

## NAS Hitchcock: Epilogue

*This letter from Kim and Mike Brieden, 7765 Pigeon Drive, Hitchcock, TX 77563, was in response to the article "Then and Now: NAS Hitchcock, Texas" in the Nov-Dec 01 issue. Kim notes that she saw the article because someone in the Navy stationed in Hawaii read it and mailed it to his mother in Hitchcock. The woman owns an interior design firm where a friend of Kim's works. The Briedens bought items for their renovation through the store, and the owner gave the magazine to Kim's friend to pass on. If it had not been for this string of coincidences, the Briedens would never have known about the NANews article.*

Four years ago, my husband and I stumbled upon the abandoned radio communications building a short distance from the main building of the base. The roof, plumbing, electrical, windows, doors and all other equipment were destroyed. But unlike most of the other structures that were made of wood and are now gone or past saving, the communications facility's brick and concrete shell remained rock solid.

My husband and I had always wanted a ranch-style home on acreage. I loved the lines and historical aspects of the Victorian-era homes on Galveston Island. The naval building was an unexpected and wonderful compromise, sitting on almost 11 acres. Renovations include fixtures and art that echo the military and naval origins of the structure. We love the fact that we've saved a small piece of local history and that our "dream home" is so unique.

## Correction, Jul-Aug 02

Page 12: Ratings should read: Aviation Boatswain's Mate

## ATTENTION MARINE AVIATION SQUADRONS:

### Is Your Insignia Official?

During 2003, *Naval Aviation News*, in conjunction with CNO's Naval Aviation History and Archives Office (N78H), plans to publish a poster illustrating insignia and lineage of all current Marine Corps squadrons with assigned aircraft.

If your unit's insignia has not been officially approved in accordance with OPNAVINST 5030.4, the poster will have a blank space above your squadron designation where the insignia should be.

A copy of the instruction may be obtained from CNO's Navy Directives website at <http://neds.nebt.daps.mil/directives/table20.html>.

Direct questions to N78H, 1242 10th Street SE, Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5059; 202-433-2321, DSN prefix 288, or email

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## Reunions

**USMC/Vietnam Helicopter Assn.**, 3-6 OCT, Pensacola Beach, FL. POC: 781-337-3239; [www.popasmoke.com](http://www.popasmoke.com).

**VP-40 (1948-1968)**, 8-12 OCT, San Diego, CA. POC: Robert Foss, 515-222-0112; [robfoss@aol.com](mailto:robfoss@aol.com).

**Cabot (CVL 28)**, 9-13 OCT, Mobile, AL. POC: Barrett Frink; 860-928-7437.

**Salamaua (CVE 96)**, 10-12 OCT, Kansas City, MO. POC: Walt Johnson; 913-432-9760.

**Rudyerd Bay (CVE 81)**, 10-13 OCT, New Orleans, LA. POC: Bill Flanagan; 858-277-2819; [dinamlrs@aol.com](mailto:dinamlrs@aol.com).

**HS-7**, 11-13 OCT, St. Louis, MO. POC: Rick Schawacker; 800-684-8792; [schawacker@hotmail.com](mailto:schawacker@hotmail.com).

**VP-45**, 11-13 OCT, San Diego, CA. POC: C. B. Caldwell; [cbc@cts.com](mailto:cbc@cts.com).

**NAS New York**, 17-20 OCT, Virginia Beach, VA. POC: Chet Atkinson; 757-495-1338.

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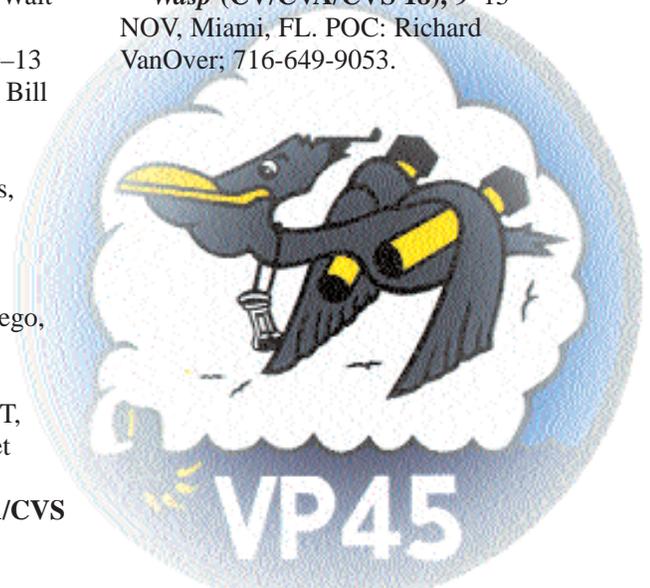
**39)**, 24-27 OCT, Myrtle Beach, SC. POC: Eugene Carroll; 607-532-4735; [gcarroll@rochester.rr.com](mailto:gcarroll@rochester.rr.com).

**Constellation (CV 64)**, 24-29 OCT, Charleston, SC. POC: Tommy & Rebecca Best; 919-383-7216; [rbest3@nc.rr.com](mailto:rbest3@nc.rr.com).

**VF-11**, 25-27 OCT, NAS Oceana, VA. POC: [75threunion@vf11.navy.mil](mailto:75threunion@vf11.navy.mil); [www.vf11.org](http://www.vf11.org).

**A-3 Skywarrior Assn.**, 25-28 OCT, Van Nuys, CA. POC: Gil Bouffard; 209-234-1929; [elinter@a3skywarrior.com](mailto:elinter@a3skywarrior.com); [www.a3skywarrior.com](http://www.a3skywarrior.com).

**Wasp (CV/CVA/CVS 18)**, 9-15 NOV, Miami, FL. POC: Richard VanOver; 716-649-9053.





# ANA PHOTO CONTEST

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For details call 703-960-2490. Mail photos to ANA, 2550 Huntington Ave., Suite 201, Alexandria, VA 22303-1499; email [anahq@ix.netcom.com](mailto:anahq@ix.netcom.com)

Two images tied for first place in the bimonthly photo contest. Top, PH2 Aaron Ansarov captured the essence of amphibious operations as CH-53E *Sea Stallion* helicopters conduct low-level flight operations while amphibious attack vehicles storm the beach during Exercise Cobra Gold 2002 in Thailand. Right, you can't get much closer than this Ted Carlson shot of an HSL-41 SH-60 *Seahawk* departing NAS North Island, Calif., on a training sortie on 20 February 2002.

