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July 7th, Naval Hospital Change of Command, Amphitheater, 1100

July 10th - 14th, Whidbey Race Week, Oak Harbor Marina

July 11th, ANA Luncheon, NASWI Chief's Club, 1130

July 13th Pacific Naval Ocean Processing Center, Change of Command, Amphitheater, 1000

July 14th, USO Show in field behind gym, 1800, Lt Dan Band

July 25th - 26th, EW Symposium, Station Theater (Whidbey Roost Sponsored)

Aug 1st -6th, Fleet Week in Seattle

Aug 1st, National Night Out

Aug 18th, MWR Appreciation Picnic behind gym, Vertical Horizon Band

Aug 21st -26th Airborne Electronic Attack Week

Aug 25th - 27th Jets Over Whidbey (Radio Controlled Model Aircraft) NOF Coupeville

Sept 4th, Labor Day

Sept 9th, Military Appreciation Day, Wind Jammer Park (Sponsor: Navy League)

Sept 12th, ANA Luncheon, NASWI Chief's Club, 1130

Sept 21st, 75th Anniversary of NAS Whidbey Commissioning, Wash Rack, 1400

11 July 1130, ANA Luncheon (NASWI Chief's Club): Wills, Trusts, Durable Power of Attorney, Health Care Power of Attorney, Health Care Directive (Living Will) and other important legal documents. Presenter Lt. Kevin McConnell, JAGC, USN, Legal Assistance Attorney, RLSO Whidbey Island

Nearly all of us have been told and reminded to get our legal documents in order to protect our loved ones and our estates. The question we must all ask ourselves are we up to date and is what we have adequate to meet our needs. Are reasonable and clear direction spelled out for heirs plus designated executors? Who is going to care for us if we are incapacitated? Who will take care of our children or grandchildren if the parents are lost? What documentation needs to be assembled. Should we have a will or a trust or both? What are the advantages and disadvantages that need to be considered? How difficult is probate? Tax issues vary by state; so how does one learn what they are? For active duty and reserve members, how important are service

record emergency data pages? How do dependents maintain ID cards and DEERS registration?

These are but a few of the items to be discussed. Some of our members have been through the estate settlement process before and have valuable lessons learned that can benefit others in attendance. Those inputs are welcome.

Lt. Kevin McConnell is a 2010 graduate of the Catholic University of America and a juris doctor cum laude from the Cleveland Marshall College of Law in 2013. He is a member of the Ohio Bar. He was commissioned through the JAG Corps student program in August 2012. LT. McConnell served at Naval Recruiting District Ohio prior to attending the Basic Lawyer Course at the Naval Justice School in Newport, Rhode Island. After the Basic Lawyer Course he reported to Regional Legal Services Office (RLSO) Japan. From the far Pacific he made two deployments as the legal staff Officer with Amphibious Squadron Eleven, embarked on USS BONHOMME RICHARD (LHD 6) and Carrier Strike Group FIVE, embarked on USS RONALD REAGAN (CVN 76). He is currently serving as a legal assistance attorney for the NW RLSO aboard NAS Whidbey.

In case you missed it:

13 June 1120, ANA Luncheon (NASWI Officer's Club): The next generation carrier the USS Gerald Ford CVN-78. A PMS378 developed presentation will be shown with telecom answers to questions from Steve Jacobsmeyer Carrier Program Executive Chief of Staff.

This was our annual joint meeting with the Olympic ANA Squadron. The program featured a look at the next generation carrier. This represents the greatest change since the Essex class when carriers were first designed and built as combatants visé auxiliary ships, just prior to World War II. The objectives of this new design is to improve flexible flight operation on a near continuous bases. Previous designs favored cyclic operation. Additionally, new technologies have been incorporated to reduce ship's company manning and reduce lifecycle maintenance resulting in a significant reduction of costs over the 50 years life of the carrier.

The carrier has had three target dates for its initial fleet deployment and a parallel increases in costs. These stretches in the procurement process are the result of the incorporation of these new technologies and American industry's growth in capability and capacity to meet the production needs of these new component. The most publicly known upgrade is the Electro-Magnetic Aircraft Launch System (EMALS), replacing the steam catapults. Enhanced aircraft weapons elevators, ship self-defense systems, radar systems, reduced island size and location plus a new arresting systems are significant changes from the Nimitz class carriers. The advertised results are a 33% increase in sortie rate, 20% reduction in maintenance costs, 43 month maintenance cycle and a 12 year dry-docking interval. Steam is contained within the engineering spaces with auxiliary systems now be operated electrically. Accordingly, to meet these new demands the electrical generating capacity has now been tripled. The new carriers are heavier than the Nimitz class with a slightly larger flight deck. They can now be considered 4 5/8 acres of Sovran US territory.

Mr. Jacobsmeyer is the Chief of Staff to RADM Brian Antonio, the NAVSEA Program Executive Officer (PEO) for Aircraft Carriers. PEOs have dual hats in they also report to SECNAV's Office of Research, Development and Acquisition for matters of carrier acquisition. Prior to working at NAVSEA he served on active duty as a F-14 Tomcat NFO, primarily out of NAS Miramar.

New Update - Navy times has CNO planners preparing a budget for a 12 carrier Navy. The shortest avenue to this end would be for the Nimitz to be extended on active duty until the commissioning of new Enterprise vise the new Kennedy. An unanswered question is there going to be enough reactor fuel left for the carrier to make it to the 2028 time frame.

Special Notes:

No ANA Meeting in August

The September meeting will feature a US Special Forces veteran who served in that capacity within all four combat services. He is likely the only man with those credentials.

USO Show coming to NAS Whidbey

A concert will be held on the field behind the station gym at 1800 on Friday the 14th of July. The show will feature the Lt Dan Band. LT Dan from the Forest Gump movie was played by Gary Sinise. He has made numerous tours in support of deployed military units. As part of his traveling show he has put together a group of musical volunteers known affectionately as the Lt Dan Band. The weather should be great. So all you will need is something to sit on and sunglasses.

Airborne Electronic Attack Week

The annual Growler celebration will feature active duty competition, homecoming, golf, symposium, picnic and a formal dinner with awards. All this the week of 21 August with the diner on the 26th. Check the Wing's web site for details.

Jets over Whidbey

The Whidbey Island radio control society presents their annual Jet over Whidbey flying event at the navy outlying field just south of Coupeville with the following schedule:

Aug 25th - 0800 to 1700

Aug 26th - 0830 to 1700

Aug 27th - 1000 to 1500

Spectacular miniature battery powered model jet aircraft. To participate go to their web site. Free for spectators.

Diamond Anniversary Of NAS Whidbey Island

September 21st, 1942 was the day the new Naval Air Station at Oak Harbor was commissioned and open for business. This year will feature a special program covering the history of the base and how it evolved over the years. This will be an invitation only event planned for 1400 on the 21st. ANA members and spouses desiring to attend must advise our organization by 1 August to be put on the official invitation list.

NW Intruder Association

The annual Fall rendezvous will be held at the Oak Harbor Yacht Club on 27 August at 1500. Advance reservation required.

PBY – Naval Air Museum

The PBY Memorial Foundation's was able to procure the services of one of the few airworthy PBY's to participate in the station's open house last month and the Seattle Seafair the first week of August. This milestone was made possible by the very successful dinner action held last month.

The museum has moved from Building 12 at the Sea Plane Base to a 4,500 square foot facility at 270 Pioneer Way (Former Whidbey Furniture Store) in Oak Harbor. It is now open Wednesday thru Saturday 1100 to 1700 and Sunday 1300 to 1700. There are sections for historical collections from WWII to the Gulf War and information on all aircraft that have been stationed at NAS Whidbey. It is well worth a visit and our support.

Dues: In **July** ANA local annual dues of \$20 are do. Multiple year payments accepted. Life membership at age 90 and surviving spouses are life members.

What does your dues pay for:

- Guest speaker lunches
- Air Crewmen of the year plaques and rewards (2) for Wing Ten and VR-61
- Battle of Midway Memorial Reef
- Memorials for passing members
- Name tags

44 paid members balances the budget.

Local Dues: If you need to pay local dues, Give \$20 to Scott Hornung at the meeting or mail a check to:

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