

C-20G Gulfstream IV

On the current “U.S. Naval Aircraft Designations” poster and our website ([www.history.navy.mil/Branches/Naval Aviation News](http://www.history.navy.mil/Branches/Naval%20Aviation%20News)), the C-20G *Gulfstream IV* is mistakenly identified as an “executive transport.” Its real mission is cargo/personnel transport. The high-speed, medium-lift, long-range aircraft has been used extensively to support the fleet in regions where suitable airfields for refueling are unavailable or undesirable or where time constraints dictate minimizing fuel stops. Reserve fleet logistics support squadrons VR-48 at NAF Washington, D.C., and VR-51 at MCAS Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii, operate the C-20G. For more details, see “Naval Aircraft: C-20 Gulfstream,” Sep–Oct 1994.

Wanted

Author wishes to contact anyone who took color slides of Navy or Marine Corps aircraft dating from WW II through the Vietnam War, to be used in articles and books. Contact Warren Thompson, 7201 Stamford Cove, Germantown, TN 38183; 901-754-1852; migaley@attglobal.net.

Researcher and Naval Aviation author needs photographs, memorabilia and stories from former commanding officers, Naval Aviators, Naval Flight Officers and ground crew personnel who have been stationed at NAS Oceana, Va., from WW II to present, for a book to be published in 2001. Contact Amy Waters Yarsinske, 4305 Gosnold Ave., Norfolk, VA 23508; 757-627-0766; rrayyy@aol.com.

TV broadcaster seeks color film of Britain or Europe from 1930 to 1947—from home video to professional film—for a new series called

Left-handed Salute

Editor’s note: We’ve received several inquiries regarding the reason for the “yellow-shirt’s” left-handed salute in David Peters’ first-place winner from the annual ANA photo competition (inside back cover, Jan–Feb 00). The yellow-shirt has a boatswain’s pipe in his right hand.

According to the chapter on “Courtesies, Customs, and Ceremonies” in *The Bluejackets’ Manual*: “Salutes are customarily given with the right hand, but there are exceptions. A Sailor with his right arm or hand encumbered may salute left-handed. On the other hand, a soldier or airman may salute sitting down or uncovered (without cap on), while a Sailor does not salute when uncovered (unless failure to do so would mean embarrassment or misunderstanding), but may salute when seated in a vehicle.”

We all learned something.
Thanks for asking!

“Britain at War in Colour.” Also needs diaries or letters written by American service personnel stationed in Britain or Europe during this time. Contact Katie Chadney, Trans World International, The Axis Centre, Burlington Lane, London W4 2TH, England; kchadney@imgworld.com.

The National D-Day Museum

This new museum will open on 6 June in the New Orleans, La., historic Warehouse Arts District. Founded by best-selling author and historian Dr. Stephen Ambrose, the museum will give Americans an opportunity to honor their heroes and relive the many stories of the D-Day amphibious invasions

during WW II. Check out the museum’s website at www.ddaymuseum.org. For details of grand opening events, contact Marc Ehrhardt at 504-558-0311; marc@theehrhartgroup.com.

Texas Aviation Hall of Fame

The Texas Aviation Hall of Fame is accepting nominations through 31 May for induction with the Class of 2000. Confirmed by the Texas legislature and dedicated in 1997, the hall honors outstanding aviation achievements and Texans who have contributed to the advancement of aviation, such as former President and Naval Aviator George H. Bush. Contact Terri Hamiter, Education Director, PO Box 3099, Galveston, TX 77552-0099; 409-740-7722; hamiter@wt.net.

Coming Events

Pensacola Preflight Class 35-64 reunion planned, Spring 2005. POC: Brian McGuiness, POB 296, Clearlake, WA 98235-0296; N502MG@cs.com.

VP-28 50-year remembrance of Korean War planned. POC: Jim Miller, 11411 Sunnyslope Dr., Kansas City, MO 64131; 816-761-8724; patron28@aol.com.

VT-10 40th anniv. celebration, JUL, NAS Pensacola, FL. Looking for former skippers, and VT-10 memorabilia. POC: Capt. Gaugler, 850-452-2385/3516; capt-mark.gaugler@smtp.cnet.navy.mil.

HSL-37 reunion, 20–22 JUL, Honolulu, HI. POC: C. Fletcher, Box 64006, MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, HI 96863-4006; 808-257-0102 x239; fletchercj@hsl37.navy.mil.

EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2000, 26 JUL–1 AUG, Oshkosh, WI. POC: EAA Aviation Center, POB 3086, Oshkosh, WI 54903-3086; 920-426-4800; or check out the website at

