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## Upcoming Events

October 10, 2000 -- . Monthly luncheon (1130 – 1300. ) NAS Whidbey SAR Brief  
November 14, 2000 -- . Monthly luncheon (1130 – 1300 Topic TBA  
A-3 Static Display Kick-Off -- TBA

Welcome new member: LCDR. Bill Burnett, USN (Ret)

## October 10 Luncheon: Whidbey SAR: [CDR Thompson](#), LT Cote



On a farewell note to his 20 years in the navy, CDR Ron Thompson (local boy, USNA grad, A-6 pilot, base Ops-O and future United pilot) will join with Search and Rescue (SAR) pilot, LT Chris Cote, in providing a brief on NAS Whidbey SAR operations, including an overview of rescues made during a busy summer season. Historically the Whidbey SAR team completes more rescue missions annually than any other Navy unit. The high number of MEDEVAC and VIP missions, coupled with the Puget Sound topography and weather offer truly unique challenges. We were reminded of

the dangers associated with Whidbey SAR during a recent memorial to a SAR crew lost during a mission on Perfect Pass 20 years ago. We offer thanks in advance to Ron for his service to his country and to the Whidbey SAR team – they are on call to perform their mission every day.

## In case you missed it: Hauptmann Konrad Huf, Deutsch Luftwaffe



**Hauptmann Konrad Huf** was our guest speaker for the September luncheon. He is a 1987 graduate of the German Air Force Academy and a B/N in the Deutsch Luftwaffe. Hauptmann Huf has been on exchange duty with VAQ-129 since November 1999. Prior to his assignment to the EA-6B community, Hauptmann Huf flew the *Tornado*, including multiple missions in the former Yugoslavia in 1995 and Kosovo in 1999. Hauptmann Huf provided a

briefing on the capabilities of the electronic countermeasures version of the *Tornado*. The *Tornado* has proven itself to be an excellent complement to our own EA-6B's countermeasures capabilities. In addition, Hauptmann Huf entertained the audience with stories of missions launched out of Italy and flown over Kosovo. Since arriving in VAQ-129, Hauptmann Huf has been to "the boat" several times and has had the unique opportunity to experience the cats-and-traps of U.S. naval aviation. The Hauptmann will be attached to VAQ-129 for two more years. We hope Hauptmann Huf is a regular attendee at our luncheons. I encourage any group looking for a speaker – schedule Hauptmann Huf

## A-3 Static Display Update



The base CO along with his major department heads and the Public Works officer have begun the process to select a site for the A-3 static display. Six sites have been proposed as possible candidates. They are: (1) Main Gate next to the A6E, (2) Adjacent and above the Skywarrior Theatre and just below the Imaging Center, (3) NE corner of Charles Porter and Midway near the Skywarrior Theatre, (4) NE corner of Langley Blvd and Midway adjacent to the NAS Gas Station, (5)

Across from the Officer Club and (6) Across from the EA-6B display on the corner of Princeton and Saratoga. A late fall arrival of Buno 144832 is still a possibility. At that time we will commence the beautification process to turn the battle-scarred warrior on the right to the Tony Turpin depiction on the left. Whether the static display ends up on a pedestal will depend on the success of the fund raising effort. We expect to have a fund raising kick-off when the full timeline can be presented. 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**

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**Dues:** For most of our members, the annual \$12 local membership fee was due July 1, 2000. We still need 26 of our 77 members to update their membership with a dues payment. See George Fisher with your checks or mail checks to our P.O. Box 1888 address.

**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. We are looking for volunteers to represent our local ANA squadron at the 2001 convention.

### 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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