



THREAD TAILS VAPOR TRAILS

A Quilt Challenge and Traveling Display Celebrating 100 Years of Naval Aviation

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**You are invited to participate in a special
quilt challenge celebrating the
Centennial of Naval Aviation!**

About the Challenge:

We are asking quilt makers from around the country to make a quilt honoring 100 years of Naval Aviation (Navy, Marines and Coast Guard). There are a few rules and requirements, but the most important ones are that the quilt be 40" square, and must be related to naval aviation.

No specific fabric is required. There will also be a group quilt category.

Please see the www.navyquilts.com for complete rules and requirements.

About the Display:

CONA (the Centennial of Naval Aviation Committee) is planning celebrations in most states during 2011. The **Blue Angels** will be performing in air shows in over 30 states, and there will be other events such as Fleet Weeks and naval related conventions and exhibitions.

Selected quilts will be displayed at as many of these events as possible, potentially being viewed by hundreds of thousands of attendees. Additional quilts will travel to naval and other military museums and celebrations, as well as quilt shows and exhibitions across the nation.

This quilt display could potentially be seen by more viewers than any quilt display in history.

All quilts entered have the option to be donated to a special auction for the

National Flight Academy, an education project of the **Naval Aviation Museum Foundation**.

The National Flight Academy is poised to become the premiere aviation-inspired learning adventure for our Nation's youth, delivering a world-class experience that ignites students' passion for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM). The curriculum will be based on these STEM principles designed to help prepare 7th-12th graders to compete in the challenging technological future. Attendees will spend 5 ½ days in an immersive, aviation-based learning environment reaching beyond the traditional academic experience. Additional information is available at www.nationalflightacademy.com.

The deadline for the online quilt submission will be Oct. 1st, 2010. The award winning and all selected traveling quilts will debut at the Blue Angel Homecoming Event November 11th and 12th, 2010 in Pensacola, FL. Kick-off naval events for CONA are tentatively planned to start in San Diego and Washington DC in Jan., 2011. Quilts not donated will be returned in January, 2012.

**The Centennial of Naval Aviation quilt challenge will not be possible
without the generosity of sponsors, volunteers and
quilters from around the country.**

Please make a quilt and enter it to help commemorate this historic event. We will also need volunteers for all events and displays. You can also request a display for your guild or show. If you know someone who would like to sponsor this great event, please visit www.navyquilts.com or contact Kelly Gallagher-Abbott for details. All sponsorships/donations are tax deductible and go to the **Naval Aviation Museum Foundation, Inc.**, a 501 (c)3 non-profit organization, on behalf of the **National Flight Academy** program.

For more information
please visit

www.navyquilts.com or

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**Please sign up for our
newsletter and share this
information with other
quilt makers!**

**Other recommended
websites:**

navalaviationmuseum.org
blueangels.navy.mil
centennial.ahf.nmci.navy.mil
nationalflightacademy.com



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The Naval Aviation Museum Foundation, Inc. (NAMF)

Since 1911, Naval Aviation has been a significant part of American history. Its accomplishments in both peace and war are legendary. From the first frail seaplanes that skimmed the beaches of Pensacola, to the powerful carriers and high performance jets that were the lightning bolts of Desert Storm, the fascinating story of this unique arm of America's defense is one that must be told.

Founded in 1966, the Naval Aviation Museum Foundation, Inc. is the nonprofit 501(c)(3) educational and fundraising organization that helps the National Naval Aviation Museum tell this story. Since its inception, the Foundation has raised more than \$65 million dollars for the Museum – thanks to the generosity of many patriotic citizens. With more than 9,000 members worldwide, the Foundation is financially self-supporting through various revenue-generating operations – such as the IMAX® Naval Aviation Memorial Theatre and the Flight Deck Store – so that 100 percent of all donations support the development of the Museum and its educational mission.

The National Flight Academy (NFA)

The National Flight Academy is poised to become the premiere aviation-inspired learning adventure for our Nation's youth, delivering a best-in-the-world experience that ignites students' passion for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM). The curriculum will be based on these STEM principles designed to help prepare 7th-12th graders to compete in the challenging technological future. Attendees (up to 264 student "aviators") will spend 5 ½ days in an immersive, aviation-based learning environment reaching beyond the traditional academic experience. Fast-paced, aviation-based missions challenge and inspire "aviators" on a wide range of topics, from basic three-dimensional physics and motion to more advanced concepts of aeronautical engineering and propulsion systems. These missions all play into enhancing the aviators' education, ultimately enriching their understanding of STEM principles. Additional information is available at www.nationalflightacademy.com.



Overhead view of National Flight Academy (under construction) — March 2010.

Artist's rendition of National Flight Academy.

