

## BREAKING NEWS

### Gary Sinise Foundation Benefit Concert April 28 & 29

by Andy Werback

The Gary Sinise Foundation will be bringing the world-famous Lt. Dan Band to Santa Rosa for a concert benefiting First Responders and Veterans. This is in response last years’ massive October fires and rescue efforts. PCAM is hosting this event at the Butler Hangar, on the Charles M. Schulz Sonoma County Airport.

We have a lot to do to prepare for this event – cleaning out the Butler Hangar, getting permit requests written and approved, mapping out a security plan and handling all of the security functions during the weekend of 28 and 29 April. On the days of the event, we will be moving aircraft for display, setting up security fencing, manning a booth to spread the word about PCAM and invite people to join as new members and possibly as volunteers!

We especially need those of you who have AOA Badges, for security and AOA escort duty. We are expecting a large crowd, 4000 or more. PCAM is working with representatives of local fire and emergency services to make this happen. If you can volunteer, please see our event sign up, courtesy of Jim Mattison (Thank You Jim!), on SignupGenius. Here is a shortcut to the event - <https://goo.gl/iDpe8v>.



More details will be forthcoming at a coordination meeting. This is an important event for PCAM, so we would appreciate everyone’s help in providing security, manning a PCAM booth, and having aircraft open for visitors.

And – hope you’ve read this far – volunteers will receive a concert ticket for each shift. Plus, if you sign up for the Sunday afternoon shift, you get a slightly different view of the concert! ✨

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Heritage Fly-by—  
2004 PCAM Air Show

#### The PCAM Mission

“To Educate and Inspire both young and old about our aviation heritage and aerospace technology, to Preserve historic aircraft and artifacts, and to Honor veterans.”

## Celebrating the Living Historians of World War II & Korea

Just one of the many events that represent your membership dollars hard at work.

**We thank you! Our Veterans thank you!  
We couldn't do it without you!**

## Second annual Celebrating the Living Historians of World War II & Korea America's "Greatest Generation"

**Thank you for your service to our country!**

### SAVE THE DATE:

**Saturday, May 19, 2018 10:00 to 2:00  
Free Admission for the Entire Family!**

### Visit With the Heroes of the '40s and '50s

Meet and speak with the men and women who served our nation. The event is designed for people of all ages, but especially for young people, to meet the heroes of the 1940s and 1950s, and talk one-on-one with them and hear their stories first-hand!

Admission is free. Food will be available for purchase. Additional Attractions include:

- ✈ P-51 Mustang fly-by
- ✈ Big Band/Swing Music
- ✈ Sonoma County Calendar Girls in clothing from the era
- ✈ Kids' activities
- ✈ Warbirds on display



Participants include over 40 local pilots, navigators, bombardiers, turret gunners, paratroopers, battleship gunners, decipher specialists, infantrymen, WAVES, radio operators, map interpreters, journalists, and more. Many of them flew or served as crew aboard P-47 Thunderbolts, P-51 Mustangs, B-17 Flying Fortresses, P-38 Lightnings, B-29 Super Fortresses, F4U Corsairs, TBM Avengers, B-24 Liberators, C-47 Skytrains, and T-33 Shooting Stars. Learn about their varied experiences.

To help celebrate our Veterans, please go to <https://goo.gl/UYf6sw> to volunteer.

We look forward to seeing you on May 19<sup>th</sup>! For more information: <http://pacificcoastairmuseum.org/vets> 🌐

## One of the Reasons We Have PCAM A Human Interest Tale

By Lynn Hunt

A few days ago the following human interest story unfolded in my email. I hope you will find it as heart warming as I did.

A Story from Robert Andrue Moore, SSG (E6), U.S. Army Field Artillery 1958—1970, as told to his Granddaughter, Alisha Huffman:

“It was the end of a decade; 1959. Robert Andrue Moore was eighteen years old, graduated from basic training at Fort Chaffee, Arkansas, and enlisted with the United States Army at Field Artillery School in Fort Sill, Oklahoma. There he trained with the 52<sup>nd</sup> Field Artillery; motto “Big Guns are Ready”. In 1961 Moore married his high-school sweetheart, Wanda Jones, and deployed to Germany the following spring with USAREUR. By summer of 1966, Moore was back at Fort Sill, Oklahoma preparing for the arrival of his third child - and preparing for deployment to Vietnam.

Moore flew into Cam Ranh Bay on October 4, 1966 assigned to the 23<sup>rd</sup> Field Artillery Group Headquarters Battalion at Phu Loi; motto “Steel On Target”. From October 1966-October 1967, the 23<sup>rd</sup> Artillery participated in numerous fire-support missions, operating closely with the 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 27<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery; the 5<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Group; the 36<sup>th</sup> Transportation Group; and the 101<sup>st</sup> and 173<sup>rd</sup> Airborne Divisions: II Field Force Vietnam.

SSG Moore was with that (PCAM’s) **H-34 #71708** in Vietnam at Bien Hoa Air Base in Dong Nai Province in either ‘66 or ‘67 and saw it daily throughout the duration of his time in country, Oct.4,1966-Oct.3,1967. Sometimes it would drop off mail and cargo coming back from Saigon on the pass back north. Sometimes it would pick them up and transport them alongside the Chinooks, flying them into the nastiest of conditions where they’d be dropped off in one hot place after another, going from LZ to LZ, until picked up again and brought back to Bien Hoa. Sometimes they’d be out for days, sometimes they’d be out for weeks.

In September 1967 Moore’s battalion met with enemy fire at a Landing Zone northwest of Saigon. He was medevaced out with shrapnel to his limbs and torso. He completed his twelve month tour in Vietnam on October 3, 1967 and reenlisted with the USARPAC in Thailand for another twelve months before returning stateside in 1969. Moore deployed to Germany for a second and final time in February 1970. There he concluded his twelve year service in the United States Army on July 30<sup>th</sup> 1970 and headed home to East Texas. One of the lucky ones.



Robert Andrue Moore is 78 years old and resides in Longview, Texas. He is twice widowed and father to 6 children, 10 grandchildren, and 6 great-grandchildren. His father, George Andrue Moore, served with the United States Army Infantry in WWII.

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Below: H-34 #71708 from the PCAM collection



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Lynn was able to provide some history on the **H-34** to SSG Moore and Alisha. Here it is for those of you who are unaware of the story:

In and around Tucson, Arizona is the very large storage area for military aircraft. Surrounding the military base are several privately owned storage yards where surplus aircraft, purchased by speculators, sit and wait for the next chapter of their lives to unfold. For the vast majority this fate is being reduced to scrap metal. Only a few escape the clutches of the smelting furnace.



Robert Andru Moore and one of his granddaughters

It was in one of these storage yards where I became aware of four helicopters, two **H-34's** and two Piasecki HUP's that would soon travel that very path unless someone purchased them. I was able to make the deal and had them transported to Santa Rosa where I began the tasks of finding proper homes for them. The other **H-34** and one of the HUP's was sold to Niel Melton and now reside in his Tennessee Air Museum in Savierville, Tennessee. The second HUP was sold to a private party and the last **H-34** (SSG Moore's ) I donated to the Pacific Coast Air Museum. So it came to me directly from the military. Unfortunately all of the aircraft records have been lost which makes contact with people SSG Moore and Alisha so valuable and interesting. Over the years we have located and installed an engine, transmission, full cockpit and rotor blades. It was even missing its complete folding tail but we were able to locate one. Today it is resplendent in its new paint. I actually have the elevator from it here in my shop undergoing a little cosmetic work. The **H-34** is one of our more popular exhibits especially with school children.

Thank you, SSG Moore, for your service to our Country and thank you, Alisha for sharing your grandfather's story. 🌟

## SAVE THE DATE

**Hot Dog Thursday**, first Thursday of each month from April 5th through October 4th from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm

**Gary Sinise Foundation Benefit Concert**, April 28th and 29th. To sign up to volunteer, please go to <https://goo.gl/iDpe8v>

**Celebrating the Living Historians of WWII & Korea**, May 19th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. To sign up to volunteer, please go to <https://goo.gl/UYf6sw>

**General Membership Meeting**, third Wednesday of each month, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

For additional event dates, please refer to the Calendar on Page 12 🌟

## President's Message

Last month I made reference to the fact that there were only five weeks left in the first quarter. It seems like yesterday that I sat down and wrote that. Now, if you haven't noticed, we just went through the first quarter of 2018...at warp speed. Spring is officially here and the anticipation of things to come at PCAM is evident by the hustle and bustle of the volunteers preparing for our upcoming events.

April 5<sup>th</sup> is the first Hot Dog Thursday of the season and the HDT Team is primed and ready to go.

✈ The Education Team will be going to the Mark West Springs School District Science Fair. There, they will set up the desktop flight simulator and let the kids take off and land on STS 14.

✈ The second annual Celebrating the Living Historians of WWII and Korea: Meet Our Veterans is scheduled for Armed Forces Day, May 19<sup>th</sup> and is a free event for the whole family. **To volunteer, go to**

<https://goo.gl/UYf6sw> to sign up!

✈ We have the honor of having been selected to host the world famous Lt. Dan Band, performing in a concert for First Responders and Veterans April 28 & 29.

**To volunteer, go to** <https://goo.gl/iDpe8v> !

✈ And, the Wheels & Wings Car Show and renowned Wings Over Wine County Air Show events are in the planning stages and will be here before you know it.

This is just the beginning. We need all volunteers on deck! With spring having just arrived, it will be gone before you know it and summer will be knocking at the door. Summer is on the horizon and will usher in our biggest and longest awaited event yet...the move to our new location.

So there is a lot going on this year and I am asking that all of you step up and help make this year a year to remember. Please contact Jim Mattison, PCAM's Volunteer Coordinator at [707.291.4719](tel:707.291.4719) or [jmatti@sonic.net](mailto:jmatti@sonic.net) to sign up! ✨

W. David Ford, President  
Pacific Coast Air Museum

**THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!  
WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU!**

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Your Museum really needs your help! We know you have an interest in the continual success of the Museum so please come on out and join us for some fun. We have opportunities for everyone with every skill level in the following areas:

- Administrative
- Data Entry
- Docents for Museum Tours and Parties Events (of which there are many!)
- ✈ Hot Dog Thursday, beginning April 5th
- ✈ Lt. Dan Band First Responder and Veterans Benefit Concert, April 29th
- ✈ Celebrating the Living Historians of WWII & Korea, May 19th
- ✈ Wheels & Wings Car Show, June 23rd
- ✈ Wings Over Wine Country Airshow, September 22nd & 23rd
- ✈ And many more
- Gift Shop
- Yard Maintenance
- Help with our move

Please contact Jim Mattison, Volunteer Coordinator, at either [jmatti@sonic.net](mailto:jmatti@sonic.net) or 707.291.4719. ✨

### Volunteers needed for these major events:

April 28/29 Lt Dan Band/Gary Sinise Benefit Concert, please sign-up at: <https://goo.gl/iDpe8v>

May 18/19 ✈ Celebrating the Living Historians of WWII & Korea, please sign-up at:

<https://goo.gl/UYf6sw>

**Year-round volunteer positions, sign up at:**

<https://goo.gl/GKJNFt>

### Friday field trip/ tour coordinator

We are seeking a person to take the lead for Friday field trips and tours. This will include communicating with the school group or tour leader. The coordinator will greet the group upon arrival and conduct a safety briefing prior to turning them over to the docents. At the conclusion of the tour, the coordinator should thank the group for visiting and encourage their return. ✨

## The Pacific Coast Air Museum

### Flight Wing News

By Lynn Hunt

#### **Flight Wing Saturdays**

As a quick reminder, beginning in April the Flight Wing will be open for business on the third Saturday of each month. Within the Flight Wing we are blessed to have a wealth of skilled and knowledgeable members. We also have a collection of unique aircraft that need restoration work. There are literally jobs for everyone and of every skill level. These Saturdays will also give us the opportunity and incentive to fly our aircraft which means there will be opportunities for Flight Wing and Museum members to go for rides. We will also be cooking hamburgers and hot dogs if you get hungry. The dates will coincide with Open Cockpit Weekends so that our crew members can join us. Remember that AOA badges are required to access the Flight Wing hangar area. We will have badged escorts available if you don't have one with you. Please plan to come out and see us and spend some time if you can. Don't be surprised if someone puts you to work. ✨

#### **STEM Students Experience with the Flight Wing**

The Flight Wing, under the guidance of Lynn Hunt, works with the Windsor High School STEM Program (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math).

Michael Freitas, a participant in the STEM program, shared with following:

My time at the Pacific Coast Air Museum is actually far longer than just my junior project. I have been going to the air show here since I was three, and I had a birthday party at the Museum when I was a kid. So when I heard that an opportunity to work on planes at a place I practically grew up with was available, I jumped on it as fast as I could. During my time at PCAM for my junior project we started off just by learning some basic engineering and we eventually started applying that knowledge. This application comes in the form of welding, mounting engines to

airplanes, working on the cockpits of old airplanes and riveting... lots of riveting. Overall, I am really happy to have this opportunity and I am sad that my school life is conflicting with it so much. As an aspiring pilot in the military, I am happy and lucky to get to be with a group of guys who have experience as pilots, and one with experience even as a military pilot. I am very happy with my choice for junior projects and I will happily do it again for my senior project if possible. ✨



Michael is in the blue shirt in the above photo

#### **Former Astronaut Dr. Stephen K. Robinson to Speak to PCAM STEM Students**

In April, PCAM's STEM students will journey to UC, Davis for a campus tour and a tour of the Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering Department and discussion with Dr. Stephen K. Robinson, Department Chair and former NASA Astronaut. ✨

#### **Flight Wing Pilot Refresher Course**

Remember the Flight Wing Pilot Refresher course on April 21<sup>st</sup> at the Flight Wing hangar beginning at 9:00AM. This is geared toward pilots but everyone is invited. We will be looking at the latest developments in FAA rules, sharing best practices, looking at statistics and general discussion on "anything airplanes", all under the heading of safety.

Afterwards we will have a barbeque so please stick around. ✨

## Alan G. Chesterman - April Guest Speaker

### *Operation Nickel Grass -*

#### *Why I Never Have to Buy a Drink in Israel*

In 1973, while as Instructor Pilot flying the A-4 Skyhawk with replacement squadron (VA-127) at Naval Air Station Lemoore, CA, Lieutenant Alan Chesterman received orders he could have never anticipated. The Israeli Air Force was sustaining unprecedented losses of its A-4 inventory fighting against Syrian and Egyptian air and ground forces during the Yom Kippur War. Alan became part of the then-secret mission to fly Navy A-4s on a 7,500 mile journey from Lemoore, CA to Norfolk, VA, on to Lajes, Azores, the deck of USS Roosevelt and finally Tel Nof Airbase in Israel. The goal? Leave their aircraft with our Israeli allies to help them fight the war!



### Commander USNR (Ret.) Bio

Alan G. Chesterman was born and raised in San Francisco, graduated from the Naval Academy in 1967 and received his Navy Wings in 1968. He flew A-4s and A-7 Corsair IIs during Vietnam and served as a Catapult Officer on USS Enterprise (CVN-65). He went on to fly with United Air Lines, piloting the Boeing 707, 727, 737, 747, 777 and the DC-10, retiring as a Captain. He also flew some corporate and aerial photo planes. He currently lives in Santa Rosa and enjoys riding the roads of Sonoma County atop his ten-speed bicycle, some three wheelers and sailing. ★



Alan G. Chesterman, Commander USNR (Ret.)

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**We hope to see you there!**

## PCAM to Support Triennial Mass Casualty Incident Exercise

by Andy Werback

On April 18, there will be a Mass Casualty Incident exercise at the Sonoma County Airport. This event is held every 3 years. The last one at STS was in 2015 using PCAM's C-118 Liftmaster and the C-1A Trader, along with the 415C Ercoupe and F-5 fighter. The May 2015 Straight Scoop, Page4 (<http://pacificcoastairmuseum.org/may-2015-newsletter/>) has some good anecdotes regarding this event (Last I heard, past-president Jim Cook survived and is OK!)

This event will be held off the end of Runway 2, early Wednesday morning. Many local First Responder, Emergency Medical, and Police agencies will be participating, along with local hospitals, FBOs, and volunteer victims.

We expect to have 40-50 volunteers coordinated by the Red Cross. Unfortunately, the C-118 is no longer available, but we will have the C-1A on site early that morning and ready to go. The exercise this year simulates a transport aircraft that has had a mechanical failure in the landing gear and has gone off the runway.

My experience in the last exercise seemed a little unusual, at least to me. I was in the back of the C-118, sprawled out, motionless. Not much happened for a long time, all the other victims were removed. Finally, one of the fire personnel looked in and asked me what I was doing (interesting question...?). I replied that I was "cold", thinking that might describe my situation – in shock, after a crash landing or something. Well, that didn't result in a blanket or treatment for shock – he took it to mean that I was deceased and left. Didn't know cold = deceased. I'll work on getting a better briefing this time. 🌟

## PCAM Education Off To A Busy 2018

by Charley Taylor

PCAM's reconstituted Explorer Post 707, now active after a few dormant years, held its first organizing meeting in November, 2017. Danelle Jacobs has led the resurgence of Post 707 and is an active member of PCAM's Education Committee. As part of the February troop meeting, which meets on the second Saturday of each month, Post 707 members and sponsors were treated to a trip to the Sonoma County Sheriffs' Henry One hangar.

The on-duty Henry One aircrew, Sheriff's Pilot Paul Bradley, Tactical Airborne Officer Deputy Christopher Haas, and Paramedic Jamal Cook, gave excellent informative briefs on the highly specialized Bell Helicopter operation and equipment as well as the roles each crew member plays while airborne and during rescues. Their presentations were extremely motivating and demonstrated their commitment to law enforcement, Search and Rescue, and special operations such as long line rescue extractions and SWAT Team insertions. Henry One and the Sheriff's Office SWAT Team have regularly demonstrated their capabilities at our own **Wings Over Wine Country Air Show**.

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Post 707 & Henry One Crew

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Each crew member also spoke of how they got to their respective assignments and the networking that often leads to career choices in aviation. The highlight of the visit was observing the crew perform a training exercise. This included setting up the long line system, lifting two crew members airborne, flying them to the far side of the airport and returning them by placing the crew precisely at the hanger picnic table and sitting Henry One back on its skid pad. Explorer Post 707 and the PCAM attendees thoroughly enjoyed our morning with the members of the Helicopter Search and Rescue Unit. ★



## More from the Education Committee

by Charley Taylor

### STS Control Tower

As part of the March Post 707 meeting, which was held at North Coast Air, Art Hayssen, (PCAM's Aviation Master Instructor), arranged for a tour of the Control Tower at the *Charles M. Schulz – Sonoma County Airport* (STS). Post members were able to observe FAA tower operations, listening in on radio calls to departing and arriving traffic and seeing firsthand the work involved in maintaining safety of aircraft operations for the people flying in and around STS. We wish to thank the dedicated tower crew for their hospitality and professionalism. ★

### Boy Scout Merit Badge Class

**Boy Scout Merit Badge Class** is among the other upcoming events. The next scheduled Merit Badge class is on Saturday, **May 26, 2018**. Each class includes classroom instruction on the components of flight, aircraft engines, types of aircraft and career opportunities in aviation. Activities and attractions include speakers from several facets of aviation, flight in a simulator, a control tower visit, and a graduation flight with an FAA licensed pilot. <http://www.redwoodbsa.org/Event.aspx?id=1319>

**2018-2019 Merit Badge Classes** will be held October 20, 2018; January 25, 2019; and May 11, 2019.

### Coming Summer 2018

PCAM will partner with **Sonoma Jet Center** in supporting an aviation segment for students attending the summer **Mike Hauser Academy**. This STEM oriented event includes aeronautical sciences, physics of flight, aviation physiology, aircraft familiarization, aircraft repair, and flight simulators.

### Buck Institute's North Bay Science Discovery Day

Planning is also underway for PCAM's participation at the **Buck Institute's North Bay Science Discovery Day** scheduled for **October 27, 2018** at the Sonoma County Fairgrounds. PCAM has provided major hands-on displays for the past seven years including the F-4 Phantom II Blue Angel Cockpit Trainer and the UH-1H Huey helicopter. The event and parking are free. PCAM members are invited to submit ideas for other PCAM displays. Please contact Charley Taylor with your suggestions at [c.j.taylor@earthlink.net](mailto:c.j.taylor@earthlink.net)

**THANK YOU, EDUCATION COMMITTEE  
VOLUNTEERS!  
WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU!**

## Flying High and Hovering with the AV-8B Harrier

by CJ Stephens

What is going on with our Virtual Reality Flight Simulator?

The Virtual World of Flight Simulation changes fast so we get frequent upgrades to our programs. Recently we received a complete refinement and consolidation that took two hours to download. It greatly improved the airplane handling and visual clarity. Each improvement just makes the experience all the better.

Visitor use of the machine is on the increase. We constantly get comments such as “fantastic” and “unbelievable” as pilots exit the cockpit.

If you are interested in becoming qualified to operate the simulator please step up and let me know. Volunteering to pull a four hour shift once a week would help us out and likely prove to be fun for you.

The current rate for non-members to fly the simulator is \$10 for a 20 minute flight. That is a highly discounted rate for a machine like this.

We just finished installing the AV-8B Harrier application. If you think you have mastered flying skills you must try this one out. This is a fast jet aircraft that can be flown into a hover like a helicopter yet do all a jet fighter can do.

You can catch up with a light duty aircraft carrier off the Coast of Croatia, fly down to hover beside it, slide over and land on the deck, then launch again. I am still only able to succeed about 50% of the time.

Come on in and give it a try. 🌟

## Shop and Give!

by CJ Stephens

A few months ago Nancy Heath briefed the membership on a method for PCAM to benefit from donations. It is really simple and effective.

All we have to do is go to Amazon.com and sign in. There is a flag that allows each of us to click on

“Amazon Smile”. We are registered as a Non-profit 501-C-3 corporation with Amazon. Once you do this it will ask you if you want to use “Amazon Smile” every time you sign into Amazon. If you click yes at each sign in, a percentage of each purchase will accumulate and at year’s end will be paid to PCAM.

The percentage is low but if many of us do this it will add up as end-of-year income. Be sure to pass the word to others. Thank you! 🌟

## Member Meeting — Join Us!

**Next Meeting: April 18, 2018**

Our monthly Member Meetings typically include updates on important Museum news, a raffle, video presentations, a chance to visit with other Museum members, snacks, and a presentation by a featured speaker. Speakers may include military Veterans, historians, civic leaders, and other people with interesting stories to tell of their historical research or their aviation or military experiences.



Phil McSpadden, March Guest Speaker

- ✈ Volunteered to become a Paratrooper
- ✈ Assigned to the 517th Parachute Infantry Regiment
- ✈ Was in combat in Italy and Southern France
- ✈ Fought in the Battle of the Bulge

Thank you, Phil, for your service to our Country and for sharing your experiences with us! 🌟

## Open Cockpit April 21 & 22: Top Gun Weekend

Open Cockpit Weekend on April 21 & 22 features these three jets flown by the United States Navy Fighter Weapons School, known as Top Gun.

### F-16N Viper

Although an Air Force jet, the F-16N is the Navy version of the famous and well used "hot rod" of the Air Forces of the NATO countries, the F-16 Fighting Falcon. The F-16N was developed as a "chase plane" and used in an aggressor role at Topgun, Miramar California, where it would play the role of the "bad guy" in air combat maneuvers (ACM) and training.



### F-14 Tomcat

The Tomcat was the mainstay air superiority fighter of the [US Navy](#) from 1974 until 2006. During its 32 years in service, it earned a reputation as one of the most awe-inspiring combat planes of all time. The Tomcat's variable geometry "swing-wing" design allowed the wings to swing forward to allow slower speeds for landing and takeoff, and to swing back into a delta shape for high-speed supersonic flight. The Tomcat was a dogfighter, and was armed with an internal 20mm revolving cannon and various missiles on external pylons.



Rumors abound that the PCAM Tomcat participated in filming the 1986 blockbuster movie "Top Gun" starring Tom Cruise. These rumors are incorrect. Our F-14 Tomcat (160889) assigned to VF-24 on board the USS Kitty Hawk for a Western Pacific Ocean and Indian Ocean cruise while the movie was being made.

### F-5E Tiger II

The F-5 was designed as an economical lightweight supersonic fighter that the US could sell to friendly nations. Its performance was very good and it continues to serve with some countries to this day.

Our F-5E Tiger II is painted as an "aggressor". The F-5 was armed with two simple but effective 20mm cannon, not a large and heavy revolving cannon as found on other US aircraft. Our F-5 served as an aggressor at the Navy's "Top Gun" school, helping our fighter pilots learn to combat the enemy aircraft they were likely to encounter.

This aircraft was used by the Naval Fighter Weapons School or "Topgun", later the Naval Strike Air Warfare Center or NSAWC. Rumor has it that our F-5 starred in the 1986 blockbuster movie "Top Gun" but this is incorrect. She was still with the U.S. Air Force when that movie was made.



The PCAM F-14 Tomcat, F-16 Viper, and F-5 Tiger II are all on loan from the National Naval Aviation Museum at Pensacola, Florida. 🌟

# April 2018

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15	16	17	18 6:00 pm Air Show Meeting 7:00 pm Member Meeting	19	20	21 9:00 am Pilot Refresher Course, BBQ 10:00 am Open Cock- pit : Top Gun Weekend
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**ON THE FIRST THURSDAY  
OF THE MONTH  
APRIL THROUGH OCTOBER**



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## The Pacific Coast Air Museum's Platinum Sponsors

The Pacific Coast Air Museum thanks its Platinum Level Sponsors, whose contributions help make our museum the thriving community resource it is! If you would like to find out about sponsorship opportunities with the Pacific Coast Air Museum, contact Doug Clay, PCAM Development Chair, 925-997-2774 or [dougclay@gmail.com](mailto:dougclay@gmail.com). ★





## The Pacific Coast Air Museum

### Location

One Air Museum Way, Santa Rosa, CA, 95403  
[www.pacificcoastairmuseum.org](http://www.pacificcoastairmuseum.org)  
707-575-7900

At the Charles M. Schulz-Sonoma County Airport, north of Santa Rosa. Hwy 101 north to Airport Blvd. and go west. Turn left on North Laughlin Rd, right on Becker Blvd. then right on Air Museum Way.



### Hours

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.  
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Closed on major holidays.

### Open Cockpit Weekends

One or more aircraft are open for close examination the third weekend of each month (weather permitting) and you can even climb aboard some of them! For more info phone 707-575-7900 or visit [www.pacificcoastairmuseum.org](http://www.pacificcoastairmuseum.org).

### Member Meetings

Normally held on the third Wednesday of each month, 7:00 p.m. at Columbia Distributing, 3200 N. Laughlin Road, Santa Rosa, CA

### “Straight Scoop” Newsletter

The museum newsletter, “Straight Scoop” is published monthly and is available online on the museum’s web site. Members are encouraged to submit articles for possible publication. Deadline: the 26th of the month prior to publication. All articles in the newsletter are covered by copyright. If you wish to submit articles or use any of the content, please contact [Dana Johnson](mailto:Dana.Johnson@pcamuseum.org), editor, [atdanajj2014@gmail.com](mailto:atdanajj2014@gmail.com), 707-575-7900.

### Membership Renewals

\$50 per year individual; \$100 per year for families. Send renewals to the museum, address below.

### Address Corrections

Please send to Pacific Coast Air Museum,  
One Air Museum Way, Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Visit our web site at [www.pacificcoastairmuseum.org](http://www.pacificcoastairmuseum.org) or call 707-575-7900 for more information.

Read the “Red Baron Flyer,” the quarterly newsletter of the Charles M. Schulz-Sonoma County Airport: <http://www.sonomacountyairport.org/red-baron-flyer>

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## STRAIGHT SCOOP

April, 2018

### SAVE THE DATE:

#### [Open Cockpit: F-14, F-16, F-5E](#)

*Saturday, April 21, 2018 - Sunday, April 22, 2018*

#### [Open Cockpit: T-38, F-4, F-106](#)

*Saturday, May 19, 2018 - Sunday, May 20, 2018*

#### [Open Cockpit: AV-8](#)

*Saturday, June 16, 2018 - Sunday, June 17, 2018*

#### [Hot Dog Thursday](#) *(April through October)*

*Thursday, May 3, 2018*

#### [Celebrating the Living Historians of](#)

[World War II & Korea](#) *Saturday, May 19, 2018*

#### [Wheels & Wings Car Show](#)

*June 23, 2018*

#### [Gala and Auction](#)

*Friday, September 21, 2018*

#### [Wings Over Wine Country Air Show](#)

*Saturday, September 22 - Sunday September 23, 2018*

### 2018 Calendar of Events

The Pacific Coast Air Museum hosts many family-friendly and child-friendly events all year 'round. We host an annual Santa Fly-In around Christmastime, monthly Member Meetings, monthly Hot Dog Thursday lunches from April through October, our annual Celebrating the Living Historians of World War II & Korea, and annual Wings Over Wine Country Air Show in late summer, as well as special events like car shows, guest lecturers and more!

Most events focus upon aviation and our collection of over 35 historic aircraft including military jets, helicopters, and other classic airplanes. ✪

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