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## August 2018 Newsletter

### From the President

Welcome to our very first newsletter! These past eight weeks have been a whirlwind to say the least. In this short time we've stood up a non-profit organization staffed with a bunch of awesome people, and have made great progress toward funding, developing and placing our monument honoring the service and sacrifice of our incredible community. This is no small task, but it is certainly possible with YOUR help. Renowned sculptor Sandra Van Zandt is currently working her magic meticulously carving clay while our volunteers are busy fundraising, meeting with various museum staff, and exploring our placement locations. Plank owner tees and sundown patches have generated a nice amount of support for the monument, and we hope that will continue. Plank Owner tees are still available in the foundation store until August 31, so please snatch one up if you haven't already. Only 14 miniature bronze maquettes remain as gifts to those who make donations over \$15,000 - if you know a family or organization that is interested, please contact us. Please also welcome LtCol(ret) Todd "Friday" Caruso as chairman of the VMAQ Monument Pedestal Committee.

He will soon be selecting 5-9 team members that will be responsible for designing the pedestal content and layout. Lastly, as we continue the critical and ongoing phase of our mission - fundraising - please share the word, tell our story, and seek financial support; every dollar donated gets us one step closer to the finish line.

Thank you for your support and Semper Fi,  
Duck

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## Current Volunteers

### Board Members:

Wayne 'Duck' Qualkinbush, Harry 'Taco' Horning, Jamie 'Tool' Stanley, Marty 'Marty' Moore, and Marlin 'Kuato' Benton

### Corporate Sponsor and Grant Team:

Wade 'Cookie' Hall, Chris 'DC' Anderson, Tom 'Doc' Dougherty

### Fundraising Team:

Pat 'Flounder' Owens, Tim 'Cockman' Kochman, Glen 'Sally' Cauley, Zachary 'Zach' Honeycutt, Jeff 'Squeel' Kawada, Dustin 'Dirty' Stafford

### Historical/Pedestal Committee Team:

Todd 'Friday' Caruso, Dan 'Crusher' Lathrop

### Museum/Aircraft Affairs Team:

Tim 'Timmeh' Davis, Thomas 'Dono' Dono,

### Art/Web Team:

Jacob Mol, Dave Stephens, John Cholewin

### Marketing Team:

Andrea Qualkinbush, Melissa 'Mel' Kelley, Torry Beaven

### Cherry Point, NC Events Team:

Bill 'Wilbur' Flannery, Tim 'Toni' Colantoni, Jim King

More volunteers are needed! We're specifically looking for more help in Fundraising and the Pedestal Committee but if you have a particular area in which you think you could help out please get in touch via the VMAQ Monument website ([Team page](#)).

Come be part of the team to preserve our legacy!

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## Fundraising Status

Next Goal: \$75,000 by Nov 2018

Current Donations/Pledges:

\$53,631

Largest Pledge of the month:

\$15,000 - Maquette #4

<-- Who remembers this style of fuel gage?

## Ways to Give:

- PLANK OWNER TEES AVAILABLE UNTIL AUGUST 31ST!!
- Get in as a plank owner before it's too late!
- Join the 40+ people that have contributed as plank owners, including

our  
sculptor  
and  
her  
husband,  
Sandra  
and  
Doug  
Van  
Zandt!

- Sundown  
Patches
- Bronze  
Maquette  
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10  
for  
VIP  
Gold  
Donors  
(currently  
\$15,000+)
- Cash  
Donation

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## Sculpting Has Begun!

Sandra Van Zandt will create three bronze statues: a pilot, an electronic counter measures officer (ECMO) and a plane captain. The scene will depict the final flight of the EA-6B Prowler.

Van Zandt is sculpting the first of the three figures in the maquette size, a small-scale version of the larger sculpture.



Have you been to the National Museum of Naval Aviation in Pensacola, Florida? If so, you have seen



one of Sandra's amazing sculptures in the main lobby. She sculpted "The Spirit of Naval Aviation" which was dedicated at the museum in May 1996. It is a "dramatic design of five heroic-sized sculptures that salute Naval Aviation at five significant stages in its history: World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, and Desert Storm," (navalaviationmuseum.org).

## Where will the monument be located?

So far the board has contacted the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum (NASM), The National Museum of the Marine Corps (NMMC), and the Flying Leathernecks Museum at MCAS Miramar to discuss placement of the VMAQ Monument at their facilities. While the discussions with these world class museums are still ongoing, and there are a couple of other possible locations, the board is focused on securing a high profile site for the VMAQ Monument.

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## You could name the monument!

Go to the VMAQ Monument webpage [here](#) to submit your suggestions for the name of the monument. Current suggestions can be viewed [here](#).

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## Fundraising - How Can You Help?

**First** - Spread the word! We need EVERYONE to ask their friends, families, neighbors and coworkers to help us out. Post/Like/Share on your social media accounts to reach a broad audience.



**Second** - Ask any companies or private foundations you have a connection with to make a contribution. Currently, a donation of \$15,000 gets the donor a maquette (18 inch version) of the monument to class up their office!

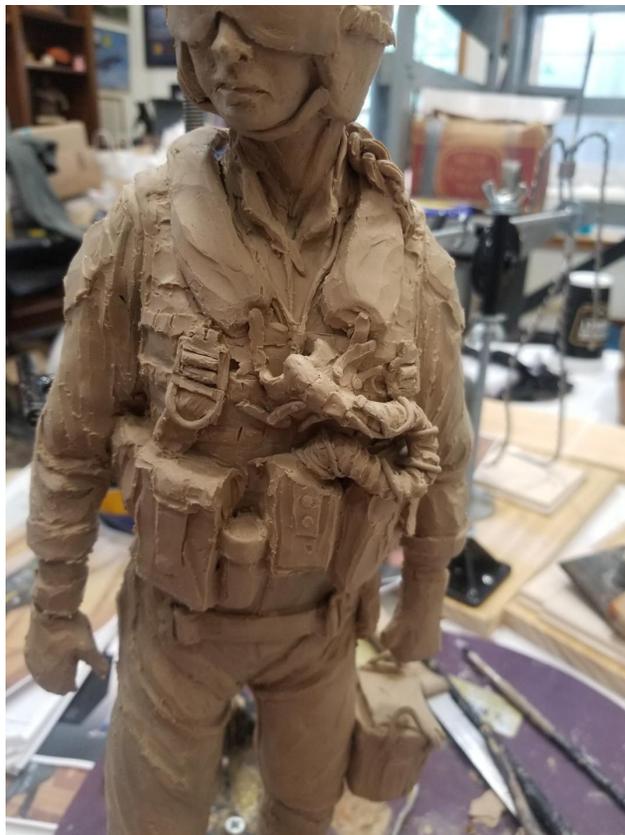
**Third** - Get in on the action and make a contribution by buying the fundraising products available on the [VMAQ Monument website](#) or by making a tax

deductible donation.

**A note on our 501(c)(3) status:**

As a 501(c)(3), 'pending application' donations are currently NOT guaranteed to be tax deductible until we receive our confirmation letter from the IRS who have stated we should expect it within 90 days. But, since it's not a guaranteed approval, if a donor requires that the donation be tax deductible, they should PLEDGE a donation via **email** and then pay once we attain the letter. Once the 501(c)(3) approval letter has been received, all donations previously received are able to be tax deductible.

For more details please see the VMAQ Monument [website here](#).



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Semper Fidelis,

VMAQ Monument Foundation

[VMAQ-2 Sundown Information Here](#)

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## NEXT ISSUE:

Board members meet with Marine Corps Heritage Foundation CEO/Pres LtGen (ret) Blackman; Sandra Van Zandt visits Naval Aviation Museum Pensacola, FL; Jamie "Tool" Stanley visits EAA Oshkosh; and more, stay tuned!



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