

NATIONAL NAVAL AVIATION MUSEUM

Scavenger Hunt

Welcome aboard! This scavenger hunt will challenge you to explore the museum and learn about the history of Naval Aviation. There are directions to help you get from place to place. The answers are readily available on signs, placards, and movies in the museum exhibits. However, to answer the *BONUS* questions, you may need to do some searching or research. Have fun exploring the museum!

QUARTERDECK

The quarterdeck is the area where guests enter a ship while in port. The museum quarterdeck is at the entrance, and features an Information Desk, statues, airplanes, and models of aircraft carriers.

1. Can you name the periods in history represented by "The Spirit of Naval Aviation" statue?

1)[World War I](#) 2)[World War II](#) 3)[Korean War](#) 4)[Viet Nam War](#) 5)[Desert Storm](#)

2. What airplane did Naval Aviation get as its first birthday present? [A-1 Triad](#)

3. A tricycle has three wheels. This first airplane got its name because it could operate in three places:

[land](#), [sea](#), and [air](#).

Now look for the aircraft carrier models. The name of a ship in the United States Navy begins with the abbreviation "USS" which stands for United States Ship.

4. What was the name of the Navy's first aircraft carrier? USS [Langley](#)

5. What is the name of the Navy's newest aircraft carrier? USS [Gerald R. Ford](#)

Bonus: On the flight deck of this new aircraft carrier are the Navy's newest aircraft.

Can you find the miniature F-35 Lightning II and X-47B drone?

6. Near the Blue Angel cockpits, there is a blue airplane hanging from the ceiling. Like many of the Navy's airplanes, it is named for a ferocious cat. What is the name of this Korean War jet fighter?

[Grumman F9F Panther](#)

7. On the wall nearby is the red Douglas Skystreak, which once held the World Speed Record at 640 miles per hour, making it the fastest plane on earth. What was the nickname of this experimental plane?

[Crimson Test Tube](#)

8. What ship did the giant bronze propeller on the quarterdeck come from? USS [Intrepid](#)

9. On the other side of the quarterdeck is a green helicopter. What is the name of this attack helicopter used by the Marines for many years? [Bell AH-1 Cobra](#)

SOUTH WING

Go past the movie ticket counter (with the giant number "68") to enter the south wing. Naval Air Station Pensacola is known as the "Cradle of Naval Aviation" because this is where all Naval Aviators, Naval Flight Officers, and Naval Air Crewman begin their flight training.

10. What year did the first officers come to Pensacola to establish the Naval Air Station? 1914

BONUS: What baby bird is used as the symbol of NAS Pensacola? Gosling, or baby goose

11. Find the wooden shack that shows naval aviators in France during World War I. Nearby is an airplane built by the French that naval aviators flew in France.

What is the name of this airplane? Nieuport 17

BONUS: Why do you think there are pigeons outside the shack? To send messages tied to their legs

A bicycle has two wheels. All of the early airplanes in the museum had two sets of wings, so they are called biplanes. Find the biplane with "USS Texas" painted on the side.

12. Which allied country built this airplane? England or United Kingdom

BONUS: Which famous cartoon character imagined he was flying a Sopwith Camel as he sat on top of his doghouse? Snoopy

13. Go to the giant biplane with yellow wings and wooden propellers.

What is the name of this first plane to cross the Atlantic Ocean? Navy-Curtiss NC-4

14. How many years ago did the historic flight take place, and who was the commander?

(as of 2018) 99 years Lieutenant Commander Albert C. Read (name)

15. What message did the commander send back to the United States when they made it to Europe?

"We are safely across the pond. The job is finished."

16. Find the display from the Naval Aircraft Factory. Early airplanes used wood for much of their construction.

What was the average life span of wooden propellers? 6 months

17. The speed of sound on an average day is about 760 miles per hour. What was the Navy's first true supersonic jet called (hint: it has lightning bolts on its nose, tail and wingtips).

Grumman F7F Tiger

18. Which famous aircraft hanging overhead has a checkerboard pattern on its nose? Vought F4U Corsair

19. Find the Korean War timeline. Who was the first African-American get his "wings of gold"

and become a naval aviator? Jesse Leroy Brown

BLUE ANGELS ATRIUM

Continue to the atrium with the Blue Angels hanging in diamond formation overhead.

20. What color did the the Navy paint their training airplanes in the 1940s? [Yellow](#)

Find the airplane that President George H.W. Bush flew during his flight training.

21. When did he fly in this plane? (Hint: use the number on the tail to examine his flight log book)

[January 12, 1943](#)

BONUS: What type of airplanes are these Blue Angel jets? [Douglas A-4 Skyhawk](#)

WEST WING

The West Wing features airplanes from the World War II era and a replica of a carrier flight deck.

The Battle of Midway is often called the turning point of the war in the Pacific. There is only one airplane left in the entire world that flew during the Battle of Midway, on June 4, 1942.

Find this airplane near the Blue Angels' atrium.

22. What type of airplane is this rare combat veteran?

[Douglas SBD Dauntless](#)

BONUS: Can you find the patches that cover the bullet holes in this airplane?

Find the aircraft painted with a shark's mouth on the nose and a tiger on its side.

23. What famous air group does this represent? [Flying Tigers, or American Volunteer Group](#)

24. Whose life vest is displayed in the "Battle of Midway" exhibit? [Ensign George Gay](#)

25. Which World War II aircraft carrier flight deck is replicated here? USS [Cabot](#)

26. Find the name of the Navy's World War II unmanned aircraft, or drone: [TDR-1 Edna III](#)

27. Find the green German Me262. What was significant about this type of fighter aircraft?

[World's first operational jet fighter](#)

28. What type of aircraft in the West Wing is "cutaway" to reveal its inner compartments?

[Consolidated PBV Catalina](#)

29. Nearby is a giant wooden ladder. What was it used for?

[Used by mechanics to work on dirigibles or airships](#)

WEST WING

The Japanese surrender ceremonies that ended World War II were held on the deck of the USS Missouri on September 2, 1945, while she was anchored in Tokyo Bay. Find the giant PB2Y Coronado flying boat. Beneath the cockpit window is a ring of five stars, representing a Fleet Admiral.

30. Which admiral (an aide to Admiral Nimitz) flew to the surrender ceremonies on this plane? (Hint: The airfield at Naval Air Station Pensacola is named for him!)

Rear Admiral Forrest T. Sherman (NAS Pensacola is known as Sherman Field)

31. How long did it take to restore this aircraft? 13 years

32. Which of the Great Lakes were the "sunken treasures" pulled from? Lake Michigan

Now go up the stairs near the gray truck to the second deck.
(There is an elevator on the other side of the Sunken Treasures exhibit)

Find the Home Front Exhibit. This area represents Pensacola on July 4th, 1943.

33. How much did a can of Campbell's soup cost in 1943? 10 cents

BONUS: There are blue banners with a white star hanging in two of the windows.

What do these banners mean? Someone in their family is in uniformed service during wartime

During World War II, American kids helped with one of the first big recycling drives.

34. Name at least two things that were recycled during the war:

Scrap metal, old tires, or bacon fat

35. How much did a movie ticket for children cost at the Sanger Theater in 1943? 12 cents

Now go past the plaques in the Hall of Fame and down the stairs. Then go out the door and over to Hangar Bay One.

HANGAR BAY ONE

36. What is the nickname of the first airplane (R4D-5L Skytrain) to land at the South Pole?

Que Sera Sera

37. The Executive Flight Detachment of HMX-1 is responsible for transporting the president of the United States. When the president is on board, this helicopter uses the call sign "Marine One". What two presidents used this particular helicopter during their administrations?

President Nixon and President Ford

38. What was the name of the lunar module used by the Apollo 11 crew to land on the moon?

The Eagle

39. Overhead is a long banner called a Homeward Bound pennant. What ship did the banner fly from?

USS Kitty Hawk

40. How did the HH-52 Seaguard helicopter take search and rescue to a "hitherto unknown level"?

It could land on the water for a rescue

41. Which aircraft is known as the "Last of the Gunfighters"? Vought F-8 Crusader

42. What record was set by astronaut John Glenn on July 16, 1957, in a reconnaissance version of this aircraft? Transcontinental speed record

BONUS : What kind of animal went with the crew when the "Truculent Turtle" made its world-record long-distance flight? baby kangaroo

43. Find the Prisoner of War (POW) exhibit. What was the nickname of the POW Camp modeled in this exhibit? The Zoo

44. Who landed the O-1 Bird Dog on USS Midway (CVA-14) on April 30, 1975. Why?

South Vietnam Air Force Major Baung-ly who used it to escape with his wife and five children

Find the Women in Naval Aviation exhibit.

45. Who was the first female Naval Aviator, and when did she get her wings of gold?

name Barbara Allen date February 22, 1974