New Exhibit Now Open – *Portraits of Flight*

On Sunday, May 29, the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum unveiled its newest temporary exhibit: *Portraits of Flight*.

The Intrepid Museum and the American Society of Aviation Artists (ASAA) have partnered to celebrate the first 100 years of U.S. Naval Aviation. Together, they have created the fine art exhibition, *Portraits of Flight: Celebrating 100 Years of American Naval Aviation, 1911-2011*. The exhibit features 24 paintings by ASAA artists and tells the story of the early trials, advancements and accomplishments of the U.S. Navy from 1911 to the present.

This retrospective presents an extraordinary collection of original art from some of the finest artists of the genre and takes Museum visitors on a journey through 100 years of American Naval Aviation. Paintings are grouped in a time-line format to give the observer a sense of historical progression while highlighting some of the more significant events, innovations and accomplishments of American Naval aviation. *Portraits of Flight* also looks toward the future, capturing Naval Aviation’s ability to evolve in order to meet changing military and political circumstances.

The May 29 opening welcomed Rear Admiral Ted N. Branch, Commander, Naval Air Force Atlantic, and American Society of Aviation Artists (ASAA) founding member Keith Ferris. Located in Intrepid’s new temporary exhibition gallery on the second floor of the Welcome Center, this presentation is accessible to all Museum visitors at no additional charge.

Coming in November to the Intrepid Museum

*The Dignity - Vietnam Memorial Traveling Wall* exhibition will make its very first visit to New York City and be on display at the Intrepid Museum from November 7 - 21. This traveling, three-quarters-scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., stands 240 feet long and eight feet high and is inscribed with the names of those Americans who died in service or went missing in Vietnam. This incredible temporary exhibition will be displayed on the Pier, with 24-hour access. Computer kiosks and volunteers will be on-site to assist in locating the names of individuals inscribed on the wall, where visitors will then be able to do paper and pencil rubbings of the names.

Additionally, there will be a special Veterans Day ceremony in conjunction with the exhibit on November 11. For more information, please check our full calendar of events online at intrepidmuseum.org.
Dear Member,

Intrepid kicked off the summer with a fabulous Fleet Week, including memorable programming and strong attendance numbers. Fleet Week highlights included:

- **Parade of Ships** featuring Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus delivering keynote remarks.
- **Salute to Freedom** – Our annual fundraising gala, where we were proud to honor Admiral James G. Stravidis, USN, ESPN’s George Bodenheimer, GG Michelson, formerly of MACY’s and NASCAR’s Brian France.
- **Intrepid had its highest single day attendance record ever** in its 29 years on the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend, with lines four city blocks long.
- **Broadway entertainment** featuring a lineup of performances by Jersey Boys, Chicago, Anything Goes, Mamma Mia, Wicked, Rain, a Tribute to the Beatles, Priscilla Queen of the Desert, Catch Me If You Can and Rock of Ages.
- **The Tug of War** – the quintessential event on Intrepid’s pier took place on Sunday and secured a win for Team Intrepid against teams from the Navy and Marines.
- **Our free movie series** on the Flight Deck which began on the Friday eve of Fleet Week, with over 1500 people watching Top Gun.
- **Portraits of Flight**, located in our new exhibit space on the second floor of our Welcome Center, opened with stunning original paintings of various Naval aircraft, as a part our celebration of “100 Years of Naval Aviation.”
- **We unveiled our new Seats of Honor program** wherein seats in the Intrepid’s Lutnick Theater can be sponsored by a loved one, in memory of or honoring a service member.
- **Memorial Day Ceremony** – One of the most important days in Intrepid’s year, we held a moving ceremony for approximately 3,000 people featuring Admiral Harvey as our keynote speaker.

Other summer events have included Intrepid once again hosting viewing of the Macy’s July 4th fireworks, Meet the Pilots Day and Firefighter Appreciation Weekend.

Coming up, look for Coast Guard and Police Appreciation Weekends, as well as upcoming films: E.T. and Jurassic Park.

As always, look to our website for future events and thank you for your continued support of the Intrepid. I hope to see you all aboard soon. Enjoy your summer!

Best Wishes,

Susan Marenoff-Zausner
Executive Director

Photos from Fleet Week 2011.
Ever imagine what it might be like to steer a U.S. Navy submarine? Or escape from a disabled sub located hundreds of feet below the surface of the ocean? On Saturday, April 30, Jessica Williams, Intrepid’s Curator of History, led a group of nearly 40 Intrepid Museum members on a trip to the U.S. Naval Submarine School at Naval Submarine Base New London. Members got a behind-the-scenes look at the state-of-the-art facilities used to train the submariners of tomorrow.

The Naval Submarine School has a long and rich history. In 1916, the naval facility in Groton became the U.S. Navy’s first official submarine base. That year, the first class of submarine officers graduated from the school. Today, SUBASE New London occupies nearly 700 acres and provides housing and support facilities for more than 21,000 civilian workers, active-duty service members and their families. The base serves as homeport to about 17 attack submarines. Every officer and nearly every enlisted member of the Navy’s submarine force will be assigned to Groton at some point during his or her career.

On the bus ride to Groton, Jessica introduced the history of submarines in the U.S. Navy, charting their history and development from the Revolutionary War to the present. Upon arriving at the submarine school, our group disembarked and headed straight for the base galley, where we enjoyed eating the same chow as the submariners-in-training.

Thus fortified, our group met our two tour guides, who are instructors at the submarine school. Our guides took us to three of the school’s training facilities. First stop was the escape trainer, which teaches submariners how to make an emergency escape from a submerged submarine. Members peered into the 40-foot-deep tank while instructors explained how students use a special escape suit during their practice ascent.

The damage control trainer simulates a submarine’s engine room. With the touch of a button, the instructor can initiate gushing leaks in the pipes. Using materials as simple as marlin twine and wooden plugs, students learn to stop the surge of water and prevent catastrophic damage. The ship control trainers teach students to steer submarines. The instructors showed off two control trainers: one for the older Los Angeles-class boats and one for the more advanced Virginia-class subs, which are steered by joystick and touch screen.

Such a packed schedule left us time for a only brief visit to the Submarine Force Museum, home to the historic submarine Nautilus, the first nuclear-powered submarine. Members that had an opportunity to walk through Nautilus, check out the other exhibits or pick up a few souvenirs before the ride home.

The tour of these first-class training facilities coupled with the attentiveness of the submarine school staff made for a memorable visit. We hope to offer more member trips soon. Stay tuned for more information!

Questions? Call 646-381-5030.
More than 100 guests gathered in the Allison and Howard Lutnick Theater on Memorial Day, May 30 for the Seats of Honor Dedication Ceremony. Seats of Honor is a unique program at the Museum, launched on Veterans Day, it honors the military service of both veterans and current service men and women. Honorees are provided with an inscribed brass plaque, detailing his or her time in service. The plaques are affixed to the theater seats, host to the Intrepid Museum's introductory film for visitors as well as lecture series and film screenings.

Fifty-four individuals, ranging from Naval Admirals to Army Lieutenants and years of service from World War I to the present, made up the diverse cadre of honorees at the ceremony. Many of the honorees are former crewmembers of the USS Intrepid, and some returned to the ship for the first time since their service aboard.

Seats of Honor is an ongoing campaign. Our hope is to fill all of the theater seats by its one year anniversary on Veterans Day, November 11, 2011, when a second Dedication Ceremony will take place. For more information on the program, please visit seatsofhonor.org or call 1-800-223-0062.

Special Events: Seats of Honor Dedication Ceremony

Intrepid Museum Members receive a discount on Hidden Harbor Tours — from $29 to $22.

The Working Harbor Committee and Circle Line Downtown announce an expanded series of Hidden Harbor Tours® for 2011. The tours will be 2 hours in length, embarking and disembarking from Pier 16 at South Street Seaport on Circle Line Downtown's luxurious large motor yacht Zephyr. Each tour includes an expert narrator as well as a guest speaker from the maritime industry.

The tours include “hidden” maritime facilities in New York Harbor, including locations such as East and North Rivers, Upper New York Bay, Kill Van Kull, Newark Bay, Buttermilk Channel, Atlantic Basin, Erie Basin, Gowanus Bay and the waters of Upper New York Harbor. All tours depart from Pier 16, South Street Seaport. See below for tour dates and times.

Tour 1
The Newark Bay Tour Featuring the Kill Van Kull, Bayonne Bridge and the Giant Container Ports of Newark Bay. These tours are at 6:15 p.m. on August 9 and 5:30 p.m. on September 13.

Tour 2
The Brooklyn Tour Featuring Brooklyn’s Maritime Heritage & Future - Brooklyn Navy Yard

To purchase tickets, please visit http://workingharbor.com/index.html

Thank you for your continued support of the Intrepid Museum!

Member Tour Changes

Family-level Members and higher will still receive the one-time complimentary tour benefit. However, you may now choose from any of the tours listed below. Your complimentary tour is only valid for the number of people that your membership level allows. To book a tour, Members must contact the membership department two weeks in advance by calling (646) 381-5030. Please note that all Member guests will be charged the regular tour price. Guest will be charged the discounted admission price or may get into the Museum under a guest pass.

Additional tours can be purchased for $10 per Member throughout the year. All membership levels will receive this tour discount. Member tour tickets can be purchased at any time and do not have to be booked in advance. The $10 discount does not apply to Member guests.

Please note that all tours and tour times are subject to change. We cannot guarantee availability for a specific tour time and date. For a full listing of the tour times and days please visit our website.

Visit intrepidmuseum.org today.
A Partnership That Gets Better and Better: CASA Programming

By: Kerry F. McLaughlin, Manager of Educational Initiatives/CASA Program Director

The Intrepid Museum was fortunate to be involved with 10 schools throughout the five boroughs for CASA (Cultural After School Adventures) again this year. The Museum’s educational programming delivers a balance of content-driven lessons and hands-on interactive experiences to participating students. Our purpose through this program is to explore the interdisciplinary nature of history, science and service as inspired by the former aircraft carrier USS Intrepid.

Throughout their time in the program, students completed a variety of activities. They learned about crewmember jobs and heard experiences from a veteran of the United States Navy, examined water environments and creatures, created and decoded secret messages, designed propaganda posters and put all of this into context by making several visits to the Intrepid Museum.

During her 31 year history, Intrepid crewmembers created and published an onboard ship newspaper that chronicled their experiences on the aircraft carrier. In this same spirit, students created and contributed all activities, articles, artwork and photographs to a newsletter to document and recollect their own experiences at the Intrepid Museum.

We thank Council Member Vincent Ignizio and the New York City Council for making CASA possible once again this year. Thank you also to the parents, teachers, administration and of course, all of the students for making this program a wonderful experience!

WEEKEND FAMILY PROGRAMMING
Saturdays and Sundays from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Families are invited to drop by the Discovery Deck located in the Exploreum for arts, crafts and experiments designed around the four Exploreum themes: sea, air, space and life at sea.

Questions? Call 646-381-5030.
Summer Aircraft Excitement

By Eric Boehm, Curator
Aviation and Aircraft Restoration

Well it has been a great spring and summer so far, and I want to take this opportunity to recap all the happenings in the aircraft department.

First and foremost is the culmination of the project I have been telling you about for nearly two years. The Grumman F9F-8 Cougar is complete! (I can’t believe it either.) I must admit that when we started this project we all had our doubts. The task looked overwhelming. The aircraft was completely torn apart, the fuselage was in two sections, the wings were off, the tail components were dismantled and there were hundreds of smaller parts in boxes and buckets. There were more than 50 holes in the fuselage that needed repair, the wings had major damage to the leading edges and not a single square inch of the surface was free from corrosion. Don’t get me started on the many parts that were just flat out missing. I asked myself many times, “What was I thinking when we started this?”

At the beginning of the project I thought it would take three to four years to complete, but I totally underestimated the determination and skill of Kevin Banat, our aircraft restoration specialist, and that of our faithful band of volunteers. Every time we fixed a hole, attached a part or manufactured something new we felt a little better. Once the wings were on we started seeing light at the end of the tunnel. The painting process went smoothly due to the cooperation of the weather and on May 29, we rolled her out just 19 months after starting the project. We had quite a crowd there to welcome our new addition and to recognize the efforts of all those that worked on her.

In attendance at the roll-out event were some of the “kids” from Wall Township, N.J. This airplane spent nearly two decades sitting in a playground where the local children climbed on and played with her. I was able to make contact with many of these “kids” (now in their 40s and 50s) and they came up to the city to see their airplane. A special thank you goes out to volunteers Dina Ingersole, Peter Torraca, Pete Cea, PJ Aronica, Nick Zilocchi and Eric Adler. The contributions of these amazing folks made it all possible. See more images of the Cougar, from beginning to completion at: www.facebook.com/intrepidaircraftcollection.

Recently we held a very successful and interesting event called “Meet the Pilots.” I managed to find six pilots that flew some of the aircraft that we have on display here at Intrepid. This was a great opportunity to learn about history from the pilots that made it. The participating pilots included: Sam Folsom, WWII Marine Corps aviator and post war test pilot (he also volunteers as a Docent at the Museum); Rollie Shea, Vietnam War pilot that flew combat in the A-4 Skyhawk we have on display; Lew Chatham, retired Rear Admiral that flew our very own F11F as Blue Angel #5 from 1961 to 1963; Brent Richardson, who flew our F-16 during Desert Storm; and Frank Murray, USAF and CIA spy plane pilot that flew many dangerous missions in the A-12 Blackbird. Also in attendance our own local hero John Gill-WWII Avenger pilot and Intrepid Museum volunteer tour guide. The event was moderated by Mike Barger, former Top Gun instructor pilot. The event was amazing and if you missed it, don’t feel bad – I intend to do it again in the fall, perhaps with other historically significant pilots and aircrews.

As always, I would love to hear from you, please feel free to call or write me at: Eric Boehm, Curator, Aviation and Aircraft Restoration, phone: (646) 381-5237, email: eboehm@intrepidmuseum.org, and don’t forget to visit us at www.facebook.com/intrepidaircraftcollection.
SUMMER SALUTE TO HEROES

Our “Summer Salute to Heroes” features exciting events through September geared toward honoring our past and present heroes, while inspiring those of the future. Join us for a summer filled with dynamic, educational and fun experiences for all ages!

For details on all of our SUMMER 2011 events, visit intrepidmuseum.org

AUGUST 5
INTREPID SUMMER MOVIE SERIES
E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial

AUGUST 7
COAST GUARD APPRECIATION DAY
Honor our Coast Guard and enjoy special demonstrations. USCG members and veterans enjoy free admission with proper ID.

AUGUST 16
INTREPID’S BIRTHDAY
Join us as we honor the 68th anniversary of the commissioning of the USS Intrepid.

AUGUST 19

SEPTEMBER 18
HOMETOWN HEROES DAY
Join us as we recognize the winners of our Hometown Heroes essay contest for their outstanding contributions to our communities. The ceremony will take place on the Flight Deck of Intrepid.

Visit facebook.com/intrepidmuseum to nominate your hero!
Museum Hours
April 1 - October 31: Mon - Fri 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sat, Sun & Holidays 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
November 1 - March 31 (Closed Mondays): Tues - Sun 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
For more information and directions, call 1-877-957-SHIP or visit our website at intrepidmuseum.org.

Cryptology
By: Charles Thiem, CASA Program Participant.
Can you figure out what this secret code says?

esp dltwzcd ty esp tyecpato dslww mp ty xpxzcj qzcpgpc. espj qzfrse qzc zfc nzfyecj. esp tyecpato td l rcple dsta esle dfqtqppo xlyj mleewpd. estd dsta dslww mp ty xpxzcj htes esp dltwzcd esle qzfrse qzc fd.

Hint: Use a Caesar Wheel and line up the letter “A” with the letter “I” to help you decode!

Solution: The sailors fought for us. The Intrepid is a great ship that survived many battles. This ship shall be in memory with the sailors in the Intrepid, forever. They fought for our country. The sailors shall be in memory forever. They fought for our country.

Show us your “Intrepid” Side Photo Contest
We want to see your best Fleet Week 2011 photos. Enter to win an Intrepid Museum Surprise Gift by sending your best Intrepid photos taken at the Museum during this year’s Fleet Week to membership@intrepidmuseum.org or by mail to Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum: Membership Department/Scuttlebutt 12 Avenue and 46th St., New York, NY 10036.

Include your name, address, telephone number and email address with your picture. One winner will be notified. All answers must be received by August 26, 2011 at 5:00pm EST. Maximum two Photos per household.