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Centennial of Naval Aviation:

www.navy.mil/centennialofnavalaviation

San Diego Centennial

Kick Off Celebration:

mwrtdoay.com/cona

Navy Weeks:

www.navyweek.org

Opening and Closing Galas:

www.navalaviation100.org

Commander, Naval Air Forces

www.cnaf.navy.mil

Naval Aviation History:

www.history.navy.mil/branches/nhcorg4.htm

Coast Guard Aviation History:

www.uscg.mil/history/AviationIndex.asp

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TIER 1 EVENTS

February 2011

100th Anniversary Parade of Flight & North Island Open House

March 2011

Mississippi Navy Week, Keesler AFB & Golden Wings over Meridian Air Shows

April 2011

NAS Corpus Christi Air Show
Dallas Navy Week & NAS Fort Worth JRB Air Power Expo
MCAS Beaufort Air Show

May 2011

Centennial of Naval Aviation Week Pensacola
New Orleans Navy Week & N'awlins Air Show
MCAS New River Air Show
Dod Joint Services Open House
NY Fleet Week & Jones Beach Air Show
Philadelphia Navy Week & Millville Wheels and Wings Air Show

June 2011

Rockford AirFest 2011
Evansville Freedom Festival
Davenport Navy Week & Quad City Air Show
Marine Week St. Louis
Rhode Island National Guard Open House Air Show

July 2011

Rochester Navy Week & ESL International Air Show
Detroit Navy Week & Thunder Over Michigan Air Show
EAA AirVenture Oshkosh
Seattle Fleet Week & SeaFair

August 2011

Fargo Navy Week & Fargo AirShow
The Great State of Maine Air Show

September 2011

NAS Pax River Air Expo '11
Omaha Navy Week & Guardians of Freedom Air Show
National Championship Air Races & Air Show
Memphis Air Show
NAS Oceana Air Show & AIAA Centennial Convention
San Diego Fleet Week & MCAS Miramar Air Show

October 2011

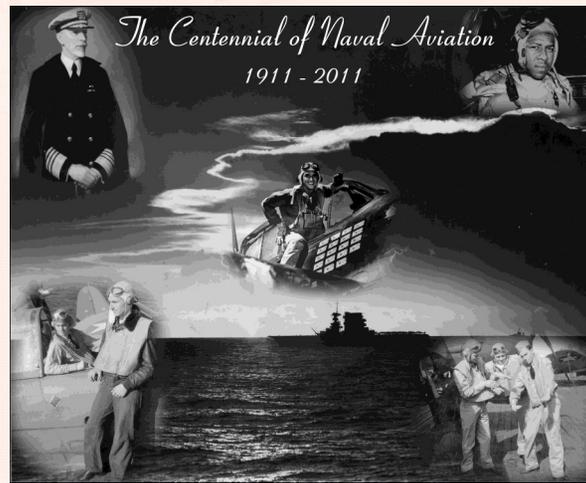
San Francisco Fleet Week
NAS Lemoore Air Show
El Paso Navy Week & Amigo AirShow

November 2011

NAS Jax Air Show
NAS Pensacola Blue Angels Homecoming Air Show

December 2011

Washington DC Centennial Closing Gala



As we celebrate Naval Aviation's first century, we reflect on 100 years of innovation and achievement during peace and war. From the first crossing of the Atlantic by air to the first American in space, and from pivotal battles at Coral Sea and Midway, to ongoing support of ground forces in Afghanistan today, Naval Aviation continues to have a vital impact on shaping world events.

The Centennial of Naval Aviation is an extraordinary milestone that gives the sea services an opportunity to recognize the men and women whose unique contributions to Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard Aviation have forged our rich heritage.

The 100th Anniversary of Naval Aviation will be commemorated through air shows, flyovers, festivals, open houses and other events at the national, regional and local levels.

NAVAL AVIATION MILESTONES



May 8, 1911 - Captain Washington Chambers prepares contract specifications for the Navy's first aircraft. This date is later designated the birthday of Naval Aviation.

July 1, 1911 - The Navy's first aircraft, the A-1 Triad, makes its maiden flight from Keuka Lake at Hammondsport, NY.



May 22, 1912 - Marine Corps 1st Lt. Alfred Cunningham reports to Annapolis, MD., for flight training, marking the birth of Marine Corps Aviation. He is designated Naval Aviator #5 and Marine Aviator #1.

January 20, 1914 - The first generation of aviation personnel arrive at Pensacola, FL. This becomes the Navy's first Naval Air Station.



April 24, 1914 - An AB-3 flying boat, flown by Lt. Patrick Bellinger, completes the first combat flight by a U.S. military aircraft, flying a reconnaissance mission in support of operations in Veracruz, Mexico.

March 30, 1916 - Coast Guard 2nd Lt. Charles Sugden and 3rd Lt. Elmer Stone become the first two Coast Guard aviators assigned to flight instruction. Stone completed flight training April 10, 1917, and became Naval Aviator #38 and Coast Guard Aviator #1.

