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THE GPS LUNCHEON MEETING

WILL BE HELD ON

THURSDAY, 14 APRIL 2016

AT THE

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LOCATED AT 11551 TRASK Ave., GARDEN GROVE

Hangar doors open at 1130, Luncheon is at 1200, secure at 1330.

Please make reservations before 9 PM on Monday 11 April 2016

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About our speaker's topic:



Col Roy Martin USAF (Ret)

SUPERSONIC FLIGHT WITHOUT SONIC BOOM

About our speaker:

COLONEL ROY MARTIN USAF (RET)

Roy is a Retired Colonel from USAF Reserves, 45 years flying experience with over 10,800 flight hours in over 70 aircraft types, Combat missions in Southeast Asia in the F-4 Phantom, Distinguished Graduate of the USAF Test Pilot School in 1975, Military Test Pilot at Edwards AFB and USAF Test Pilot School Instructor, Unmanned Vehicle Operator for X-47A Pegasus and TSSAM flight tests, Test Pilot for Design of Command and Control Displays for X-47B UAV, BS degree in Aerospace Engineering from Parks College of St. Louis University, MS degree in Aero and Astro Engineering from Stanford

University, Fellow and Past President of the Society of Experimental Test Pilots, Former member of AIAA Flight Test Technical Committee and currently a consultant test pilot.

SHAPED SONIC BOOM PROJECT

If you broke the sound barrier and there was nobody there to hear it, would you still be home in time for lunch? Roy Martin did, and he was. Roy was the test pilot for the Shaped Sonic Boom project.

The Shaped Sonic Boom was an experimental program intended to discover whether it was possible to fly an aircraft farther than the speed of sound without causing the characteristic noise that had made supersonic flight over populated areas impracticable. To do this, a team of experts at Northrop Grumman designed a specially modified configuration of the supersonic F-5fighter plane. It's unique shape enabled the aircraft to fly at supersonic speeds without anyone on the ground below being able to detect it.

This experiment, done in cooperation with Northrop Grumman, NASA, DARPA and the Department of Defense, demonstrated that the supersonic flight can be achieved without the characteristic shock wave reaching the ground at the kind of intensity that had historically generated public resistance and created restrictions that had made routine supersonic transportation impracticable. Museum member, Roy Martin, demonstrated the practicability and will be recognized as one of the pioneers of future civilian and military supersonic transport programs



From the C.O. Tim Brown

We had a nice turnout at the last meeting. The SOQ program went very well thanks to Sel Ramsay, George Del Gaudio and Chaplain Bill Thompson. The sailors were introduced by CMDCM(AW) Jeff Reeder, Command Master Chief, Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach. Jeff is well known to us who attend meetings regularly. Besides being an excellent sailor, NCO, manager, mentor and boss, he is a fine singer. He serenaded us at the last celebration of the Navy Birthday by singing all three verses of Anchors Away! Jeff is moving on to NAS Whidbey Island this month to take over a squadron of P-8's. We wish Jeff all of the luck in the world and thank him for the wonderful job he has done relative to the SOQ program and supporting Gramps.

Last month's speaker was superb. A very enjoyable presentation. Colonel Cliff Tatum (USAF Ret) filled the presentation with interesting and sometimes funny anecdotes from his flying days with the Air Force and later, the Navy. Yes, Cliff flew carrier jets and actually got a few traps in the three years that he was assigned as an exchange pilot with the Navy. Thank you Cindy Macha for arranging for Cliff to brief us on his career highlights.

As long as I am mentioning our speaker, it is appropriate to mention the participation of Bruce Guberman in our last meeting. Usually, Dick Fields handles the audio visual chores but he could not attend the last meeting. Cindy Macha prevailed upon Bruce to come and try to "sub" for Dick. I just want to say that Bruce did a great job and to thank him on behalf of Gramps for a job well-done under trying circumstances. Also in line for a Thank You is Bob Cashman. Remember how I am always reminding the membership of the need for more volunteers? Well Dick's absence highlights our need for additional people to help out. Besides the A/V responsibilities, Dick also writes the article reviewing the speaker's brief for the OpPlan. In Dick's absence, Bob Cashman stepped forward and volunteered to write the review. His work should appear somewhere in this issue. Thank you Bob for helping out.

I am still in tax preparation mode so I have run out of gas. Thank you all for attending our meetings and supporting Gramps. Your participation allows us to support the SOQ awards program for the Sailors at NWSSB. Keep up the good work and send money when you feel the need.

SAILORS OF THE QUARTER

By Tim Brown

After months, and maybe years of prodding, we finally got a different pose for the SOQ's after they received their awards and gifts. For years, Hal McDonnell has been pestering us to arrange the SOQs in something other than a "lineup". The photo is not too bad, notwithstanding the fact that our photographer, Dick Fields, could not attend the meeting.



Front (left to right): MN2 Rey A. Collazo Luciano, MN1 (SW/AW) William A. Morse, MA1 Eugene Scott, and MA2 Estevan Hueso (left to right): Sel Ramsay, Bill Thompson, CMDCM Don Schrader, CMDCM Jeff Reeder, and George Del Gaudio

The Awardees were MN2 Rey A. Collazo Luciano, MN1 (SW/AW) William A. Morse, MA1 Eugene Scott, and MA2 Estevan Hueso. Handling the MC duties was CMDCM Jeff Reeder. Also attending was CMDCM Don Schrader, who is the CMC at NMC. As I understand it, Don is going to be taking over the job of introducing to SOQs starting this next quarter. Actually the next program will be coming up in May so he does not have much time to learn the ropes. Good luck Donnie!

Also in the picture are George Del Gaudio, Bill Thompson and Sel Ramsay, the guys who run the show when it comes to the SOQ Awards Program. Without their participation, the program could not have lasted so many years. Thank you Sel, George and Bill. In addition we again thank those restaurants in Seal Beach and The Crab Cooker in Tustin for their support of the program. Those gift cards come in real handy for the SOQs and their significant others when they want to go out for a nice meal in Seal Beach or Tustin. Thanks again Jim at Crab Cooker, Shawn at Beachwood BBQ, Chris at O'Malley's, Felix at Yucatan Grill, Aaron at The Hangout, Pete at Athens West and Susan at Hennessey's. The Sailors really appreciate your support. If any member is at one of these establishments, please make it known that you appreciate their support of this fine program and the superior Sailors who receive the awards and gift cards.

Finally, thank you to the Gramps members who attend our luncheons and those of you who cannot attend but send in donations. Your financial support allows us to continue this fine program.

BE A GREAT GUY

The GREAT GUYS

Here are some of the Great Guys who have made contributions to Gramps in March. These guys and the members who attend the monthly luncheons are the ones who make possible Gramps' Sailor of the Quarter program and the Mailing of the OP-Plan. Gramps and his staff thank them all and hope to see your name here. Members who do not attend the monthly luncheons should consider a contribution to cover the monthly 61 cent cost for each OP-Plan mailed to you. You can save Gramps money by getting the OP-Plan via email. Just email me at hmcddonnelz@yahoo.com to change to email.

TIM BROWN
MARV GARRISON
BOB HELTON
RAY LECOMPTE
BOB OLDS



About our March luncheon:

THE REMARKABLE CAREER OF COLONEL CLIFF TATUM

Our speaker on March 10, 2016, was Colonel Cliff Tatum USAF (retired) who had a very unusual career in military aviation. He entered the Air Force through the ROTC program at the University of Miami. He trained as a fighter pilot and earned his Air Force wings. His initial combat assignment was in Vietnam flying the Republic F-84-F jet fighter. During this time he also had the opportunity to fly the Convair Delta Dagger F-102 fighter bomber and the F-106 Delta Dart. The F-102 was a Delta wing high performance aircraft that was very heavily armed and carried a large quantity of bombs. The F-102 had the ability to climb to an altitude of 75,000 feet, and had state-of-the-art technology for aiming its six machine guns. *It was a very deadly airplane!*

After approximately 12 years in the Air Force, he had an opportunity to transfer to the Navy as part of a test

program by the military. He trained in the T-34 trainer and received his Navy wings. He was assigned to the USS Enterprise as a fighter pilot flying the Corsair A-7 fighter/bomber. In that role he flew combat missions over Vietnam and Laos that included 233 combat flying hours and 152 aircraft carrier landings. Sixty-two of them were at night!



Colonel Tatum's military career spanned a period of 24 years in both the Air Force and Navy.

During this time he had the opportunity to fly several high performance airplanes including the McDonnell Douglas F-4-J Phantom. This airplane carried more bombs than a World War II B-17 Flying Fortress. This aircraft with air-to-air refueling became a major weapon of the Vietnam War.



GPS OPS Cynthia Macha® thanks Col Cliff Tatum for his presentation.

After he retired from his military career, Cliff flew 14 years as an Alaska Airlines captain. He then flew charter jets worldwide to destinations in 45 countries. His total flight time is in excess of 19,000 hours. His combat

military decorations include the Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross and the Purple Heart.

He is still active in aviation and flies his single seat Mooney aircraft out of the Torrance Airport.

Article by Bob Chasman and Dick Fields

MEMBERSHIP

By Fran Pieri



Our next luncheon will be Thursday, April 14th. We need more new members in the Gramps Sqdn and ANA. Remember, if you or anyone you know is 90 yrs. young, there is a free life membership in it for you. Tell them about the great speakers we have had in the past meetings. Let them know that previous military service is not necessary to belong to ANA. Come early to get a good seat and table and to visit with friends. Keep the blue side up. FRAN

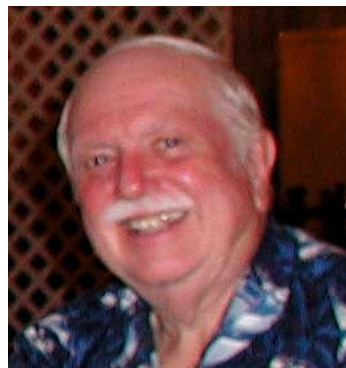
PLAES OF FAME

By Fran Pieri

The museum is having its "ANNUAL AIR SHOW". Yes, it's that time of the year for the airshow. This year the show will start on Friday, April 29th through Sunday, May 1st. We know this is earlier than it has been in the past. But it's not to be in conflict with other airshows. There is always free parking. Come early to take some photos and walk among the vintage warbirds before the show begins. Gates open at 8:00am on Friday, show starts at 1200 noon to 8:00pm. Saturday and Sunday hrs. are 8:00am to 5:00pm. Flying starts at 12:00noon. Static display and venders' hrs. 8 to 5. You can go on line to get a coupon to save a few dollars. Also, on May 8th is Mothers Day. All Moms admitted free. The museum is located on the Chino Airport at 7000 Merrill Ave. #17 (Corner of Merrill and Cal Aero Dr.) planesoffame.org. I'll be there the whole airshow. FRAN

instrument of hate, it has abdicated its moral voice. At the heart of faith traditions is love of God and love of neighbor. We can offer this as a common word, even as we seek to preserve the religious liberty of those who do not share our Christian faith. This will be the best witness of all, demonstrating the remarkable dignity that Jesus accords all people."

She writes as a Christian. But regardless of our faith, she give us something to think about.



From the
**FLIGHT
SURGEON**
Bob Helton MD

Aspirin lowers odds of dying from Prostate Cancer: Men who take aspirin regularly may have a lower risk of dying from

prostate cancer a new study shows. They found that regular aspirin intake after prostate cancer diagnosis decreased the risk of prostate cancer death in almost 40 per cent, the Harvard study showed. However it is premature to recommend aspirin for prevention of lethal prostate cancer, but men with prostate cancer who may already benefit from aspirin's cardiovascular effects could have one more reason to continue regular aspirin use. The speculation is that aspirin's ability to suppress platelets in the blood- which is why aspirin can cause bleeding as a side effect- might help explain how aspirin could prevent the lethal progression of prostate cancer. Platelets probably shield circulating cancer cells from immune recognition. By depleting the platelets you're allowing the immune system to recognize the cancer. Also, aspirin may prevent the cancer from spreading to other parts of their body. Men who took more than 3 aspirin tablets a week had a 24 % lower risk of getting a lethal prostate cancer. Regular aspirin use after diagnosis with prostate cancer was associated with a 39 Per Cent lower risk of dying from prostate cancer!

**FRIDAY 15 APRIL
INCOME
TAX DAY**



From the
CHAPLAIN
Bill Thompson

Are you a person of great faith? of little faith? of no faith? But every person has faith in something (it may be just in himself--that could be HIS faith!). Whatever faith you have, I will share with you part of

an article by Molly Marshall who is president of a Baptist Theological Seminary in Shawnee, Kansas.

She writes: ...It is the role of the state to create a context where religious pluralism can flourish; it is not the role of the state to impose or favor one religion over another.Nor is it the role of religion to commandeer the state for its own purposes, and the cynical use of Christianity (a.k.a civil religion?) to further one's political prospects demeans responsible faith. Respect for the religion of others is more than simply tolerating religious difference; rather, it draws from the common affirmation of the dignity of humans and their right to religious liberty. It is a critical task of our time to learn from adherents of other ways of faith.Every faith tradition has its radical fringe, and we ought to know better than to measure the whole by those who distort its essential teaching.When a religion is an