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The Grampaw Pettibone Squadron is a non-profit organization (IRS Sect. 501(C)(4) which, through meetings, discussions, speaker programs, and periodic field trips, serves to educate squadron members and the general public on the requirements of an adequate national defense, especially maritime aviation, which is essential to a free society, and to support the military professionals (active and reserve) responsible for many aspects of national defense. GPS also seeks to foster the strong pride, esprit, and fraternal bonds which exist among those associated with Naval Aviation.

THE GPS LUNCHEON MEETING

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THURSDAY, 9 MARCH 2017

AT THE

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about our speaker's topic:

BRING HOME THE AIRCRAFT

About our speaker:

COL WAYNE R. SCOTT, USAF (Ret)
Sr. PROGRAM MANAGER, JPALS TSS ATS
RAYTHEON, FULLERTON, INTELLIGENCE
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Both manned and unmanned airplanes require precision guidance to lead them back to their landing position regardless of weather conditions or availability of other outside navigational aids. Joint Precision Approach and Landing System (JPALS) addresses this need, offering a universal navigational guidance system for use by all US Armed Forces.

Wayne R. Scott, is a Senior Program Manager at the Raytheon Company in Fullerton, California, currently serving as Manager of the US Navy's Joint Precision Approach and Landing System (JPALS) program. In this role, he leads a team of 125 engineers and technical personnel in engineering and manufacturing development of the Navy's' next generation, high precision, aircraft landing system for aircraft carriers. Before this assignment, he was Manager of the US Marine Corps Common Aviation Command and Control System (CAC2S) program at Thales-Raytheon Systems (TRS) where he led a team of 25 engineers and technical personnel in developing a prototype to demonstrate key capabilities for the Marines' next generation, deployable air battle management system. Wayne has also been Director of US Business Development for TRS, working with US military customers and making them aware of systems, products, and capabilities to address operational needs, and Assistant Program Manager for the TRS Battle Control System (BCS), the air command and control system supporting NORAD's air defense mission in the US and Canada. Before joining TRS, Wayne served for over 29 years as a Communications and Computer Systems Officer in the United States Air Force. His Air Force career took him through 19

different assignments at 11 different locations, including three tours as a squadron commander responsible for the morale, welfare, and discipline of up to 500 personnel. Under his leadership, one of those units was named best large communications unit in the Air Force. He retired as a Colonel from the Air Force in November 2005 and joined Raytheon/TRS at that time.



About our February luncheon:

MARINES

AT
MCAS MIRAMAR
Article by David Malmad

The Squadron was honored to host Colonel Jason G. Woodworth, Commanding Officer of MCAS Miramar.

The Colonel took command of Miramar in August 2015.

Colonel Woodworth began his presentation by speaking about the role of the USMC in today's challenging environment. He noted the Corps is made better by its members and others.

The Colonel discussed the composition of today's service personnel of young men and women and noted that they are better with technology which is a vital part of the service. The role of media and technology are understood to a greater degree by today's personnel than previous generations.

The challenge for today's service requires change. Change is good and the tactics and techniques are developed to meet this change. As such we are stronger due to this change.

It is good to recognize the history of Naval Aviation. It is also important to bridge the old with the new. While the image of past generations should not be forgotten, it is equally important to note that times are changing and there is a need in the current climate to embrace the change.

Speaking about the current job all service members hold, the Colonel noted that roles are vital at all levels, whether being behind the boat on a night landing or working aboard. This is the equalizer and provides a meaningful contribution.

The Colonel referenced comments made by General Robert Neller, Marine Corps Commandant when he presented his thoughts on the Marine Corps. They need to have humility, be opened minded and adapt to events and have a burning desire to win.

When speaking about the future, the Colonel noted that, from the first, the US government actions and weapons technology was driven by the need to defend the nation. Since 1991 there has been a fundamental shift in the drivers, and business is driving innovation, but technology will drive the future.

Colonel Woodworth noted that he is responsible for the operation of some 250 aircraft and 17000 Marines and their families located at Miramar, San Diego, Camp Pendleton in California and operations in Yuma, Arizona.

As part of his presentation, the Colonel took questions from

the audience. It began with a question regarding the future of the military. In responding to this question, his reply noted that with consolidation of the military including local base closures, the LA military footprint will continue to change, however, there will still be a need to have the Naval Weapons Station and Marine Corps base. Change is still coming.

A response to a question regarding service readiness, his reply indicated it is tough right now. The ramp up for the F18, CH53, AV-8B Harrier and other aircraft is a challenge. Ramp up is a 4-5 year period and the F18 dating back to 1981 will still be flying in 2030.

Morale has been tough on the aviation side. Aircraft safety is primary, however, maintenance man-hours has doubled in the last 5 years. While aviation will continue to challenge the service, infantry and spec ops has a good morale record.

Regarding replacement of existing inventory through newer resources, the new Joint Strike Fighter(JSF) will replace the EA6B and not the F18. The addition of drones and other approaches will answer the need for jammer aircraft. Technology will continue to play a larger role moving forward..

When asked to compare the NAS Lemoore to MCAS Miramar, the Colonel noted that Miramar is at capacity with 200—250 aircraft while Lemoore has 300+. With MCAS Miramar being at capacity and not currently capable to become a joint service, Navy/Marine facility will continue to fill the current role and one that the city of San Diego wants to maintain. There are no current plans to relocate operations to MCAS Yuma.



C.O. Tim Brown(L), thanks Col Jason Woodworth((CL) for his MCAS Miramar presentation, X.O. Vince van den Brink(CR) and OPS Cindy Macha® join in.

While the creation of a joint service base operation by US forces in Japan has been successful, there are no current plans to create a similar operation

at Miramar or move Miramar operations.

The Colonel noted that he has been stationed in Southern California with all assignments for 15 years. He is primarily an F-18 pilot.

The Colonel concluded his remarks commenting on a question comparing the F-18 to the F-35. He described the 1978 technology of the F-18 as a dial phone compared to the F-35 as a cell phone. Both capable for their respective roles.



CO COLUMN

Tim Brown

We had a really good meeting in February. Our speaker was Colonel Jason "Woody" Woodworth, USMC, Commanding Officer of MCAS Miramar. Very interesting and informative.

Thank you Cindy Macha for setting it up and making it happen. We also recognized the Sailors of the Quarter from NWSSB and NMC. Thank you to Senior Chief Kirby Lee for acting as MC during the presentations of certificates to the "winners". Besides the sailors, one of the spouses of a SOQ (MN3 Anthony Copple who was Junior SOQ from NMC) also attended, Mrs. Sasha Coppel. Thank you to Bill Thompson and Sel Ramsay for their work on the program and awards.

At the last meeting, Dave Malmad stepped up and took over the role of PAO from Dick Fields. Dick has been performing so many different functions and finally Carol put her foot down and "suggested" that we get a new PAO. Dave stepped forward and his first column as PAO is included in the OpPlan. Thank you Dave. We also had some help from Joe Murphy, a new member, who stepped up to help with the audio/visual portion of the program. Even though our speaker did not have a Power Point Presentation and did not use our computer or projector, it is nice to know that Joe is available. Thank you, Joe.



Tim's Grandson Noah Minor and Gramps member Paul Otto at 2017 Desert Outing at NAF El Centro

On 24 February Ray and I attended Desert Outing 2017 down at NAF El Centro where we went to watch the Blue Angels practice for their upcoming season. I understand that they will be performing at the Second Annual Huntington Beach Air Show sometime in October, I think. In any event, Ray and I will enjoy it (I am writing this column a week before we go). With that said, Ray has asked me to inquire whether there is a volunteer out

there to help Ray set up the tables with center piece flags and table numbers; hang the ANA banners; and then after the meeting, help him take down the banners and gather the center pieces to be packed away until the next meeting. Not much heavy lifting but you have to get there a little early and be willing to stay a little while afterwards. Ask Ray what his duties entail, and he will fill you in before you volunteer. Anyway it does not have to be for both before and after, one or the other is also fine.

Thanks for your continued support of Gramps either by attending our luncheons or sending in contributions to the treasury, or both. I hope to see you at a future meeting.



Left to Right, First Row: MA2 Ezra M. Payton, MASA Dyna L. Allaoua, MN3 Anthony Copple, MN1 Garrett Schitz, MA1 Juan J. Jimenez.

SAILORS OF THE QUARTER

Article by
Bil Thompson

At the February 9th regular monthly meeting of the ANA (Association of Naval Aviators) Grampaw Pettibone Squadron, "SAILORS OF

THE QUARTER" were present for special recognition. All of them are stationed at Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach. The time covered by the awards was October thru December, 2016. For NWSSB, the Senior Sailor of the Quarter was MA 1 J. Jimenez; the Junior Sailor of the Quarter was MA2 Ezra M. Payton; the Bluejacket of the Quarter was MASA Dyna L. Allaoua. Also, honorees from the Navy Munitions Command, CONUS, West Division Unit, Seal Beach were present: Senior Sailor of the Quarter, MN1 Garrett Schitz and the Junior Sailor of the Quarter, MN3 Anthony Copple. In addition to the Grampaw Pettibone Squadron certificates and presents, the sailors received Gift Certificates from local restaurants: *Avila's El Ranchito Mexican Restaurant, Finbars Italian Restaurant, Hennessey's Grill, O'Malley's on Main, Yucatan, and in Newport Beach: The Crab Cooker*. Also, USAA (Insurance Company) provided Commemorative Coins to each of the honored sailors. Together we seek to show appreciation for the superb work being done by sailors at the Naval Weapons Station.

The GREAT GUYS

Here are some of the Great Guys who have made contributions to Gramps in February. 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.

**Vince van den Brink,
David Franzen, Bob Fuhrmann
Ray LeCompte, Cindy Macha.
Jim McMath, Joe Murphy.
& Bob Olds**



MEMBERSHIP

By Sel Ramsay

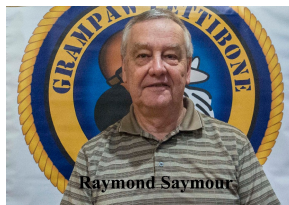
NEW MEMBER

Retired Air Force Major Raymond Seymour is our New Member this month. Ray served in Korea and Viet Nam in the 1970's, and later in the Reserves in Louisiana,

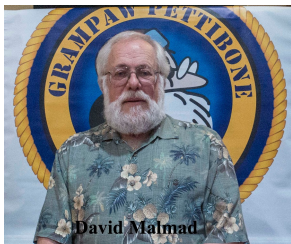
flying F4H, A-10, and F-5 aircraft.

In civilian life, Ray retired after flying 30 years with American Air Lines as Flight Engineer, Co-Pilot, and Captain of MD-8 and Boeing 700-series planes, and now resides in Orange County.

Thank you, Marv Garrison, for recruiting Ray to join with us!



NEW MEMBER



David Malmad is the latest member to join the Grampaw Pettibone Squadron of the Association of Naval Aviation. . Originally from New York, David has been a resident of Orange County since 1979. He recently retired from the Information

Technology industry, having worked as an IT systems consultant and project manager in various industries.

Prior to his work in the IT industry, David worked for more than 20 years in the aerospace industry as a recruiter, safety specialist and systems analyst, including a 4 year assignment in Iran. He began flying in 1966 and with this knowledge became an active participant in the CAP and CAF. His primary hobby is competitive shooting.



FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Bill Thompson

FAITH....IN ACTION

In a recent article, Christine Wicker, who will publish a book about Franklin Delano Roosevelt (Smithsonian Press) in a few months, shared a preview her book

about President Roosevelt. Christine was 2 years old when Roosevelt became President who served the next 12 years!

"After contracting polo, he went through a great crisis of faith. But Roosevelt came to see his illness and disability as simply a test of his resolve to be of service in the way that God intended him to be. He found hope in his darkest days through faith, and when it came time to give hope to the

country in its darkest days, he was ready with an abundance of faith. While he believed faith in God was essential to bringing Americans out of the Depression, he didn't often talk to the country about faith in God. The faith he referenced publicly was faith in oneself, faith in democracy and sometimes even faith in him. But the vision he had for America, one that was measured by its effect on the poorest among us, came straight out of Scripture. He believed fervently in his role as a servant of God's plan. It was that vision and that belief, formed by Scripture, that changed America forever."

Since I was age 14, Roosevelt was the only president I had ever known. I look forward to Christine Wicker's book when it is published.

FEBRUARY LUNCHEON PICTURES

SAILORS OF THE QUARTER TEAM



Left to Right, First Row: MA2 Ezra M. Payton, MASA Dyna L. Allaoua, MN3 Anthony Copple, MN1 Garrett Schitz, MA1 Juan J. Jimenez. Left to Right, Back Row: Chaplain Bill Thompson, MAC Jay Knox, GMC Lindsey Knox, CMDCS Kirby Lee



MN3 Anthony Copple and wife Sasha Copple