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Korean War F9F-5 Panther

The Combat Air Museum has completed the restoration of F9F-5 Panther BuNo 126226, which is now on display. The aircraft flew combat missions over North Korea with Fighter Squadron 51 from 8 February to 15 March 1953 as part of Carrier Air Group 5 aboard *Valley Forge* (CVA 45). The Panther was recovered in derelict condition in 1983 from an open storage silo in a rural area near Elkton, Minn. It is on loan from the Naval Inventory Control Point, Philadelphia, Pa.

An event commemorating this aircraft and the aviators who flew it is scheduled for 13 September in Hangar 602 at the Combat Air Museum, Forbes Field, Topeka, Kans. For further information, call 785-862-3303.

Reunions

Nassau (CVE 16), 9–12 SEP, King of Prussia, PA. POC: Sam Moore, 10320 Calimesa Blvd., Sp. 221, Calimesa, CA 92320; 909-795-6070.

Vietnam Veterans TLC Brotherhood, 2 OCT, Fort Walton Beach, FL. POC: Ed Miller, 139 Fulmar Circle NE, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548-6431; art82518@yahoo.com; www.tlc-brotherhood.org.

NAS/NOB Trinidad, 2–4 OCT, Atlanta, Ga. POC: F. D. Barrett, HC-33, Box 13, Witts Springs, AR 72686-9003, 870-496-2285; barrett@ozarkisp.net.

VX-1, 9–11 OCT, NAS Patuxent River, Md. POC: Cdr. Rick Scudder, 2204 Wilkinson Place, Alexandria, VA 22306, 703-601-1731; richard.scudder@navy.mil.

Saratoga (CV 3/CVA/CV 60), 9–13 OCT, Dearborn, Mich. POC: John Brandman, 877-360-7272; cva360@hotmail.com; www.uss-saratoga.com.

Saginaw Bay (CVE 82), 15–18 OCT, San Antonio, TX. POC: Rita Homman, 4220 Old Mill Rd., Lancaster, OH 43130, 740-654-1651; ejhomman@juno.com.

VP-47, 17–18 OCT, San Diego, CA. POC: Chuck Petri,

Above, a VP-47 P-3C Orion flies over the Pacific Ocean. Right, Ltjg. Byers of VP-47, NAF Misawa, Japan, conducts a preflight check on the aircraft's communications station.



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NAS New York, 23–26 OCT, Virginia Beach, VA. POC: Chet Atkinson, 757-495-1338.

VR-24, 23–26 OCT, San Diego, CA. POC: Pete Owen, 21136 San Miguel, Mission Viejo, CA 92692, 949-462-3696; provr24@cox.net.

VP-24, 24–26 OCT, Jacksonville, FL. POC: Don Hall, 4421 Commons Dr. E. #413, Destin, FL 32541, 850-650-3048; djhdestin@cox.net.

VPB-111/VP-21, 5–8 NOV, Pensacola, FL. POC: Harry Dunlap, 5803 E. Shore Dr., Pensacola, FL 32505, 850-434-2128; hdunlapjr1@cox.net.



Saratoga (CV 3) steams at sea circa 1942. Aircraft on deck include F4F Wildcats, SBD Dauntlesses and a TBF Avenger.

Corrections to May–Jun 03

Page 11 caption: LSD 47 is **Rushmore** vice *Mount Rushmore*.

Page 31, "Looking out for Number One": The aircraft depicted and flown by Lt. George W. Bush in the Texas Air National Guard was the **F-102** Delta Dagger vice F-106 as stated in the caption.

Page 45 caption: the TO-1 is the **Shooting Star** vice Seastar.

Page 47: MAG-12 consisted of VMA-121 flying ADs, **VMF/VMA 212** (vice VMA 223) and VMA-323 with F4U and AU Corsairs, and VMF-312 flying F4Us.

Page 54: Rescues—VF-13 should have read **VF-213**.