

## Universal Studios Salutes Military

In honor of their dedication and service, all active U.S. military personnel, as well as U.S. police, firefighters and rescue personnel, began receiving free admission to Universal's theme parks on 1 January. The "Heroes Salute" program will continue through 30 April. Accompanying family members and friends receive a 50 percent discount on admission.

Eligible personnel include any member of the Armed Forces, U.S. Coast Guard and activated personnel of the National Guard or Reserves. The offer is good at Orlando's Universal Studios Florida, Islands of Adventure and the Wet 'n' Wild water park, and at Universal Studios Hollywood, Calif.

"These people are truly American heroes and we want to thank them for their commitment to our country and our communities," said Tom Williams, Chairman and CEO of the Universal Studios Recreation Group.

## Symposium '02

The Naval Aviation Museum Foundation will present Symposium '02 at the National Museum of Naval Aviation (NMNA) in Pensacola, Fla., from 9 to 10 May. The symposium includes three seminars—Naval Air War in Korea; Space Pioneers: The Mercury Astronauts; and Naval Aviation: Issues and Answers.

The Hall of Honor 2002 enshrinement will also take place, inducting Fleet Admiral Ernest J. King, Admiral Joseph Mason Reeves, Captain Roy "Butch" Voris and Marine Lieutenant Colonel Kenneth A. Walsh.

Roy Neal, former NBC commentator who covered most of

# THE BLUETAAILS



**VAW-121 was established on 1 April 1967. Known as the *Bluetails*, they flew the E-1B Tracer, similar to the E-1 shown above, until the squadron began transitioning to the E-2C Hawkeye, below, in 1975.**



the space launches for the network, will moderate the space pioneers panel comprising astronauts Scott Carpenter, Gordon Cooper, Wally Schirra and Senator John Glenn.

The public is invited and admission is free, except for the reception, luncheon and banquet. Though the seminars are free, reservations are required. Contact the NMNA, 1750 Radford Blvd. Suite B, NAS Pensacola, FL 32508; 800-327-5002 or 850-453-2389.

## Corrections to Nov–Dec 01

Page 14: The E-2C *Hawkeye* in the photo is from VAW-121 not VAW-125. Special thanks to Lt. Evan L. Morrison of the *Bluetails* for keeping us straight!

## Reunions

**PBM Mariner/P5M Marlin**, 18–20 APR, Corpus Christi, TX. POC: Kenneth Courtright, 11826 Lady Palm Cove, San Antonio, TX 78213; 210-308-6818.

**Tarawa (CV/CVA/CVS 40/LHA 1)**, 18–21 APR, St. Louis, MO. POC: Frank Grosey, 14430 Amethyst Rd., Victorville, CA 92392; 760-241-7472; bt2fpg@msn.com.

**Badoeng Strait (CVE 116)**, 2–5 MAY, Jacksonville, FL. POC: Henry Trotter, 106 Sage Dr., Universal City, TX 78148; 210-658-3447; claytrott@iname.com.

**Franklin D. Roosevelt (CVB/CVA/CV 42)**, 15–19 MAY, Frederick, MD. POC: Ronald Reese, 17536 Frederick Rd., Mt. Airy, MD 21771; 800-437-0869.