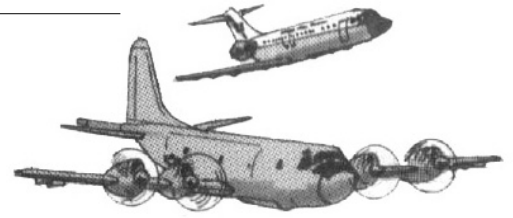




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WELCOME ABOARD

Captain Roger A. Pierce, USN

- **Former VAQ-130 CO and COMVAQWINGPAC**

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 13, 1999 (1130-1300) *(Second Tuesday at the O'Club, as usual)*



- **Speaker:** CDR John "Sarge" Alexander, VAQ-135/Black Raven CO will talk about his tour at the British Naval War College (Royal Naval College) and give us an update on the Black Ravens deployment from the east coast through the Med to the Gulf which included a swing by the Adriatic on the way back. He'll bring his intel officer for a short intel brief as well. Sarge is a life-member of ANA.
- If squadrons want a table dedicated to their outfit, please give the O'Club a heads up.

July 24, 1999 Sea and Sky - Base Open House

- See the link on the NAS Whidbey web site (or Whidbey ANA web site). If you want to help man the ANA booth and hand out naval air related items—Wings of Gold, etc., give Rick Porritt a call at 675-4334.

No meeting in August.

September 14, 1999 (1130-1300) *(Second Tuesday at the O'Club, as usual)*

- Put it on your calendars. We hope to have LT Corey Ray, the first VP rep to Fallon's Naval Air Warfare Center talk to us about VP SLAM ops.

COMMAND CHANGES



VQ-1

18 June: CDR Mike Paul turned over the reins to CDR Todd Boyer. New XO CDR Bernard Lessard comes aboard from ACOM. CDR Paul moves on to a hardship tour at Pax River.

VAQ-135

1 July: CDR Mike Stahl passed command of the Black Ravens to CDR John Alexander. New XO CDR Steve Kirby, reported aboard from the Canadian War College in Toronto. CDR Stahl reports to the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. Yet another hardship tour.

Thank You



The June presentation by Capt. Gordon “Bud” Durna, USN (Ret), was superior. It is interesting how we got him to speak to us. Last year, we asked many of our members to give us a thumbnail sketch bio (callsign, aircraft flown, years served, date winged, hours, etc.). Nothing fancy. Bud gave me his thumbnail bio on a piece of onion skin paper—hand typed, the old-fashioned way. Thanks to Bud first, for his service, second, for his painstaking and time-consuming work on putting together a concise and fast-moving, well-organized brief, and, third, for sharing it with us. Thanks also to Scott Hornung for all his work on the powerpoint graphics for the brief and to the wing for the laptop support. One of our local ANA plankowners, a former combat CO, CAG and Chief of Staff said after the brief, “*You know, I’ve known Bud for years and I never knew he was awarded the Navy Cross.*” He also observed that every active duty skipper should try to get Bud to present his briefing to his ready room. I agree, it was that good. Not only did Bud’s presentation bring to life the risks involved with early carrier aviation, it also presented the foundation of today’s carrier tactics and operations. Squadrons, if you want this presentation, you better move fast—Bud moves to Oregon at summer’s end.

Thanks to those who have brought in their old Wings of Gold magazines. We’ll get them to folks at the air show and also prospective members.

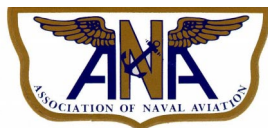
OTHER NEWS



Doug Francis, another local ANA, plankowner and former A-6 flyer, attended the Naval Aviation Training Graduation Ceremony at Training Air Wing TWO at NAS Kingsville, TX on April 9, 1999. Doug pinned the ANA wings of gold on LTJG Daren D. “Precious” Jewell, USN. Daren is a graduate of Oak Harbor High school and has been mentored by Doug since 1991. His mentoring has paid off—Daren was Student of the Month in February (VA-22) and earned two “E” awards for bombing excellence. He commences fleet training in the F/A-18. Congratulations to Daren and keep up the great work. Thanks to Doug for your work as ANA mentor.

ANECDOTE FROM RICK PORRITT:

I received a call from Captain Norman K. McInnis, USN (Ret) from Little Rock, AR. He was swinging through Whidbey on a trip cross country. He is 84, one of the first CO’s of VAH-123, the A-3 RAG, in the early 60’s which eventually became VAQ-129. He is one of the Golden Eagles—the 200 oldest living Naval Aviators who the Navy gets together once a year for briefings and consultations. He remembers his time Whidbey well. Any old shipmates can contact him at captainmac@aristotle.net.



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To:

FRIENDLY REMINDER:

It's dues time for ANA Whidbey Squadron. Annual dues are still \$12.00 per year. Some of you have paid ahead and some opened up their wallets at the last luncheon for this year's dues. We have incorporated that information (year and month you are paid through) on your mailing label for this Air plan. Please check it for accuracy. If you have any questions about your status on dues, contact Roger Lerseth at 679-6578 for resolution. You are invited to bring dues, cash or check, to the July luncheon or, if you prefer, mail your check directly to ANA Whidbey Island Squadron, P.O. Box 1888, Oak Harbor, WA 98277. Remember that, in doing so in a timely fashion, you enable us to continue a fine tradition of promoting naval aviation history and esprit de corps in the world's best aviation community.

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CAPT James Tiberus Kirk, Starfleet
1701 - D USS Enterprise

(E-Mail subscribers contact Roger at the above number).

WELCOME HOME !

VP-40 Fighting Marlins from Misawa and Kadena
VQ-1 World Watchers, Crews 3 & 4 from Misawa and Crew 5 from SWA
VAQ-132 Scorpions from Aviano

BON VOYAGE!

VAQ-131 Lancers
VAQ-134 Garudas
VP-1 Screaming Eagles
VQ-1 Crews 7 & 8

ANNUAL RECAP

We have been fortunate in that retired aviation personnel in the local area have shared their outstanding stories with us. We wrap up this year reflecting on the programs we have had. In addition to CAPT Durna's event, we have had presentations by: (1) CDR Harry Ferrier (Battle of Midway and Ballard's search for the Yorktown), (2) CDR Scott and AQCS Cliff Hornung (Enterprise fire) and (3) CDR Roger Lerseth/"River Rats"/AFA (Operation Linebacker).

Active duty speakers included: (1) CDR Rush of VAQ-142 Gray Wolves, (2) CDR Dawe of VAQ-131 Lancers, (3) Commodores Norgart and Cryer, and (4) CDRs Field and Tack of VAQ-134.

Special attaboys to CDR Scott Hornung for launching the ANA Whidbey web site and Fred House for the newsletter formatting and execution.

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