



ANA PATRIOT SQUADRON - SHEA NAVAL AVIATION MUSEUM QUARTERLY MEMBERS' NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the latest edition of the ANA Patriot Squadron and Shea Naval Aviation Museum Quarterly Members' Newsletter. This newsletter is distributed via e-mail on or about the first day of March, June, September, and December. The purpose of the newsletter is to help familiarize members who can't attend our monthly meetings with what's happening within the squadron and at the museum and perhaps inspire everyone to take a more active role in this organization.

RECENT NEWS:

First off, we'd like to welcome two new members to the Patriot Squadron. The first new member is Jayne Pratt Lovelace, who was a Yeoman in the Naval Air Reserve with VS-916 at NAS South Weymouth from 1958 to 1962. The second new member is Joseph Muise. Joe is the son of long-time member Robert Muise and has been attending our monthly meetings for a while. Joe has some legal training and has agreed to serve as this organization's Judge Advocate, replacing the late Leo Lazo in this role.

Gerry Kavanaugh, the CEO of LStar Capital, was recently appointed the Division President of LStar's Boston office and is now in charge of the Union Point development effort. He replaced Kyle Corkum, the CEO and managing partner of LStar, in this role. We've been told that Kyle will be returning to a more national role with the company. As you should know, Kyle has been a good friend of the ANA Patriot Squadron since LStar took over as the Master Developer of old NAS South Weymouth about three years ago. We'll miss him and look forward to developing a relationship with Gerry Kavanaugh.

The Shea Naval Aviation Museum remains closed with our collection of artifacts in storage and as of this time we still do not know when the museum will reopen. We've heard through the grapevine that LStar's plans for relocating the museum and the Shea Memorial Grove are in flux, and the company will not be in a position to present their plans to us until the revised plans have been finalized. Please be patient with us on this. As soon as we know something concrete, we will let you know.

Until further notice we will continue to meet from 11 AM to noon on the last Saturday of the month in the South Shore Tri-Town Development Corporation meeting room in what was formerly the NAS South Weymouth base housing office at Union Point. This is the small white building located next to the Shea Memorial Grove and is, in fact, the last structure built by the Navy on the old base. If you live in the local area we strongly suggest that you attend our monthly meetings, especially while the museum is in this period of transition from where it was to where it is going to be.

Members Peter Harrington and Robert Michaelski volunteered to help out with the Wall that Heals, a $\frac{3}{4}$ scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington DC, that was put on display at Union Point during the week of July 27th by the South Shore Friends of the Wall that Heals.

On Saturday August 18th member Steve Cohn hosted another W1NAS public ham radio event at the Shea Memorial Grove on Union Point. This event was well attended by ham radio enthusiasts and members of the general public. If any of you out there are interested in learning more about ham radio, please contact Steve Cohn directly at w1od@arrl.net. In the event of a disaster that brings down telephone, television, and Internet services ham radio may serve as your only means of news and communication.

COMING UP:

The Boston chapter of the Marine Corps Aviation Association (<http://www.flymcaa.org>) will host their annual clambake at the Fourth Cliff Military Recreation Area in Marshfield, MA on Saturday September 8th. This is a terrific event that features a real New England clambake including lobsters, steamed clams, corn-on-the-cob, watermelon, etc. Several Patriot Squadron members, including a few non-Marines, will be there. If you'd like to go, contact John Margie at jomargie@comcast.net. Don't wait until the last minute since advance reservations are required.

The VP Association, which is a group composed mainly of people who were associated with the Navy Reserve patrol squadrons that were based over the years at NAS Squantum and NAS South Weymouth such as VP-911 and VP-92, will hold its annual reunion on Saturday September 22nd from noon to 5 PM at the Sons of Italy Hall in Weymouth, MA. Over the years many people who were associated with NAS South Weymouth, and not necessarily in the patrol squadrons, have been coming to this event. Basically, anybody who is interested in NAS South Weymouth is welcome to come. Reservations are required in advance and the event includes a nice buffet meal and a guest speaker. For more information, go to the VP Association web site at <http://www.vpassociation.org>.

The Experimental Aircraft Association chapter located at Cranland Airport off Route 58 in Halifax, MA hosts a pancake breakfast and fly-in from about 8 to 10 AM on the third Sunday of the month between April and October, weather permitting. A number of Patriot Squadron members gather there at Marc Frattasio's brother Damian's hangar. Come join us if you live in the local area. It's a cheap breakfast (\$7 per person) and a good time if you like to watch airplanes.

Please note that the Navy will be commissioning a new guided missile destroyer named after Massachusetts Medal of Honor recipient Thomas Hudner in Boston sometime later this year. The date of this event has not been determined at this time but rumor has it that it will be in November or

December, but this may change. Hudner was an honorary member of the ANA Patriot Squadron. He was a Navy pilot who purposely crashed his Corsair in enemy territory in an effort to rescue a squadron-mate, Jesse Brown, who was shot down during the Korean War. Tickets are required to attend the ship's commissioning ceremony. These are free, and apparently available for the asking. To obtain them, go to <http://www.usshudnerddg116.org/commissioning-tickets>.

HELP WANTED:

At this time, with the museum's collection in storage, the most important thing that any of you can do to help the ANA Patriot Squadron is to remain engaged, interested, and enthusiastic. It may be instructive now to remind you all how the Shea Naval Aviation Museum came about, why it exists, and how the ANA Patriot Squadron came to be its custodian.

DID YOU KNOW?:

NAS South Weymouth's Naval Air Development Unit, which was known as NADU for short, was the only command in the US Navy to operate blimps, balloons, propeller-driven airplanes, and jets simultaneously. This unique outfit was tasked to provide flight-testing support for military research projects conducted by the MIT Lincoln Laboratory and other defense contractors between 1954 and 1961. For more information about NADU check out the book written by the late John Yaney on the "geedunk" page of our web site at www.anapatriotsquadron.org.

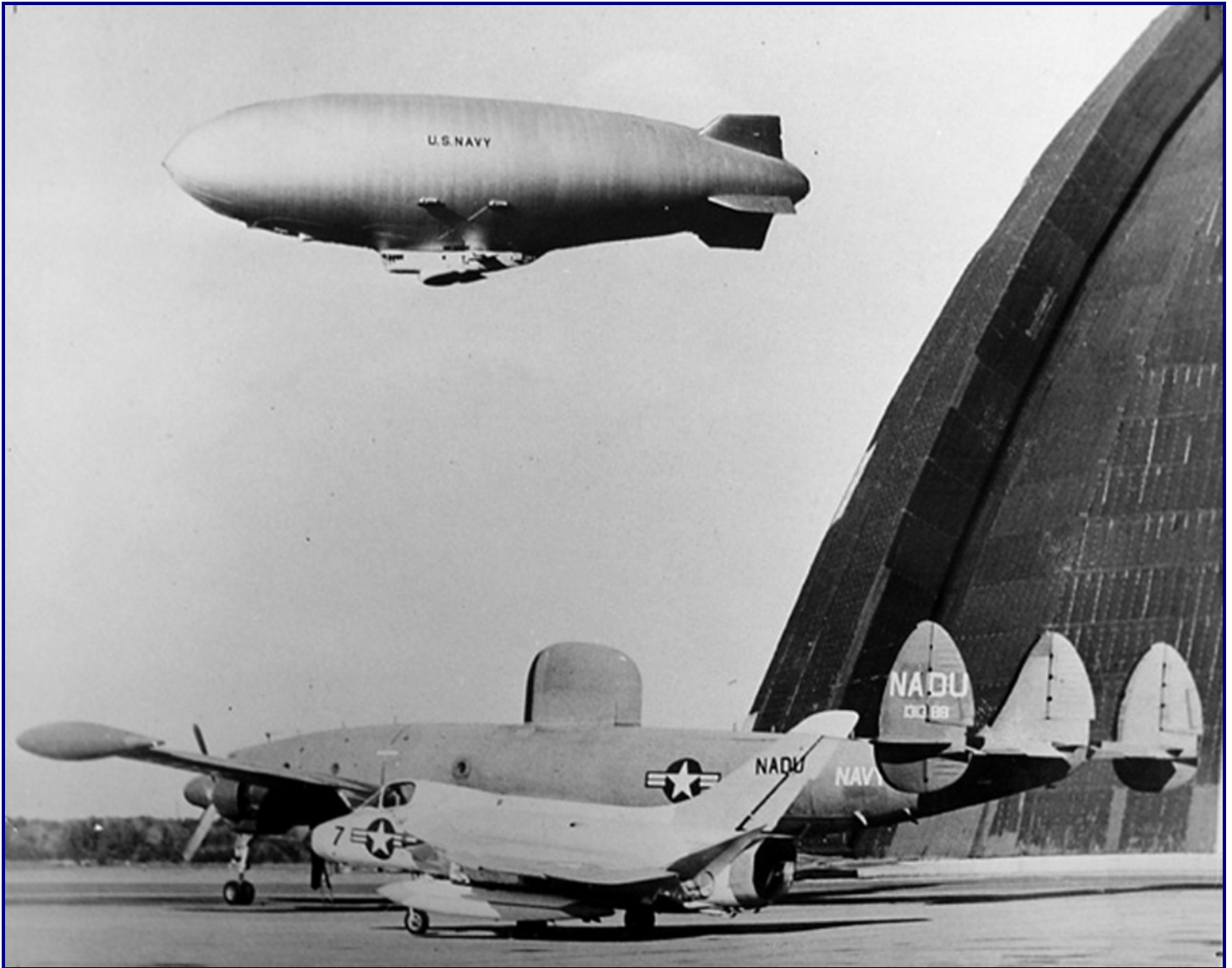


SOME RECENT PHOTOS:



Top Left : Bob Mandeville at recent EAA pancake breakfast and fly-in at Cranland. **Top Right:** Peter Harrington helping to set up The Wall That Heals. **Middle Left:** Steve Cohn and Robert Michaelski at the W1NAS ham radio event. **Middle Right:** The W1NAS tent at the Shea Memorial Grove. **Bottom Left:** Local members at recent meeting. **Bottom Right:** Post-meeting luncheon at Warren's Place.

A WINDOW INTO THE PAST:



This photo shows a NADU ZPG-2 type blimp, WV-2 Warning Star, and F4D Skyray jet near the southwestern corner of LTA Hangar One at NAS South Weymouth sometime during the late 1950s. These aircraft typically worked as a team out of NAS South Weymouth to detect, track, and intercept airborne radar contacts during testing of the SAGE (Semi-Automatic Ground Environment) integrated air defense system developed by the MIT Lincoln Laboratory.

