

75th ANNIVERSARY OF NAVAL AVIATION COMMEMORATIVE

The 75th Anniversary of Naval Aviation Commemorative was conceived as a tribute to the heritage of naval aviation and the people who have made it great. The painting features 12 flight vehicles representing the 12 distinguished naval aviators whose individual signatures are affixed to the print. Selection of participants was made based on accomplishment and representation of the widest possible span of naval aviation communities and time periods associated with the history of naval aviation.



George Bush 1942

George H. W. Bush
LTJG, USNR

TBM AVENGER
Vice President of the United States. At 18 the youngest pilot in Naval Aviation when winged in 1942. TBF Avenger pilot with VT-21 aboard USS JACINTO in the Pacific combat theater 1942-1945.

John H. Glenn, Jr.
COL, USMC

FRIENDSHIP 7

United States Senator from Ohio. One of original 7 Mercury astronauts. First American to orbit the earth. Marine fighter pilot World War II and Korea.



John Glenn 1953

Jeremiah Denton
RADM, USN

A6 INTRUDER

United States Senator from Alabama. Among senior Vietnam conflict POW's surviving over 7 1/2 years of captivity. A-6 Intruder combat pilot as prospective commanding officer, with Medium Attack Squadron 75 aboard USS INDEPENDENCE.



Jeremiah Denton 1955

Joseph J. Foss
F4F WILDCAT
LCOL, USMC

Former two term Governor of South Dakota. BGEN South Dakota National Guard. Second ranking Marine Corps Ace with 26 victories. Medal of Honor recipient in the Pacific combat theater in World War II flying the F4F Wildcat.



Joe Foss 1942



Tom Moorer 1942

Thomas H. Moorer
ADM, USN
PBY CATALINA
Two term Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff 1970-1974. Chief of Naval Operations 1967-1970. Patrol plane commander flying PBYs in Pacific combat theater in early days of World War II.

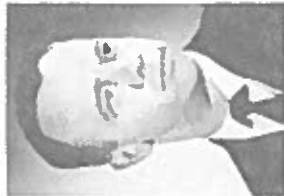
James Bond Stockdale
F8 CRUSADER
VADM, USN

Medal of Honor recipient as the senior Navy prisoner of war for 7 1/2 years in North Vietnam. Fighter and attack pilot flying F8 Crusaders and A4 Skyhawks, air wing commander aboard USS ORISKANY during Vietnam conflict.



Alan B. Shepard, Jr.
APOLLO 14 "ANTARES"
RADM, USN

Mercury and Apollo astronaut. First American astronaut in space. Commander of Apollo 14, the only one of the 7 original Mercury astronauts to walk on the moon.



Alan Shepard 1961

David McCampbell
F6 HELLCAT
CAPT, USN

Medal of Honor recipient as Carrier Air Wing 15 Commander flying F6 Hellcats aboard USS ESSEX in the Pacific Theater in World War II. Ranking Navy Ace with 34 victories, nine recorded in one flight.



Gregory "Pappy" Boyington
F4U CORSAIR
COL, USMC

Medal of Honor recipient as Commanding Officer of VMF-214 "Black Sheep" flying F4U Corsairs in the Pacific Theater in World War II. Ranking Marine Corps Ace with 28 victories.



Pappy Boyington 1943

Gene Ceman
APOLLO 17 "CHALLENGER"
CAPT, USN

Gemini and Apollo astronaut. Commander Apollo 17; last man to set foot on the moon.



Clyde E. Lassen
H2 SEASPRITE
CDR, USN

Medal of Honor recipient for a night rescue of downed airmen deep in enemy territory while Officer-in-Charge, HC-1, North SAR station, Vietnam.



Clyde Lassen 1968

Randall "Duke" Cunningham
F4 PHANTOM
CDR, USN

Only Ace in Vietnam conflict flying F4 Phantoms with VF-96 with five confirmed kills including three in one flight and victory over North Vietnam's leading fighter pilot.



Randall Cunningham 1972