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F-14 TOMCAT OBELISK PLANNED FOR TRIBUTE TO NAVAL AVIATION

The F-14 Tomcat Monument Association is supporting construction of a long-awaited addition to its very popular Naval Aviation Monument Park at the Virginia Beach, Va. oceanfront.

A ten-foot tall, four-sided, black granite structure memorializing the venerable F-14 Tomcat and all who supported one of the most recognized and famous fighter aircraft of Naval Aviation is being constructed, with target for completion and dedication in 2020.

The structure will feature laser-etched storyboard panels depicting aircraft operations, a tribute to maintenance and operational personnel, and a commemoration of those who gave their all flying the Tomcat. Board member CDR (Ret) Alex "Rattler" Rucker is our artistic director.

The only way we can complete this project is through contributions from our members and supporters. The target goal is \$100,000.

Rear Admiral (Ret) "Bad Fred" Lewis, president of the F-14 Tomcat Monument Association, a 501(c)(3) organization, said: "We have inaugurated a serious undertaking to erect monuments to the F-14 Tomcat that we were all proud to fly and learned to love as we operated that glorious machine in peace and in war. To that end, we have established the F-14 Tomcat Monument Association here in Virginia Beach to solicit contributions to fund a project to memorialize not only the airplane but also the aircrew and maintainers who dedicated themselves to the airplane and its mission. Special recognition and tribute will be given to those who gave their lives while flying the Tomcat."

"I am pleased to say that we have gotten off to a rousingly good start. Our intent is to erect the first monument at the Naval Aviation Monument Park in Virginia Beach by 2020 with follow-on sites under consideration. In some way, all of you contributed to the success of the F-14 program and all of you need to have your association with the program recorded for posterity. What we are proposing to all of you and the thousands of other Tomcat veterans is an honorable way to have your efforts recognized. Please make that positive decision to help us make it happen."

There are three levels of contribution categories: Mach 2 Level - \$1,000; Mach 1 Level - \$500; and Afterburner Level - \$250; however, donations of any amount are welcomed. Afterburner, Mach 1 and Mach 2 donors will have their information (maximum 30 characters including spaces and punctuation) inscribed on the monument and should submit their name, call sign (as appropriate), rank and service with their donation.

We are an IRS designated 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization and all contributions are tax deductible.

Contributions can be made by using the form on our website: tomcat-monument.org.

The Tomcat obelisk will join several other monuments honoring Naval Aviation, aviators, aircraft, and aircraft carriers presently in the aviation monument park. Located at 25th Street and Atlantic Ave. at the Virginia Beach oceanfront, the park is visited by thousands of tourists and residents each year.



ANYTIME, BABY!

CHAPTER LHD-1

Attached are a few pictures from the USS wasp G-3 division, after they had built up a couple GBU-49's, I know it looks like 12's, but note the conduit in the third picture. I would like to try to get them in a red shirt. They are members of the CHAPTER LHD-1 (Stingers-1), and there will be more to come.

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AO1 (AW/SW) Learned, Jacob E.
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The Red Shirt

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