



Destination = National Naval Aviation Museum, NAS Pensacola, FL!

On behalf of the Board, and after months of careful consideration, I am pleased to announce the selection of the [National Naval Aviation Museum](#) as the recipient of our monument upon completion. The museum director, CAPT Sterling "Sterls" Gilliam USN (Ret.) and deputy director, Dr. Robert "Buddy" Macon, both share in the excitement of our project and have agreed to help preserve our history by prominently displaying our monument on their campus for their 800,000+ annual visitors to enjoy. As many of you know, they have an incredible museum with amazing artifacts including an EA-6B, AGM-88 missile, Martin-Baker ejection seat, VMAQ plaques and much, much more.

The Board of Directors carefully evaluated each of the proposed locations, considering key factors such as cost, venue quality, annual visitation, tourism, VMAQ-related displays, mission relevancy, and staff & local support. In the end, it was unanimous - the [National Naval Aviation Museum](#) just felt like "home."

Now the hard part... money. We need significant funds to pay for our project and

that will require not only the generosity from individuals like you, but also charity from family foundations, corporations, small businesses, and other like-minded non-profits. While we've raised over \$65,000 to date, we have a long way to go.

Please help by spreading the word and making a [donation](#). If you are familiar with supportive businesses or foundations, please take the time to direct them to the foundation website, tell them *your* story, and ask them to help. By giving to our project, they will be supporting the three tenets of the [National Naval Aviation Museum](#): Honor the past. Inspire the future. Promote patriotism.

Heartfelt thanks to:

Col. Marlin "Kuato" Benton USMC (Ret.) - Dir.of Museum Affairs
LtCol. Marty "Marty" Moore USMC (Ret.) - Dir. of Sponsorships & Grants
Maj. James "Tool" Stanley USMC (Ret.) - Secretary
Maj. Harry "Taco" Horning II USMCR - Treasurer
and our [all-volunteer team members](#)

Sincerely,



H. Wayne "Duck" Qualkinbush
Maj, USMC (Ret.)
CEO & President
VMAQ Monument Foundation



12/4/2018 - EA-6B ECMO Maquette Progress



The National Naval Aviation Museum is the world's largest Naval Aviation museum and one of the most-visited museums in the state of Florida. Share the excitement of Naval Aviation's rich history and see more than 150 beautifully restored aircraft representing Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard Aviation. These historic and one-of-a-kind aircraft are displayed both inside the Museum's nearly 350,000 square feet of exhibit space and outside on its 37-acre grounds, making it the world's third largest aviation museum.



Kuato and Sterls pose in front of Sandra's Spirit of Naval Aviation at NNAM Pensacola, FL



Panoramic view of the NNAM campus

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