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## Upcoming Events

May 9, 2000 -- Monthly luncheon (1130 - 1300). EA-6B AoA (CDR Dave Woods)

May 19, 2000 -- Happy Hour . Son Tay Raid Anniversary (30<sup>th</sup>) Presentation.

June 13, 2000 -- Monthly luncheon (1130 - 1300). EAWS

## May 9 Luncheon: CDR Dave B. "Woody" Woods, USN (AoA Study)



EA-6B mission.

CDR Dave B. "Woody" Woods, USN, former CO of VAQ-132, currently the EA-6B and EA Requirements Officer on the CNO's staff, will provide a presentation on the Analysis of Alternatives (AoA) to the

## View From the Bridge: CAPT Doug Roulstone, USN (Ret)



After the March A-3 festivities and visit by RADM Dave Polatty, the group calmed down a bit in April for an excellent presentation by Capt. Doug Roulstone, USN(Ret), career rotary-wing pilot and former commanding officer of USS *John Stennis* (CVN-74).

The meeting got off to a great start with an excellent monthly intel update by VAQ-141's "combat AIO," LtJG Quayle Quarty. The crowd of ANA regulars - both retired and active duty - listened intently as Quarty talked about three ongoing hot spots: Korea, Taiwan and the Balkans.

Then Capt. Roulstone took the podium to talk about his tour in *Stennis*, which he rated as "probably the greatest love of my life...other than my wife." He admitted it was a rather unique situation for him, what with his background in the HS community, but he enjoyed every minute of it.

The talk started with background on Senator Stennis' long career; the skipper noted the carrier was known as the "flagship" for the U.S. Senate, with regular appearances by VIPs of the political persuasion. He then described his tour, which coincided with CVN-74's transfer from Naval Station Norfolk to NAVSTA San Diego via the "scenic route."

With CVW-9 embarked, *Stennis* recorded an average of 29.4 kts enroute to the Arabian Gulf, arriving after a remarkable 14-day transit. "We had to slow down in the Suez Canal," the skipper commented. "They have rules there."

The ship and crew ended up putting in 132 days in the Gulf, a contemporary record, while occasionally allowing breaks such as swim call. Finally, on their way back to the states and their new homeport in Southern California, the carrier was able to pull liberty in Perth and Hobart. The captain rated both ports as among the best he'd ever visited.

Following a Q&A session Capt. Roulstone summed up his penultimate tour by saying, "The sailors we have in our Navy today are great...very high quality, very motivated. But I never saw a sailor on the ships I was on that was overpaid. The people we have in the service today you can be very proud of."

The Whidbey Island ANA Squadron gratefully thanks CAPT Roulstone for his presentation and for bringing the squadron up to speed on life in today's carrier Navy.

- Ranger Mark

## Happy Hour May 19: [Son Tay Raid](#) Presentation



A 30th anniversary reflection on a daring attempt to rescue a large number of American POWs being held just outside Hanoi in November 1970. Former *Son Tay* POW Wes Shierman and *Son Tay* Raider Greg McGuire will present their respective views of that heroic effort at 1600. Happy Hour starts at 1500. The Club has made it a 'membership appreciation' night. ANA and the Nam POWs are also contributing to the well-being of those attending. Mark your calendar. This special event will definitely be worth your time.

- R. Lerseth

**A-3 Static Display Update:** Project approved and fully supported by NAS Pensacola. An aircraft is in the process of being identified. More to follow.

### Transitions:

**VP-40 Fighting Marlins** CO Carlos Chavez turned over command to former XO Bernie Ryan on 14 April. New XO Clyde Porter reported aboard from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces just in time to deal with the imminent deployment of the Fighting Marlins. CDR Chavez takes over as Navigator on USS VINSON. Bon Voyage to all.

**VP-1 Screaming Eagles** CO James Heffernan turned the reins over to former XO Thomas Doughty on May 1st. CDR Chris Walter checked in as new XO.

**PATRON 10:** Commodore Tim Norgart turns over command of the Wing to Capt. William Marriott on 12 May. We welcome Captain Marriott to God's Country. Commodore Norgart, we wish you fair winds and following seas as you enter the civilian world. We at ANA could not have asked for a finer advocate in our effort to support the Fleet and preserve naval history, and we hope you'll continue the relationship once you are safely ensconced in DC.

**VAQ-139 Cougars** change command on 8 May. CDR Dee Mewborne passes the skipper's baton to CDR Jeffrey Amick. CDR Richard "Simo" Simon takes over as XO. Dee reports to the Secretary of Defense as his new EA. Bravo Zulu!

### 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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