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Upcoming Events

March 14, 2000 -- Monthly luncheon meeting (1130 - 1300). [RADM D. P. Polatty, III USN \(ComCarGru One\)](#).

March 14, 2000 -- Happy Hour (1530-1800) A-3 Model Ceremony.

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

May 9, 2000 -- Monthly luncheon meeting (1130 - 1300). Topic TBA

May 19, 2000 -- Happy Hour . [Son Tay Raid](#) Anniversary (30th) Ceremony.

March 14 Luncheon -- Flag Officer Presentation



[RADM D. P. Polatty, III USN \(ComCarGru One\)](#), former A-6 B/N, VA-115 CO, DCAG and CO of USS Independence will provide comments on CCG-1 operations and carrier aviation training/navy issues.

March 14 Happy Hour -- A-3 Model Ceremony



The 57" by 56" wind tunnel test model has been detailed to represent squadron, color and aircrew of a mid-60's NAS Whidbey Heavy Attack (VAH) squadron. ANA Whidbey squadron will host an A-3 commemoration **Happy Hour** from 1530 - 1800 on March 14, 2000. At 1615 [CAPT "Deke" Forbes, USN \(Ret.\)](#), CO VAH-2/VAH-123) will provide remarks on A-3 and NAS Whidbey

operations in the 60's. Attendees will be invited to provide additional A-3 stories. The model will be on display and loaned to the O'Club's (unofficial) museum. Attendees are encouraged to bring A-3 memorabilia for display. All personnel with A-3 history and/or interest are invited to participate in this event.

Contact Scott Hornung (360-675-1204/ shornung@whidbey.net) for questions regarding this event.

A-3 Static Display Project



CAPT Salter, CO NAS Whidbey has signed a letter requesting an A-3 asset for static display. The Happy Hour on March 14 will provide the official kick-off for this effort. Private and (possibly) corporate donors will be solicited to fund this project. A separate account has been established to track donation funds. In addition, the ANA Whidbey Squadron is pursuing tax-free status. Tom Lane will lead this effort for ANA Whidbey. Tom can be reached at 360-299-3797 or TPLane99@yahoo.com. Make donations to:

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Memo Note: A-3 Fund

Thank You!

[Barry Sehlin, Candidate for U.S. Congress](#)



CAPT Barry Sehlin, USN (Ret.) was our guest speaker on February 8. He provided the group with sea stories from his A-1 *Spad* days in Vietnam, his successful career in EA-6B *Prowlers*, his tour as CO NAS Whidbey and his experience on the commission to save NAS Whidbey from closure. He shifted gears in providing the group his perspectives from six years as a state legislator. Currently, he is campaigning to replace Jack Metcalf as U.S. Representative from the 2nd Congressional District.

"Mac" MacHaffie, Pearl Harbor Survivor



"Mac" Machaffie, former crewmember of the USS Ralph Talbot (DD-390) and Pearl Harbor survivor, gave us a sample of the depth and breadth of his personal history. We will schedule a full presentation of his exploits at a monthly luncheon in the near future.

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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