



THE TAILHOOK EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION 2009 SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship Season

Applications for the Tailhook Educational Foundation (TEF) scholarships for the 2009-'10 school year are available on the Tailhook Association Web site at www.tailhook.org. The completed application along with transcripts and letters of recommendation are due at Tailhook headquarters by 15 March 2009. This year we plan to award grants in amounts from \$1,500 to \$10,000. Our goal is to provide undergraduate educational scholarships to the best and brightest students.

From the Executive Director

Scholarship Eligibility

To be eligible for consideration, an individual must be a high school graduate and the natural, step or adopted son, daughter or grandchild of a current or former (U.S. Navy/U.S. Marine Corps/U.S. Coast Guard) Naval Aviator, Naval Flight Officer or Naval Aircrewman. Also eligible are individuals or children of individuals who are serving or have served on board a U.S. Navy aircraft carrier in ship's company or the carrier air wing. Eligible applicants must be accepted for *undergraduate* enrollment at an accredited college or university.

TAILHOOK ASSOCIATION NEWS

Membership and Recruiting

In 2008 we conducted several successful membership drives including an open house at the Tailhook Association headquarters in San Diego, a visit to NASs Whidbey Island and Oceana and our summer active-duty membership drive. We added 437 new members. At the

same time we lost members who did not update their addresses or renew their membership. In total we saw a loss in membership.

- Total membership in 2004: 11,349
- Total membership in 2005: 11,142
- Total membership in 2006: 11,293
- Total membership in 2007: 11,273
- Total membership in 2008: 10,645

To keep the same quality production of *The Hook* magazine, we need to reverse the downward number.

We are writing to each of the suspended members with an appeal to return, and we are continuing to conduct our recruiting drives at U.S. Navy and Marine Corps bases. You can help by recruiting new members, sponsoring a school library or giving a gift membership.



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Corporate Sponsorship

In 2008 USAA and Navy Mutual Aid became new corporate sponsors. Please welcome our sponsors by contacting them directly or by visiting their Web sites to view their services. If you have the opportunity to use the services of any corporate sponsor, please thank them for supporting the Tailhook Association.

Web sites: www.usaa.com and www.navymutual.org

Tailhook Logo Merchandise

This time of the year a jacket or sweater is a great gift for you or your best friend. In addition to our canvas jackets, we have added a Navy blue sweater to our collection (pictured below). Visit our online store or call the headquarters regarding purchases.



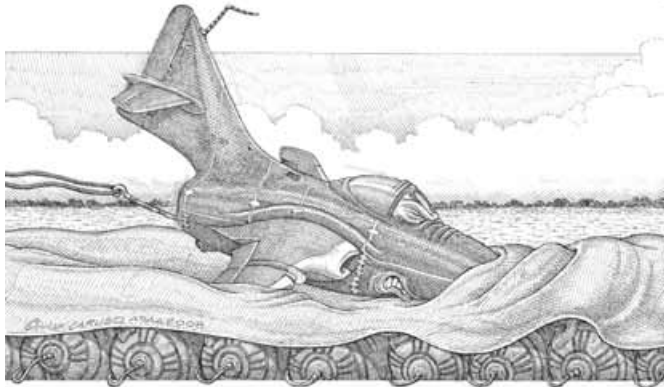
2009 Reunion

Advance planning is under way for the next reunion. The working theme is "Naval Aviation, At the Edge of the Envelope. ..." The schedule includes a demonstration by the *Blue Angels* at NAS Fallon on Friday, 11 September, and demonstrations at the Reno Air Races the following weekend. *Topgun* is planning their 40th reunion coincident with Hook '09. There will be several other reunion groups with us, so consider making your hotel reservations at John Ascuaga's Nugget at (800) 648-1177 (www.janugget.com). If you want to hold a reunion to coincide with Hook '09, contact Reunion Coordinator Marc Ostertag at (800) 322-4665. See you in Reno.

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Future Tailhook Reunion Dates
John Ascuaga's Nugget, Sparks (Reno), Nev.

10-13 September 2009
9-12 September 2010
8-11 September 2011
6-9 September 2012

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