

**Get recognized for your artistic talent,  
submit your work for the Centennial  
logo...**

Commander, Naval Air Forces is accepting fleet-wide submissions for the official logo of the Centennial of Naval Aviation, which will be celebrated during 2011. The chosen design will be publicly unveiled with recognition given to the artist and will become the official logo for this monumental celebration. The logo will appear publicly in all types of print and video media, advertising applications, official documents and merchandise. Submissions are encouraged from personnel fleet-wide.

1. All submitted designs will become the property of the Department of the Navy. Designs should be:
  - a. Distinguishable in both color and black and white formats.
  - b. Easily recreated in a variety of sizes (from mugs to banners).
  - c. Easily recognizable.
  - d. Representative of Naval Aviation in both history and current spirit.
  - e. Formatted as (.jpg), (.gif), or (.tif) preferred, but all accepted.
  - f. Submitted with artist's name, command and contact information.
2. Deadline for submissions has been extended to January 31, 2009.
3. Submissions should be made via e-mail to: [cnaf-pao@navy.mil](mailto:cnaf-pao@navy.mil) or by mail to:

COMNAVAIRFOR  
Centennial of Naval Aviation (N00CoNA)  
PO Box 357051  
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**We Are Naval Aviation.**

*Our core competency is the projection of combat power, whether from a flight deck or a forward base.*

*We are the men and women of Naval Aviation.*

*We influence events in this unsettled world by engaging forward, with our presence and power.*

*Our Naval Air Force can deliver unmatched persistent, precision combat power, hundreds of miles inland from our expeditionary airfields and sea-bases,*

*And just as easily, we can flex our force to perform humanitarian aid and disaster relief efforts.*

*Our service puts us in harm's way far from our families, often for significantly long intervals.*

*What we do is hard and oftentimes dangerous, but it is bigger than all of us so we do it as a team.*

*Hardships are shared.*

*All of us are part of a competent and professional Naval Air Force that has no equal in air combat.*

*What drives us is the richness of life and experience that can be found nowhere else.*

*We serve our country.*

*Our duty is mission accomplishment.*

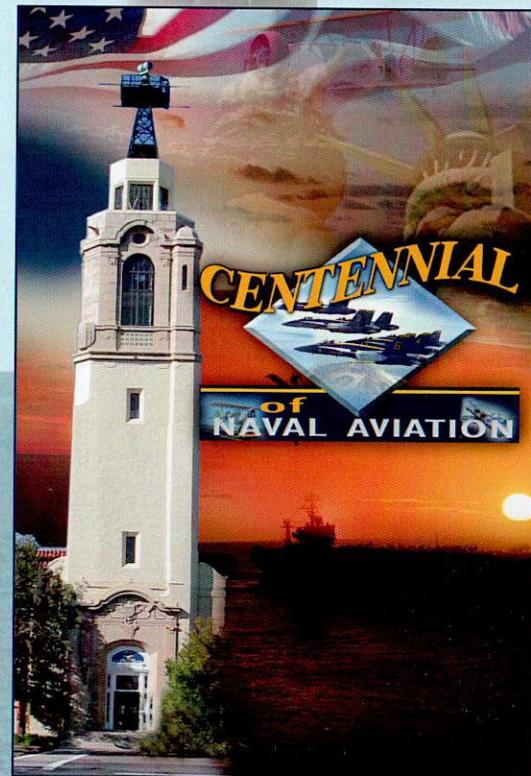
*We lead our men and women with compassion.*

*We excel in the air. We make a difference.*

**Fly, Fight, Lead.**

*The Centennial of Naval Aviation*

*100 years of Achievement 1911-2011 100 years of Progress*



*The Centennial of Naval Aviation kicks off January 2011 and continues as a yearlong celebration with a variety of events worldwide!*

*Visit local aviation museums – enjoy past and present Naval Aviation culture, view the educational displays and help us to honor the men and women who forged Naval Aviation into the military might it is today!*

*Enjoy many events scheduled throughout 2011 including air shows, fly-overs, special demonstrations, static displays and industry booths.*

*For the latest information, rich culture and educational materials, visit Commander Naval Air Forces' website:  
<http://www.cnaf.navy.mil/centennial/>*

Committed to a celebration unparalleled by any previous ceremony, Commander Naval Air Forces, VADM Kilcline introduces a task force dedicated to 100 years of Naval flight. Our task force coordinates events regionally, nationally and globally, with both military and civilian organizations; and liaises with the Centennial non-profit organization. We capture the essence of Naval Aviation through a century of media, photos, literature and art.

Ensuring thorough representation, the US Navy, US Marine Corps, US Coast Guard and NASA partnered and identified regional points of contact including civilian individuals and organizations. Our military members will assist with static displays, military demonstrations, provide information on historically significant events and give scheduling assistance. Our team will bring the face of Naval Aviation to the public.

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### Mission:

“Our Mission is to honor a century of mission-ready men and women in Naval Aviation and recognize unique Naval Aviation achievements through regionally based, event driven celebrations.”

### Vision:

“A year long celebration of 100 years of Naval Aviation, covering the scope of all Naval Aviation activities, including aircraft, people, ships, innovations and significant events. This nationally sponsored series of events will take place throughout 2011.”

### Intent:

- To raise the awareness of Naval Aviation across the United States.
- To celebrate 100 years of Naval Aviation operations across the world, while concentrating on key geographical areas of the country for specific historical events and activities.

### Significant Events:

**January 26, 1911** - Lieutenant Theodore Ellyson, destined to become Naval Aviator Number 1, observes Glenn Curtiss making the first successful hydroaeroplane flight in San Diego, CA demonstrating the application of the airplane to Naval purposes.

**May 8, 1911** - Captain Washington Chambers prepares contract specifications for the Navy's first aircraft. This date is later designated the birthday of U.S. Naval Aviation.

**July 1, 1911** - The Navy's first aircraft, the A-1 Triad, makes its maiden flight from Keuka Lake at Hammondsport, NY.

**May 22, 1912** - First Lieutenant Alfred Cunningham, USMC, reports to Annapolis, MD, for flight training, marking the birth of Marine Corps Aviation. He is designated Naval Aviator #5 and USMC Aviator #1.

**January 20, 1914** - The first aviation personnel arrive at Pensacola, FL. This becomes the U.S. Navy's first Naval Air Station.

**April 24, 1914** - An AB-3 flying boat flown by Lieutenant Patrick Bellinger complete the first combat flight by a U.S. military aircraft, flying a reconnaissance mission in support of operations at Veracruz, Mexico.

**March 30, 1916** - Second Lieutenant Charles Sugden and Third Lieutenant Elmer Stone become the first two Coast Guard aviators assigned to flight instruction. Lieutenant Stone completed flight training on April 10, 1917 and became Naval Aviator #38 and Coast Guard Aviator #1.