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Naval Aviation Museum Foundation Presents “Hall of Recognition” Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony

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Pensacola, Fla. – (July 12, 2016) – The Naval Aviation Museum Foundation will host a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the recently-renovated “Hall of Recognition” at 9 a.m. on Friday, July 22, on the mezzanine level of the National Naval Aviation Museum (NNAM).

Members of the Foundation’s Board of Trustees, the NNAM Director and staff, local dignitaries are expected to attend the ceremony.

The “Hall of Recognition” is dedicated to the thousands of individuals and organizations who have made the NNAM a reality. Renovations to the hall include the installation of a new six-screen digital donor recognition wall, a large-format touch screen donor kiosk, and a special tribute to Navy Attack Squadron (VA) 52, the *Knight Riders*.



Funding for the renovations were made possible by the estate of the late U.S. Navy LT David A. Webb, a former *Knight Rider*, and his wife, Jean Ann, who contributed nearly \$1 million to the Foundation through the “Wings of Gold Society” planned giving program.

As part of the recent renovation, the Foundation has developed a tribute to the *Knight Riders*, including a wall mural of the attack squadron’s first aircraft, the A-1 Skyraider, and video interviews with former *Knight Riders*.

The Naval Aviation Museum Foundation will recognize the David and Jean Ann Webb estate, represented by family members Jonathan and Janice Korda, as well as a number of former VA-52 *Knight Riders*, for their historic contribution to the museum during Friday morning’s ceremony.



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Media Note: For media interviews with former VA-52 Knight Riders, or for more information about the National Naval Aviation Museum or Foundation, contact Malerie Shelton at (850) 453-2389 or mshelton@navalaviationmuseum.org.

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About the National Naval Aviation Museum

The National Naval Aviation Museum, one of *TripAdvisor's* "Top 25 Museums in the United States," features nearly 350,000 square feet of displays and is one of the world's largest aviation museums. Located aboard Pensacola Naval Air Station, the facility boasts more than 150 beautifully restored aircraft representing Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard aviation, and is one of Florida's most visited museums. Be sure to visit Hangar Bay One, displaying aircraft of the post-WWII era including presidential helicopter, *Marine One*. Among the countless things to touch, see and experience are thrilling 3D and HD flight simulators and the new Blue Angels 4D Experience. Don't miss the drama and power of the new laser powered Giant Screen digital theater. The Cubi Bar Café offers a unique dining experience, and the Flight Deck Store is the perfect place to find a souvenir that captures the spirit of Naval Aviation. Museum admission is FREE and open to the public. The National Naval Aviation Museum is open daily from 9 a.m.–5 p.m. For more information, visit www.NavalAviationMuseum.org.

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