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# Air Plan



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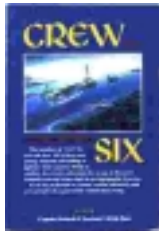
ANA Squadron 40

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## Thank You!



**CAPT. Chip "Big Bird" McNees, USN (Ret.)**, JSF Boeing Representative for providing an illuminating presentation on the [Joint Strike Fighter \(JSF\)](#) program. This multi-service aircraft development program is promoted on the platform of affordability, lethality and supportability. The flyaway cost for this aircraft is expected to be \$28 - \$38 million, depending on the service variant. The stealthy JSF is expected to have a greater combat radius, maneuverability and payload than existing U.S. strike fighters. "Big Bird" characterized the JSF as the equivalent of an A-7 on steroids. Due to high commonality design among variants, the JSF is expected to be very supportable. The U.S. Air Force plans for JSF to complement the F-22 and replace the F-16/A-10. The U.S. Navy needs a stealthy A-6 (A-12?) replacement, and the U.S.M.C. needs JSF as a replacement for AV-8B. JSF's first flight is scheduled for Spring 2000.



**CAPT Ken Sanford, USN (Ret.) and CAPT Charlie Lomas, USN, (Ret.)** for joining us from our sister squadron at Port Ludlow on the Olympic Peninsula. Ken was relieved as CO of the Olympic squadron last month after ten years at the helm. He is now ANA's Vice President for the Northwest Region.



The [Wizards](#) for their strong attendance as our featured squadron of the month. **Skipper Bill Cavitt** brought his officer corps to strengthen the active duty representation at our monthly luncheon.

## Upcoming Events

February 8, 2000 -- Monthly luncheon meeting (1130 - 1300). CAPT Barry Sehlin, USN (Ret.), candidate for U.S. Congress (2nd District).

March 14, 2000 -- Monthly luncheon meeting (1130 - 1300). RADM D.P. Polatty III, USN (ComCarGru One), former A-6 B/N, VA-115 CO, DCAG, CO of USS Independence.

April 11, 2000 -- Monthly luncheon meeting (1130 - 1300). CAPT Doug Roulstone, USN (Ret.), Prior CO of USS Stennis plus Helo/SAR Ops.

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### Barry Sehlin, Candidate for U.S. Congress



**CAPT Barry Sehlin, USN (Ret.)** will be our guest speaker in February. Barry Sehlin is a former EA-6B pilot and former CO of NAS Whidbey Island. He is campaigning to replace Jack Metcalf as U.S. Representative from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District. Barry has taken the strong pro-defense stance that our military forces should be designed for today and tomorrow, not yesterday.

### **A-3 Wind Tunnel Test Model Project**



ANA Whidbey squadron will host an A-3 commemoration **Happy Hour** on March 14, 2000. We intend to use this opportunity to loan the A-3 model to the O'Club's (unofficial) museum. The tentative plan is to have A-3 guest speakers, A-3 movies, A-3 memorabilia and a kick off for the A-3 static display project.

### **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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