL
10-11 NAS Pensacola, FL

Dates accurate as of 2/17/00