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## Upcoming Events

**January 9, 2001** -- Monthly luncheon (1130–1300) WWII: Pearl Harbor, [Savo Island](#), Others.

**January 17, 2001** – Happy Hour (1530-1800) Desert Storm – Ten Years Later.

### January 9 Luncheon:

**CTC Douw H. Mac Haffie, USN (Ret.)  
Pearl Harbor Attack, Battle of Savo Island  
and other WWII engagements**



CTC Douw H. Mac Haffie, USN (Ret.) served on board the USS *Ralph Talbot* (DD-390) throughout WWII. He was at Pearl Harbor during the December 7, 1941 attack. He was at the Guadalcanal landings and the August 9, 1942 naval engagement off Savo Island. During that engagement the *Ralph Talbot* took on three Japanese cruisers and, unlike the 50 vessels at the bottom of Iron Bottom Sound, the *Ralph Talbot* survived.

Mac Haffie enlisted in the navy in 1937. He arrived on board the *Ralph Talbot* in March of 1938, survived Pearl Harbor, survived the Battle of Savo Island, survived

numerous other Pacific engagements in WWII, including an attack by three kamikazes, and finally left the *Ralph Talbot* in November of 1945 after seven years, eight months and one day of continuous service.

This presentation was originally scheduled for the December luncheon; however, due to an unforeseen trip to the hospital by “Mac” we rescheduled the show. We are pleased to report that “Mac” is fine and ready to present.

### January 17 Happy Hour (1530-1800) NAS O’Club



A speaker and video event presented in honor of our comrades who paid the supreme price for service in the 1991 Gulf War.

The event has been Coordinated by CDR Matt “Gucci” Scassero, EAWS and “Tugg” Thomson, ANA.

Reflections will be provided by those who planned and fought the largest combat effort since the Vietnam War. This event is both timely and an important opportunity to share lessons learned by all who participated, at home or abroad, in this historic conflict.

The Desert Storm Happy Hour is sponsored by your local Association of Naval Aviation (ANA) with appreciated support from Northrop-Grumman and USPA&IRA .

All individuals are encouraged to attend this ten year recollection of the Gulf War.

## A-3 Static Display Update



NavAir conducted a disposition meeting on 144832 on December 11, 2000. We have a better idea of the costs involved with the static display program. However, we want to let several events occur, which may have an impact on lowering our cost, before we present the fund raising plan to the membership.

Individuals wishing to participate on fund raising, site preparation, historical and aircraft restoration committees should contact Tom Lane at 679-1541 or

Scott Hornung at 675-1204. Individuals wishing to make an early donation should contact our treasurer, George Fisher at 299-9037 or send checks to:

### **ANA Whidbey Island Squadron**

**Attn: A-3 Fund**

**P.O. Box 1888**

**Oak Harbor, WA 98277**

**Other Notes:** Our informal, historical preservation committee has packaged four boxes of books to be shipped off to the Naval Aviation Museum. In addition the group has been investigating the possibility of expanding our storage and display capabilities.

**Dues:** If you need to pay dues, contact George Fisher at the meeting or mail a \$12 check to our P.O. Box 1888 address.

**Award:** The ANA Whidbey squadron sponsored an award for CPRW-10 personnel. The award was presented in December. ANA Whidbey congratulates all awardees and looks forward to our 2001 participation in this event.

**Association of Naval Aviation 2001 Annual Convention** (ANA 2001) will be held May 24 - 26, 2001 at the Sheraton Hotel Harbor Island, San Diego, California. Make arrangements now if you plan to attend.

### **Web Site Reminder:**

As usual, late-breaking information and links to related material can be found on our web site at <http://www.ANAWhidbey.org>



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