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The USS Hornet Celebrates Fabulous Flying Females

Learn about women aviators during Living Ship Day

ALAMEDA, CA —September 5, 2013— Female aviators will take center stage during the USS Hornet's Living Ship Day series on Sept. 21. The day's events will celebrate and recognize the contributions of women aviators in the U.S. Armed Forces.

Guest speaker U.S. Air Force Capt. Graciela Tiscareno-Sato will share her experiences beginning at 1 p.m. During her military aviation service, she flew patrols and enforced the No Fly Zone in Southern Iraq after the end of Operation Desert Storm. On average, she made two to three combat sorties per day over Baghdad to prevent Saddam Hussein's forces from killing Iraqi civilians. This earned her crew the prestigious Air Medal.

She will be presented with a "Quilt of Valor" by the Quilt of Valor Foundation and Amador Valley Quilters.

Tiscareno-Sato also authored the recently published bilingual English and Spanish children's picture book, "[Good Night Captain Mama](#)." Her book will be available for purchase.

The public will have the opportunity to meet and speak with her following the presentation.

Tiscareno-Sato:

- Completed the Aerospace Studies program as an AFROTC scholarship cadet at UC Berkeley while earning her degree in environmental design/architecture from Cal's School of Environmental Design.
- Upon graduation, became a commissioned officer and joined the active duty Air Force.
- Completed undergraduate navigator training at Mather Air Force Base and graduated second in her class (as the only woman in her class).
- Was one of the few women who served on the NATO Battle staff in Italy during the conflict in Bosnia-Herzegovina.
- Led a multi-service group of communications technicians at the U.S. Embassy in Quito, Ecuador in counter-narcotic operations.
- Earned her master degree in international management from Whitworth University in Spokane, WA where she was stationed.
- Spent nearly 10 years active duty as a navigator and instructor, eventually becoming a wing contingency planning officer.
- Planned and led a two-week CAPSTONE mission to the Asia Pacific Theater to introduce newly-minted generals to their new posts as part of her last mission.

During Living Ship Day, the museum comes to life as an operating aircraft carrier with flight simulations between 11 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. as aircraft are lifted to the flight deck and placed into launch position. Visitors can meet former crew, sit in the cockpit of a fighter jet, and enjoy the sights and sounds of naval aviation. There will also be a Big Band performance beginning at 11 a.m.

Living Ship Day demonstrations are held on the third Saturday of most months. Normal museum hours and admission prices apply. Ample free parking is available across from the pier.

Visitors can also view the Quilts of Valor exhibit.

Quilts of Valor Exhibit:

The Amador Valley Quilters is a non-profit organization who encourages community outreach through quilting. The [Quilts of Valor Rookie Quilt Project](#) is sponsored by Amador Valley Quilters to introduce community members to the art of quilting and to make Quilts of Valor to honor Northern California Veterans who have been wounded in service to our country. The Hornet Museum will be displaying a selection of these quilts as a special exhibit. The

mission of the Quilts of Valor Foundation is to cover all combat service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor.

About the USS Hornet Museum:

The USS Hornet Museum, a popular tourist destination for families located in the San Francisco Bay Area, is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to inspiring people of all ages. Through field trips and live-aboard experiences, the USS Hornet offers educational programs focusing on naval history, science and space technology. A registered state and national historic landmark, the ship is open to the public daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and permanently berthed at 707 W. Hornet Ave., Pier 3 in Alameda, CA. Ample free parking is available across from the pier. The USS Hornet is also a unique, unforgettable venue available for corporate events; trade shows and expos; private parties and big band dances; and TV and film productions. For more information, ticket prices and event planning, visit: www.uss-hornet.org or call (510) 521-8448.

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