

Centennial of Naval Aviation

Parade of FLIGHT

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NORTH ISLAND OPEN HOUSE

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NAVAL AIR STATION
NORTH ISLAND,
CORONADO, CALIFORNIA

★★★★★ on ★★★★★

FEBRUARY 12, 2011

Gates Open at 8 am

**Parade of Flight
Starts at 1 pm**

*Enjoy this unique opportunity to
join the military celebration.
100 years and 100s of planes,
cars and more!*

A full day of Family Fun!

- Show center viewing of the Parade of Flight ~ 100 years of Naval Aviation above San Diego Bay ~ From WWI to modern Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard aircraft
- Carrier and other ship tours
- 75+ aircraft on display
- The exciting Leap Frogs parachute jump team
- Metal Mulisha stunt motorcycle acts
- Unique showcase of Marine Corps aviation
- Local business and military booths and displays
- Classic car show
- Historic Village featuring local museums and historians
- LIVE entertainment
- Food & beverages

Want to be involved?

Grasp the opportunity to be represented at this once-in-a-lifetime event. For Sponsorship, booth reservations, volunteer recruitment and more information, visit www.mwrtoday.com/cona

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San Diego Centennial of Naval Aviation

Kick-off Celebration Events

Naval Aviation Film Festival

February 5, 2011 • 2-4 pm

Location: Lowry Theater • Naval Air Station North Island (NASNI)

Festival includes a 20 minute montage with curator from the USS Midway, and a movie filmed in and around Coronado. This event is open to the public. Civilians are welcome to walk into the base via the Pass & Decal parking lot, adjacent to the Stockdale Gate, on the corner of 3rd Street and Alameda Boulevard. Once on base it's a short walk to the theater. Walk straight ahead, turn left at the first signal light and the theater will be on the right hand side. For more information, please call 619-545-8042.

Naval Aviation 5K Fun Run

February 9, 2011 • Registration: 10:30 am • Race Starts: 11:30 am

Location: Breakers Beach • Naval Air Station North Island (NASNI)

Free to all MWR patrons and active duty service members. All pre-registered participants will receive t-shirt and prizes for top finishers. For more information, please call 619-767-7054.

Centennial of Naval Aviation Golf Tournament

February 11, 2011 • Check-in: 11:00 am • Shotgun Start: 12:00 pm

Location: Sea N' Air Golf Course • Naval Air Station North Island (NASNI)

Format: 4 Person Scramble Fee: \$60 E1-E6 • \$75 E7 & Above \$85 DoD & Guest (includes cart)

Enjoy a picturesque coastal view while you golf! Tournament features include complimentary range balls, goodie bag, drawings and hors d'oeuvres at the 19th Hole Restaurant. Awards given to Closest to the Pin, Longest Drive and 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams. For more information, please call 619-545-9659.



Centennial of Naval Aviation Kick-Off VIP Reception

February 11, 2011 • 6-8 pm

Location: San Diego Air and Space Museum

For additional information about this event, please contact the 100th Anniversary of Naval Aviation Foundation by email at info@navalaviation100.org or by phone at 619-814-1352. Visit the Foundation website at www.navalaviation100.org.

100th Anniversary Parade of Flight and North Island Open House

February 12, 2011 • All day • Gates Open at 8 am

Parade of Flight Begins at 1 pm

Naval Air Station North Island (NASNI) welcomes all to participate in the Centennial of Naval Aviation's kickoff event on February 12, 2011. Watch Navy, Marine and Coast Guard aircraft, from pre-WWI to the present Blue Angels F/A-18 jets, as they parade over San Diego Bay. Enjoy this spectacular aerial review from the NASNI show center, which offers the best vantage point. On the ground, guests are encouraged to view 75+ historic static aircraft, classic car show, Metal Mulisha motorcycle jump demonstrations and LIVE entertainment. Tour the Navy's USS John C. Stennis aircraft carrier and an LHD, second only to a carrier in size and aircraft capacity. This Celebration of Naval Aviation kickoff event is open to the public — admission and parking are free.

Centennial of Naval Aviation Kick-Off Gala

February 12, 2011 • 6:30-11:00 pm

Location: USS Midway Museum

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Community Celebration of Naval Aviation Highlights

- Coronado Historical Assn Naval Aviation Lecture Series: 19-26 Mar 2011. www.coronadohistory.org.
- Navy Legacy Days San Diego: 31 May-4 Jun 2011. Onboard the USS Midway. www.midway.org.
- San Diego Fleet Week: Sep 2011. www.fleetweeksandiego.org.
- Miramar Air Show: 1-2 Oct 2011. Sponsored by MCCA. www.miramarairshow.com.
- Coronado Library Centennial Exhibit. Jan-Dec 2011. Six different bi-monthly displays, showing the chronology of Naval Aviation. Monthly events including book signing, lectures and aviation movies. Contact 619.522.7390 or www.coronado.ca.us/library.
- Flying Leathernecks Museum. Jan-Dec 2011. View vintage Marine Corps aircraft and aviation items. www.flyingleathernecks.org
- San Diego Airport Art Display. Jan-Jun 2011. In the Commuter Terminal 4 cases dedicated to Naval Aviation, sponsored by San Diego Navy League.
- San Diego Air and Space Museum Centennial Exhibit: Feb-Dec 2011. www.sandiegoairandspace.org
- USS Midway Centennial Exhibit: Feb-Dec 2011. www.midway.org
- Wings of Gold: Coronado and Naval Aviation. Coronado Historical Association Museum of History & Art: Opens 4 Feb 2011. Educational programs, activities and films will complement the exhibit. POC Susan Enowitz, 619.435.7242 director@coronadohistory.org or www.coronadohistory.org.
- Coronado Historical Association Naval Aviator Yard Sign Initiative: Look for signs in front of houses where Naval Aviators past and present have lived as you drive around Coronado or come by the association for a map. www.coronadohistory.org



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The Birthplace of Naval Aviation



The U.S. Navy, in concert with the U.S Marine Corps and U.S Coast Guard, celebrates 2011 at the 100th anniversary of Naval Aviation. It has been 100 years since CAPT Washington Irving Chambers, USN, placed the order with Aviation Pioneer Glenn Curtiss for the Navy's first two aircrafts. Since those early days, when aircraft were fashioned from bamboo and Sitka Spruce and pilots draped bicycle inner tubes around their torsos in case of a forced water landing, we have progressed with amazing speed. In 1911, the aircraft was a tactical afterthought, something to support the battleship Navy, so dominant at the time. Today, Naval Aviation is an essential part of the Navy/Marine Corps/Coast Guard team, our national defense, and is a key capability in maintaining maritime awareness and dominance throughout the world.

Naval Aviation has a particularly long and rich history with the city of San Diego and surrounding communities. In December 1910, LT Theodore Ellyson, who later became the Navy's first aviator, was detailed to San

Diego to receive flight instruction from Glenn Curtiss. One month later, the first successful hydroaeroplane flight occurred in San Diego. February 17, 1911, Glenn Curtiss landed and taxied his hydroaeroplane to the cruiser USS PENNSYLVANIA anchored in San Diego Bay, where it was hoisted aboard, then lowered to the water, and Curtiss returned to North Island. This event, more than any other,

prompted the Secretary of the Navy's decision to purchase the Navy's first aircraft. In 1917, Naval Air Station San Diego was commissioned and later became Naval Air Station North Island. Army's Camp Kearny was also commissioned the same year and later became Marine Corps Air Station Miramar. March 20, 1922, the first aircraft carrier, USS LANGLEY, was commissioned and stationed at NAS San Diego. In fact, in the 1920s and into the early 1930s, all Navy aircraft carriers were stationed at NAS San Diego for a time. During World War II, NAS North Island was a primary staging base for aircraft headed to the Pacific. It is fitting to kick-off the year-long commemoration here at the "Birthplace of Naval Aviation."

As with any major anniversary, we want to take time to reflect on our successes, honor our fallen, and look forward to the future. Our reflection will focus on the aircraft, ships, people and events that have won the day, both in peace and wartime, and we will also look forward to a bright future in Naval Aviation's second century.

Honoring the 100th anniversary of Naval Aviation underscores America's commitment to sustaining a maritime airpower capability that is responsive to the nation's needs across the entire spectrum of operations. Happy Birthday Naval Aviation!

For information on the world-wide celebration of Naval Aviation, visit www.navy.mil/flynavy. For updates on local events visit www.mwrtoday.com/cona.



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