



Upcoming Events

July 11, 2000 -- Monthly luncheon (1130 - 1300). Major Jacques Poitras, Canadian Army
August, 2000 -- No Monthly luncheon.

July 11th Luncheon: Canadian Peacekeeping Operations



Major Jacques Poitras, Canadian Armed Forces, has a broad background in military service. Starting in artillery, he later served as a troop leader and Operations Officer with Canadian armored forces before becoming a public relations specialist. He currently serves as the Director of the Canadian National Defence Public Affairs Office in Vancouver, BC.

Major Poitras will speak primarily to his personal experiences and to the Canadian role in the peacekeeping efforts in Somalia, Haiti, and Bosnia-Herzegovina. He served two tours in Bosnia, most recently as SFOR Spokesperson for NATO HQ. Additional Canadian Peacekeeping information can be found at <http://pk.kos.net/>.

June 13 Luncheon: VQ-1 Command Brief



LCDR Hildebrand, Operations Officer of the [VQ-1 World Watchers](#) provided their Command Brief. This unique outfit uses its 12 EP-3E AIRIES II for squadron training, fleet replacement personnel training, local mission operations and deployed mission operations. VQ-1 provides electronic reconnaissance from the west coast of the United States to the east coast of Africa. Since the ES-3 is no longer available, the VQ-1 provides direct warfare support for battle group operations.

VQ-1 crews fuse multiple sensor information to provide combat identification of friend or foe and electronic battle damage assessment. This new role has required VQ-1 to assume an additional task -- participation in the normal work-up cycle with the battle group.

VAH-2 Reunion



VAH-2 *Royal Rampants* will gather in Reno, Nevada for a reunion over the weekend of 14-16 July. If any member of our local ANA wishes to escort the A-3 model to this reunion, contact the executive board. VAH-2 received its first A3D in May, 1956. Initial A3D carquals began in May, 1957, aboard the USS Bon Homme Richard (CVA-31), with Lt. Ed Mitchell—a future astronaut—becoming the first VAH-2 pilot to complete day carquals; the first night qualification was made by Cdr. H. L. Salyer. VAH-2's first war cruise was made aboard the USS Coral Sea (December 7, 1964-November 1965), with the unit being credited with the first A-3

bombing sorties (March 29, 1965). During the Southeast Asia War, VAH-2 detachments made eight more deployments to the Gulf of Tonkin. In the course of these operations, VAH-2 primarily provided air refueling for the fleet with A-3Bs configured as tankers and later with KA-3Bs. Finally, as combined tanking/electronic warfare came into being, VAH-2 was redesignated VAQ-132 on November 1, 1968.

A-3 Static Display Update: We have received a CD from Nathan Swapp containing 40 images of 144832. Our thanks to Nathan for his photo effort. Tom Lane will use the photos in developing a presentation for CAPT Salter. Tom has held off on initiating a full blown fund raising effort until aircraft approval. However, if you want to get your donation in early, contact Roger Lerseth with your monetary contribution. In addition, if you have any technical skills which could be used in refurbishing an A-3 aircraft for static display, contact Scott Hornung or Tom Lane.

ANA Whidbey Election of Squadron Officers:

The nominating committee has developed a partial slate of candidates to fill necessary positions as officers of this organization. Squadron members can vote for the candidate of their choice at the July 11th meeting or contact Bob Reiten at 675-1250 with your preference. The current list of nominees include:

Pres: Scott Hornung
V. Pres: George Fisher
Treas: (Nominations Requested)

Additional nominations and write-in candidates will be accepted at (or prior to) the July 11th meeting. In a related matter, comments on the current by-laws are desired. The by-laws are posted on our web site for review.

Welcome Back from Deployment:

VAQ-133 *Wizards*, VAQ-138 *Yellowjackets*, VP-46 *Grey Knights*

Good Luck on Deployment:

VAQ-132 *Scorpions*, VAQ-134 *Garudas*, VP-40 *Fighting Marlins*

Dues: For most of our members, the annual \$12 local membership fee was due July 1, 2000. We still need 44 of our 74 members to update their membership with a dues payment. See Roger Lerseth with your checks.

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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Reminder: Update your membership. Pay your dues