

Disabled Veterans Memorial

President Bill Clinton signed a bill on 12 October 2000 authorizing the Disabled Veterans LIFE Memorial in the District of Columbia. Philanthropist Lois Pope founded the Leaders in Furthering Education (LIFE) nonprofit group to raise money for worthy causes, including a memorial to the “living wounded” who have fought for their country. For further information, contact the LIFE Foundation at 212-981-5128.

Naval Force Warfare Test Squadron

My compliments on a very fine Sep–Oct 00 issue, especially the cover—it is a gem. However, I wish to bring to your attention an error on page 12 in a photo caption identifying a Naval Force Warfare Test Squadron C-130 *Hercules*. The aircraft in the photo is identified as a KC-130J, but it is actually KC-130F BuNo 149806, the last three digits

of which appear on the nose and right wing.

The new KC-130J has six-blade propellers, as well as an improved refueling pod, “glass cockpit” instrumentation, twin head-up displays and more powerful engines.

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Editor’s note: We regret the error. Thanks for pointing it out. We count on our readers to keep us straight!

KC-130F BuNo 149806 has been around a long time. The veteran aircraft was the *Blue Angels*’



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transport “Fat Albert” when this photo was taken at NAF Washington, D.C., on 3 June 1974.

Silver Services Exhibition

The Smithsonian American Art Museum’s Renwick Gallery,

Washington, D.C., is planning an exhibition in 2003 entitled “Silver on the High Seas: United States Navy Presentation Silver Services.” The custom of commissioning special silver services for Navy ships began in the 1890. Unique silver services were donated to ships by citizens from namesake states or cities, and the silver was used in diplomatic receptions, ceremonies and other formal occasions.

This show is intended to be a heartwarming look at this treasured tradition in the context of the art world, American culture and the U.S. Navy. Present and former Navy personnel who have used silver services of the wardroom are invited to share their experiences and memories in the form of photographs, diaries, letters and invitations and menus from receptions and ceremonies in which the silver was used. Interested personnel should contact Sara Desvernine at 202-357-2972; desverns@nmaa.si.edu.

Safety First

Several readers commented about photos in the Nov–Dec 00 edition which show potential aircrew safety issues, such as sleeves rolled up and/or no gloves. Their points are well taken.

We strive to produce a magazine that is factually and technically accurate, as well as safety conscious. Input from our readers is very important. We count on you to keep us straight!

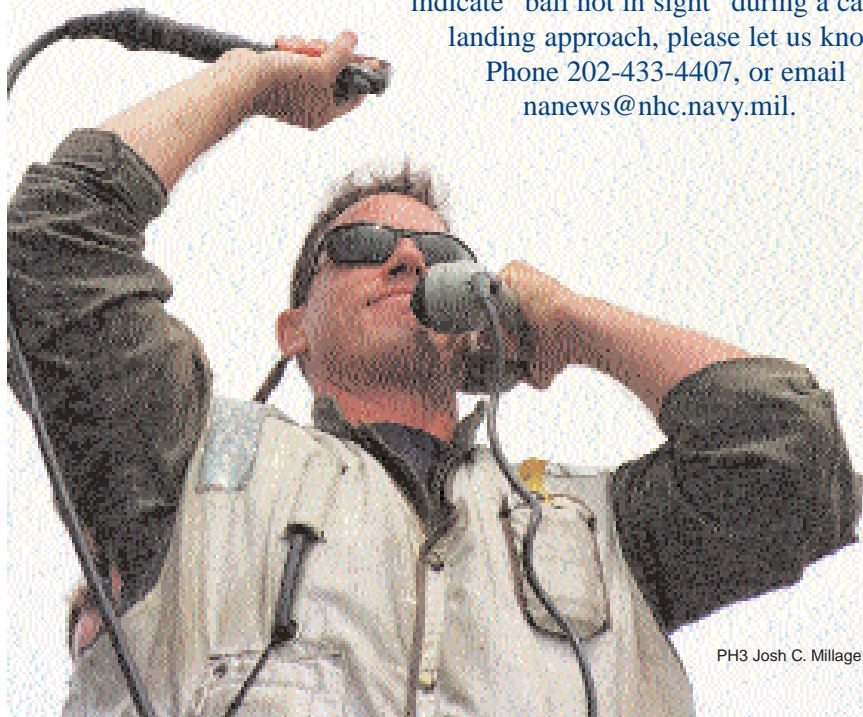
NOTE: Regarding the Jan–Feb 01 front cover photo, per OPNAVINST 3710, aircrew gloves are optional in fixed-wing cargo/transport aircraft during noncarrier flight ops.



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If you know the origin of the term “CLARA,” said by the pilot to the landing signal officer to indicate “ball not in sight” during a carrier landing approach, please let us know.

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