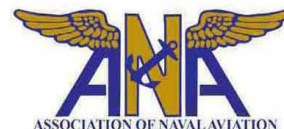




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About our speakers topic:



**Col Robert C. Ettinger USAF(Ret)**

## **GLOBAL HAWK STILL IN COMBAT**

The Eye In the Sky that Never Sleeps is constantly patrolling the skies of Iraq, Iran, and many more places we are not meant to know, watching over the trouble spots, and helping to keep our soldiers, and the local civilians they are trying to protect, safe from harm. This "eye" is actually a whole array of high-and low-altitude, unmanned aircraft, and the capabilities they give to our forces in uniform is awe-inspiring. Using a variety of sensors, these amazing platforms watch, identify, evaluate, and if necessary, attack anyone who is trying to cause harm. Since the launching of large numbers of

these aircraft, the casualty rates of soldiers and civilians has dropped, dramatically. The terrorists are finding that they are operating in a much more dangerous environment, and often as not, they never know what hits them. Colonel Ettinger had previously completed a distinguished career in the US Air Force, where he flew many combat missions over North Vietnam, flew as a test pilot on numerous systems, directed test organizations, and ultimately, served as Vice Commander of the Air Force Flight Test Center, at Edwards Air Force Base. He is sure to have some fascinating and exciting stories to share with us.

About our May luncheon:



CDR Thomas F. Cooper USCG

## U.S. COAST GUARD AVIATION CENTENNIAL

By Dick Fields  
PAO

Gramps was honored to have **CDR Thomas F. Cooper** present to help celebrate the one hundredth year of Coast Guard Aviation. He was introduced by our OPS officer

Cynthia Macha who immediately pointed out the common feature in each of their lives: They both were twins! Tom's twin was a classmate at the Coast Guard Academy with him and both went into aviation. His twin, David, is currently C.O. of the USCG Air Station in New Orleans, the same duty our speaker, Tom, has at LAX. There are plans, however to transfer the LAX air station to the Navy base at Point Mugu. This will only change their base of operations but not change the coverage of the group.

The first CG Aviator was Elmer "Archie" Stone, a name immediately recognized by a member of our audience when asked by our speaker! Stone and another officer, Norman B. Hall, suggested that the Coast Guard utilize aircraft in their work. They became the first pilots to train and become aviators in the Coast Guard one hundred years ago leading to the Coast Guard Aviation branch.



One of the aircraft used was the Sikorsky HH-52 helicopter that first flew in 1959. A retired HH-52 was at Van Nuys as part of a school there and was once restored to flight status. It is currently on display at the National Museum of Naval Aviation in Pensacola FL. The Coast Guard keeps their aircraft in service for longer than usual

lifespans due to careful maintenance and upgrades.



The LAX station currently has three MH-65 Dolphin Eurocopter helicopters in service. They carry a crew of four including a rescue swimmer and a medic along with two pilots who are especially useful in marginal weather conditions. The area

they cover extends from Dana Point to Morro Bay. They serve many functions and perform unusual rescues such as a rescue of a person on a golf course on Catalina Island. He was picked up and transported back to the mainland due to the lack of advanced medical facilities on Catalina in addition to the difficulty and time for transportation. They rescued a diver at night who was trapped in kelp and had been there for some time. He was found by the observation of an unusual light where there was none expected. It turned out to be a diver with a flashlight and the crew investigated and found a trapped diver. They lowered a basket but did not have a rescue swimmer aboard so they had to maneuver the basket to tear him out of the kelp that had him trapped. The diver managed to get a hold of the basket, partially climb on board and the team was able to tear away the kelp and rescue the diver with the lift from the helicopter. He was taken to the Catalina Dive Chamber for resuscitation and survived. They are on alert twenty four hours a day for search and rescue missions and their unit has been in service since 1962.

Their priorities are airspace where drones are a significant hazard. The



CDR Thomas Cooper is thanked by OPS  
Cindy Macha.

age of their aircraft is an issue as they grow older requiring especially careful care, inspections and maintenance. Standardization is another priority. Some of this involves standards for cliff rescues as well as landing aboard ships, oil rigs and mountain landings, all very critical operations. They are also now using HUDs

(heads-up-displays) for work at night to detect smugglers at sea. They are aided by some volunteer pilots and their private aircraft.

We are very grateful to CDR Cooper for his service (as well as that of his twin) and to the Coast Guard for all the lives it has saved in the past 100 years.



## CO'S COLUMN

Tim Brown

We need new members. We also need to have the existing members step up and take over staff jobs from long-serving volunteers. I do not want to dwell on these issues but it would be nice if some folks would step up to the plate. We all enjoy what we do for you, our members, but it is time to turn over the duties and responsibilities to new blood, even if the replacement is older than the retiring staff members! Anyone can attend our monthly staff meetings to get an idea of what the work entails. We meet at 1145 on the first Thursday of every month at the Elk's Lodge, on the room at the far side of the bar, away from the hallway. Our meetings last about an hour. If you wish to receive a copy of our agenda, send an email to me.

As for membership recruiting, Gramps does not charge a fee or dues for membership. The annual dues go to The Association of Naval Aviation, our national organization. These funds allow Zip Rausa to continue to publish that fine magazine, *Wings of Gold*. If you are not receiving your copy of *WOG* in the mail, you have let your membership lapse! Please renew and recruit. The best way to get people to join ANA is to invite them to one of luncheons.



NWSSB X.O. CDR Erik Franzen USN

Speaking of luncheons, the last one turned out pretty well. CDR Tom Cooper, USCG, the C.O. of USCG Air Station Los Angeles was able to attend and brief us on local Coast Guard operations. See Dick Fields' article in this issue of the OpPlan. Also Bill, Sel and George put together another fine awards program. Thank

you to CDR Erik Franzen, USN, Executive Officer of NWSSB for acting as MC for the program. See the column in this issue of the OpPlan for a review of the program. Thanks again to our "Sponsors", the local restaurants who provide gift certificates to their establishments as rewards for work well-done by the SOQs. Also thank you to USAA for the nice acrylic recognition plaques that are presented to the Sailors as part of their awards package. The SOQs also receive plaques from their commands. See the photo that accompanies the SOQ column.

I have it on good authority that our Trips Officer, Vince van den Brink, is working diligently on setting up some short trips for our members and their guests. Nothing is set yet but if you have ideas for places, commands

or ships that you would like to visit, contact Vince. That guidance is also appropriate for ideas on speakers who you would like to have brief us on Naval Aviation matters or related subjects. Contact Cynthia Macha, our Ops Officer. All officers have email addresses shown above and will be happy to listen to your ideas and bring them to the staff.

Finally, I would like to remind all of you that the cost of "running" Gramps is supported by the "Great Guy" contributions (that we really appreciate!), and a slight mark up in the cost of our meals provided by the Elk's Lodge. That being said, if you attend the meeting but do not eat, would you please give Dolores or Carol \$5 to help defray our costs. I have noticed a number of folks in attendance who show up to listen to the speakers but do not "chip in" something to help support the SOQ Awards Program and any costs related to getting speakers. If you can afford the \$5, please help us out. We will not approach you directly if we notice this activity.

Thank you all and I will see you at our next meeting.

## SAILORS OF THE QUARTER MAY 2016

This month we were able to meet two out of the four SOQs at our luncheon meeting. Unfortunately, two others from NWSSSB, were unable to attend. The week following our event, all of the sailors were gathered to receive plaques from their respective commands. Because of the situation, which happens sometimes, we have two photos to go with this column. At our meeting, the two SOQs from NMC were dressed in whites and were presented to our group by CDR Erik Franzen, the Executive Officer of NWSSB. Also pictured are Gramps' Staff Officers who make the presentations possible.



Top Row, L to R): Sel Ramsay, Command Master Chief Don Schrader (NMC, CWD/NWSSB), Bill Thompson, Chief Petty Officer Jay Knox (NWSSB), George Del Gaudio.  
(Front Row, L to R): Chief Petty Officer Luis Flores (NMC CWD), Petty Officer First Class Perrylenon Guray (NWSSB), Petty Officer Second Class Brandon Kinney (NWSSB), CDR Erik Franzen, XO NWSSSB.

The following week the SOQs and their senior NOCs gathered for another photo with the plaques.

Thanks go to Bill Thompson, Sel Ramsay and George Del Gaudio for their continued efforts relative to the SOQ Awards Program. Lastly, thanks go out to the Sponsors of the awards: Crab Cooker of Tustin, Beachwood BBQ, O'Malley's on Main, Yucatan Grill, The Hangout, Athens West, Hennessey's Tavern and USAA for their continued support.



LEFT - RIGHT): Chief Petty Officer Armando De Leon (NWSSB), Petty Officer Second Class Brandon Kinney (NWSSB), Petty Officer First Class Perrylenon Guray (NWSSB), Command Master Chief Don Schrader (NMC CWD/NWSSB), Petty Officer Second Class Gabriel Zamora (NMC CWD), Petty Officer First Class Brooke Ruhl, (NMC CWD), Chief Petty Officer Luis Flores (NMC CWD)

### Congratulations to the Sailors of the Quarter!

## The GREAT GUYS

Here are some of the Great Guys who have made contributions to Gramps in May. 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](mailto:hmcddonnelz@yahoo.com) to change to email.

**Vince van den Brink, Marv Garrison,  
Bob Helton, Ray LeCompte,  
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## FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Bill Thompson

Remember the book *"What Ever Happened to Sin"* by Menninger, a psychiatrist? Or maybe you heard about the **seven deadly sins** which were described long ago as: *envy, gluttony, greed or avarice, lust, pride, sloth or laziness, and wrath.* The list of seven deadly sins in question does not appear in

any Bible verse. However, a slightly different set of sins can be found in Proverbs 6:16-19,

"These six things the Lord hates, yes, seven are an abomination to Him:

1. A proud look,
2. a lying tongue,
3. hands that shed innocent blood,
4. A heart that devises wicked plans,
5. feet that are swift in running to evil,
6. A false witness who speaks lies,
7. and one who sows discord among brethren."

I wonder what the Lord thinks of our process of electing a President in this new world of instant communication?



## MEMBERSHIP

By Fran Pieri

Our next luncheon will be Thursday, June 9th. Try to bring someone if you can. We need new members. Tell them about our speakers and the quality of the food that is served. Carpooling is always a must, especially for those of us who cannot drive. Be sure to come early to get

a good seat and table. This will give you a chance to visit and chat with friends before the meeting begins. Hanger doors open about 0930 and the meeting starts at 1200. Also, if you have any books or magazines you want to unload, bring them and lay them on the long table as you enter. FRAN

## PLANES OF FAME

By Fran Pieri

The next big event at the museum will be Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup> which is FATHERS DAY. All DADS and members admitted FREE "YEAH". Hanger doors open at 1000hrs and close at 1700hrs. I'm not sure if there will be a flight demonstration. If you have never been to the museum before, you will be amazed at the good condition of these vintage airplanes are kept. Also, on Saturday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> will be an event day. Featuring The P-51 Mustang. On that day there will be a flight demonstration of the Mustang. The July 2<sup>nd</sup> is an event day and will be a seminar of speakers of the topic P-51. Come early to get a good seat and to browse around and take some photos. I'm there every Saturday. I'll look for you to say hey. FRAN

## NAVAL MUNITIONS COMMAND CONUS WEST GETS NEW COMMAND MASTER CHIEF

Command Master Chief Don Schrader recently arrived to take over



Naval Munitions Command, CONUS West ("NMC") from CMC Jeffrey L. Reeder. For a few weeks he was able get some feel for the commands from CMC Reeder who departed on orders in April to take over a squadron at NAS Whidbey Island. CMC Reeder stated that felt like he was going home when he received orders for Whidbey where he had spent so much time as a junior NCO. CMC Reeder left a proven leader, CMC Don Schrader to take over the post of CMC for Naval Munitions Command, and temporarily (until his relief arrives soon), CMC for

NWSSB.

CMC Schrader is a native of Youngstown, Ohio, who entered the US Navy in October 1992. He is married with two children. After recruit training he attended Hospital Corpsman A-school where he graduated with distinction. He then continued his training at Field Medical Service School at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. In July 1993 he reported to Naval Hospital Pensacola as a general duty corpsman.

In April 1996, CMC Schrader graduated with honors as a Physical Therapy Technician, from the US Army's Medical Department Center in San Antonio, Texas. Master Chief Schrader's assignments include Leading Chief Petty Officer of the ship's Military Medical Department aboard the USS Kitty Hawk (CV-63). While assigned to the Kitty Hawk, Master Chief Schrader earned his Enlisted Surface Warfare and Aviation Warfare designations.

In 2005, while a Petty Officer 1<sup>st</sup> Class and Leading Petty Officer in the medical department of the Kitty Hawk, Master Chief Schrader distinguished himself by saving the life of an 8-year old Japanese boy who nearly drowned at a pool at the Guam Marriott Resort. The particulars were gleaned from a news report a newspaper report at the time:

Petty Officer 1st Class Donald C. Schrader III was poolside at the Guam Marriott Resort and Spa last Saturday about 6 p.m., relaxing in the hot tub and looking forward to a dinner of ribs at Tony Roma's. He and some friends were enjoying a few days of liberty during the USS Kitty Hawk's recent port call to Guam when the unexpected happened.

Me and my two buddies were just getting out of the Jacuzzi, getting ready to go, when one of them said, 'Hey Doc, something's really wrong with that kid over there,'" Schrader recalled in a phone interview Tuesday evening.

Schrader, a trained medical corpsman and the leading petty officer of the Kitty Hawk's medical department, turned around to see fellow shipmates pulling the lifeless body of an 8-year-old Japanese boy from the pool.

I ran over there immediately and announced myself as a Navy medic," Schrader said. "You do that when you come to a scene to find out if someone there is more qualified than yourself. No one contested."

The child, later identified as Yuki Yamada, wasn't breathing, had no pulse, his skin was pale, lips blue and his eyes had broken blood vessels — classic symptoms of drowning.

Ultimately the child lived as result of the quick application of his life saving skills. Afterwards, it was reported that CMC Schrader got to meet with the child and his parent to receive their thanks, personally.

Master Chief Schrader holds an Associate of Science degree as a Physical Therapist's Assistant; a Bachelor of Science degree in Health Care Management; and is pursuing a Master's of Professional Studies in Homeland Security from Penn State University.

His decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (six awards), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (four awards), Joint Meritorious Unit, Meritorious Unit Commendation Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, and the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal. Master Chief Schrader is a graduate of the National Defense University's KEYSTONE course (16-1), the Naval War College's Senior Enlisted Academy (Class 146), and the Command Master Chief course (13020).

All in all, not a bad guy to have around. Welcome aboard Command Master Chief Schrader!