



# Aces With Wings of Gold

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Presented by the Northern California Friends of the American Fighter Aces Association

**October 21, 2007**

The Hiller Aviation Museum

Located at the San Carlos Airport adjacent to Hwy 101  
601 Skyway Rd, San Carlos CA 94070

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Join us as we present our Fall Symposium and meet these Navy Fighter Pilots who accounted for over 45 destroyed enemy aircraft while flying during WWII. The day will provide an opportunity to personally meet and hear the Aces share their experiences flying against both German & Japanese pilots.

## **ACES THAT WILL BE ON THE PANEL**

- **Capt Robert Duncan** – 7 victory Hellcat Ace with VF-5
- **Cdr Diz Laird** – 5.75 victory Hellcat Ace with VF-4
- **Capt Joe McGraw** – 5 victory Wildcat Ace with VC-10
- **Capt L.D. Prater** – 8.5 victory Hellcat Ace with VF-19
- **Cdr Alex Vraciu** – 19 victory Hellcat Ace with VF-6, VF-16

**\*\* In addition to the Aces on the panel, we also expect a number of other Fighter Aces and Aviators to be present and participate in the day's events.**

**The Northern California Friends is associated with the American Fighter Aces Association and is a not-for-profit, all-volunteer organization. Our mission is to present the history of the American Fighter Pilot and Fighter Ace.**

## **Aces with Wings of Gold**

Don't miss this opportunity to meet these Naval Aviator Aces as they share their experiences flying and fighting from aircraft carriers during the Second World War. Experiences of the panelists include being the 4<sup>th</sup> highest scoring Navy Ace; being the only Navy ace to score victories in both the ETO & PTO; being rescued by helicopter in Korea, having his carrier sunk during a mission -- and many more.

The event includes the opportunity to personally meet and chat with the Aces during the mixer, hear their stories during the moderated panel discussion and get their autographs.

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**For questions call us at 408-725-8095 or 925-609-9222**  
**or e-mail us at: [NCF@hot-shot.com](mailto:NCF@hot-shot.com)**

**Please Note - No meal will be served at this symposium in order to keep admission fees down**

### **Symposium Admission Rates:**

Active NCF Members - \$30.00

Non-NCF Members - \$35.00

Contact us for NCF membership details

### **Event Schedule**

12:15 Doors Open

12:15 – 1:15 Social Hour

1:15-1:30 Raffle Drawing

1:30-3:30 Panel Session

3:45-4:45 Autograph Session

4:45 – Depart Facility

***Be sure to include the names of everyone in your party with your check.***

**AUTOGRAPH POLICY:** A ticket is required for each autograph, and tickets will be priced at 2 for \$5.00. Items purchased at the event will include a ticket. The Aces ask that signatures be collected only for personal use, as the autograph session is not intended to support commercial enterprises.

**Admission tickets will be held for you at the door, and walk-up registrations will not be guaranteed**

**\*\*\*ONLY BOOKS AND FLAT ITEMS WILL BE SIGNED\*\*\***



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