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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 and precise 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 kicks off January 2011 and continues as a year-long celebration with a variety of events worldwide!

Visit local aviation museums to enjoy past and present Naval Aviation culture, view the educational displays and help us 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.public.navy.mil/airfor/centennial/>.

Over 200 Centennial themed events are anticipated through 2011. Of those more than 200 events, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard are focusing combined assets on these 34 particular events:

~ February 2011 ~

10-13: San Diego Centennial Kickoff Celebration & Aerial Review

~ March 2011 ~

19-27: Jackson Navy Week, (NAS Meridian & Keesler AFB air shows)

~ April 2011 ~

9-10: NAS Corpus Christi Salute to 100 Years of Naval Aviation

15-17: NAS Ft. Worth JRB Air Power

30-May 1: MCAS Beaufort Air Show

~ May 2011 ~

TBD: Marine Week St. Louis

3-9: Centennial of Naval Aviation Week Pensacola

5-11: New Orleans Navy Week & 'Nawlins Air Show

13-15: MCAS New River Air Show

20-22: DoD Joint Services Open House

22-Jun 2: NY Fleet Week & Jones Beach Air Show

23-29: Philadelphia Navy Week & Millville AAF Show

~ June 2011 ~

4-5: Rockford AirFest 2011

11-12: Evansville Freedom Festival

16-22: Davenport Navy Week & Quad Cities Air Show

25-26: National Guard Association of Rhode Island Open House & Air Show

~ July 2011 ~

11-17: Rochester Navy Week & ESL International Airshow

18-24: Detroit Navy Week & Thunder over Michigan Airshow

25-Aug 1: EAA AirVenture Oshkosh

31-Aug 8: Seattle Fleet Week & SeaFair

~ August 2011 ~

8-14: Fargo Navy Week and Air Show

26-27: The Great State of Maine Air Show

~ September 2011 ~

3-4: NAS Pax River Air Expo '11

6-11: Omaha Navy Week & Guardians of Freedom Air Show

14-18: National Championship Air Races

17-18: Memphis AirFest

19-Oct 2: San Diego Fleet Week & MCAS Miramar Air Show

20-25: NAS Oceana Air Show & AIAA Centennial Convention

~ October 2011 ~

8-9: San Francisco Fleet Week

15-16: Lemoore Air Show

17-23: El Paso Navy Week & Amigo Air Show

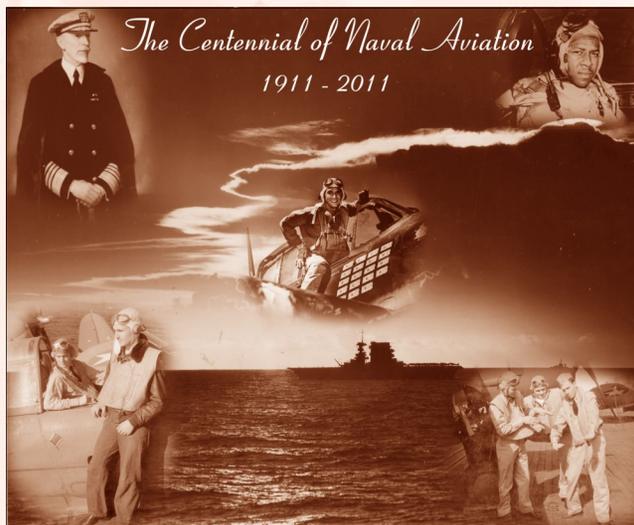
~ November 2011 ~

5-6: NAS Jax, Birthplace of the Blue Angels Air Show

11-12: Pensacola Homecoming

~ December 2011 ~

3: Washington, DC Centennial Closing Gala



Mission:

To honor a century of mission-ready men and women and recognize unique aviation-related achievements through event driven celebrations.

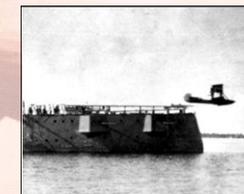
Vision:

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 is scheduled to kick off Jan 2011 and continue throughout the year.

Intent:

- To raise public awareness of Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and NASA aviation operations.
- To commemorate 100 years of Naval Aviation across the world, while concentrating on key geographical areas of the country due to their specific historical events and activities.

Naval Aviation milestones:



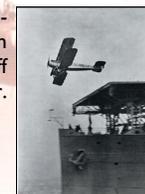
On Nov 5, 1915, LCDR Mustin successfully flew an AB-2 flying boat off the stern of the USS NORTH CAROLINA in Pensacola Bay, FL, making the first ever recorded catapult launching from a ship underway.

Formed Sep 1919, VFA-14 "Tophatters" are the Navy's oldest active squadron. The squadron has flown 23 different type aircraft, changed designations 14 times, and operated from 20 different aircraft carriers (and several battleships).



Renamed in honor of aviation pioneer Samuel Pierpont Langley, USS LANGLEY started Oct 18, 1911 as Proteus-class collier USS JUPITER. Following JUPITER's decommissioning, conversion began. LANGLEY was commissioned Mar 20, 1922 and designated CV-1.

On Oct 17, 1922, LT V.C. Griffin, in a Vought VE-7SF, took off from the USS LANGLEY at anchor in the York River, Virginia, making the first take-off from an aircraft carrier.



Oct 26, 1922 – LCDR Godfrey deC. Chevalier (Naval Aviator #7), flying an Aeromarine, records the first landing aboard a U.S. Navy carrier, successfully trapping on the flight deck of the USS LANGLEY while she was underway off Cape Henry, Virginia.

Commissioned Nov 25, 1961, USS ENTERPRISE (CVN-65) is the world's first nuclear-powered aircraft carrier and the eighth US naval vessel to bear the name. Like her predecessor of World War II fame, she is nicknamed the "Big E".



The stealthy F-35 will be the most powerful single-engine fighter ever fielded. The F-35C will be the Navy's first stealthy plane and will eventually replace the F/A-18 Hornet and fly alongside the newer F/A-18E/F Super Hornet as the main combat assets of U.S. naval aviation.

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