

Trip to Coronado “Island”





CORONADO

I S L A N D

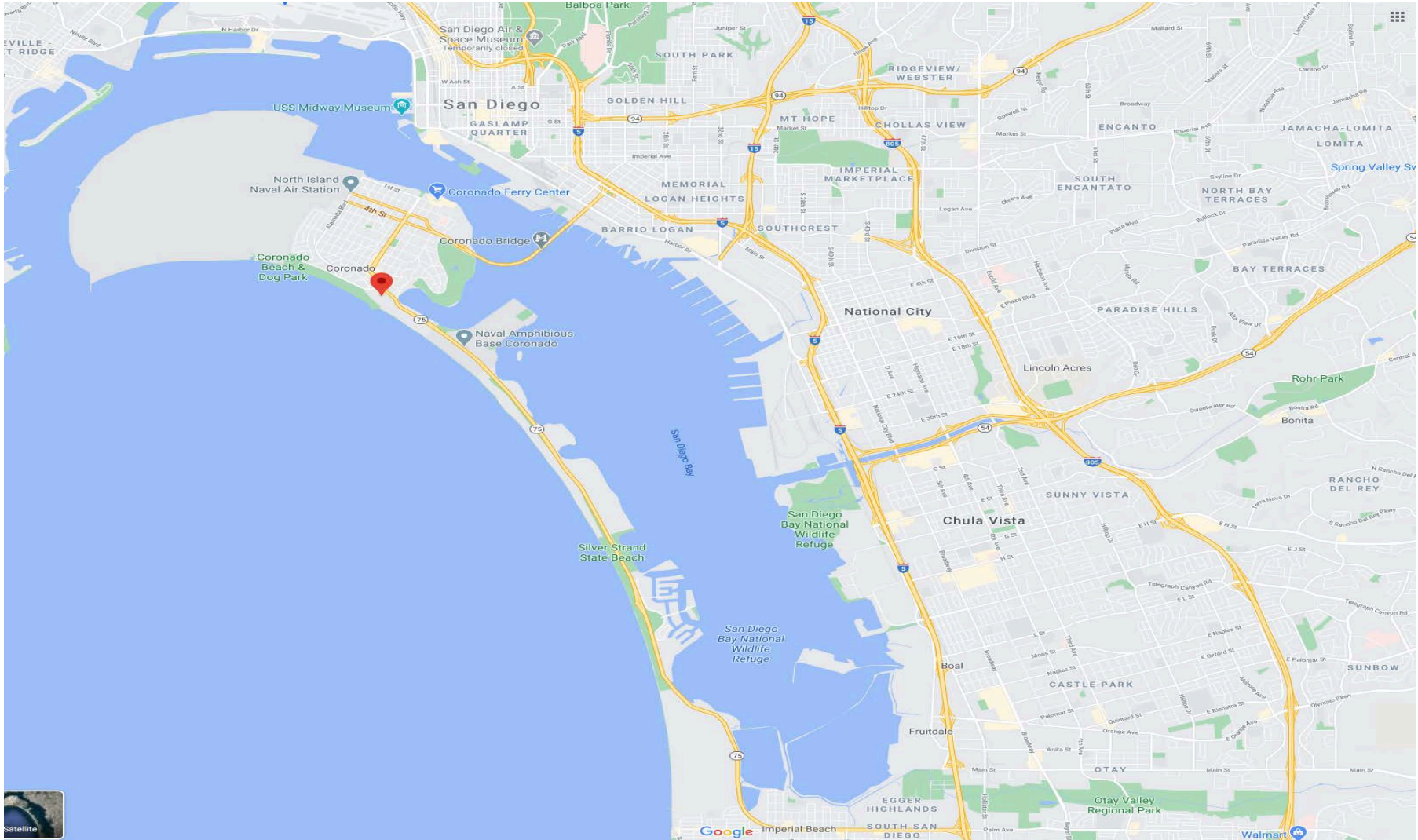








But is Coronado really an island? *



*Not really, since the Silver Strand connects the “island” to the mainland



--And...old maps call it a "peninsula"

--Also note that there was a gap (the Spanish Bight) between Coronado and North Island

--The Navy filled in the Bight to gain more land for the Naval Air Station

Naval Air Station? Yes! At one time over 400 naval aviators lived on Coronado Island next to the Naval Air Station



**CELEBRATING
100 YEARS OF
NAVAL AVIATION**



**Coronado Historical
Association**



Museum of History and Art

1100 Orange Ave.

Coronado, CA 92118

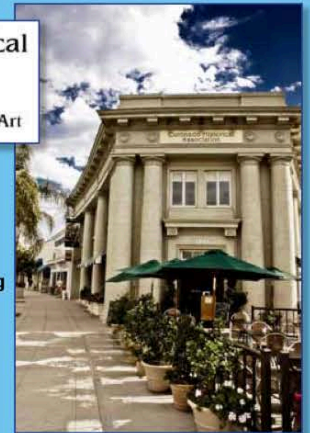
Like our yard-sign project?

Help us bring history

to life—join CHA today!

(619) 435-7242

www.coronadohistory.org



Now presenting...

WINGS OF GOLD
CORONADO & NAVAL AVIATION



1911 2011

On exhibit through
September 15, 2011

Printing sponsored in part by



619-437-1888

www.thedelrealtygroup.com

CORONADO CAYS,
CORONADO SHORES,
& SILVER STRAND:

269 36 232 47 151 69 67 196

PROJECT HOME FRONT PHASE II

THE CORONADO HISTORICAL ASSN. is proud to present "Project Home Front." When planning our new exhibit, **WINGS OF GOLD: Coronado & Naval Aviation**, a simple project to help our community mark the Centennial of Naval Aviation was proposed: to recognize the homes where a naval aviator once lived (or lives now), with a small distinctive yard sign.

This project continues to grow as word spreads through the naval aviation community. We continue with additions and corrections to the original brochure and will add them here on our website as we receive them and are able to post them.

How to use this brochure:

In the original phase, each sign has a number corresponding to a number on the map in the center of this brochure. **Additional numbers will not be identified on the map.** However, listed on these pages are the sign numbers, in numerical order with the street address and the aviator's name, followed by a brief military bio of the aviator, if supplied, so you can drive, bike or walk by the homes on a self-guided tour. Because of space considerations only a brief bio could be included. In some cases biographical information was just not available. At the end of this listing are names with for which there are



no signs requested and/or no address given

In general, the first 300 signs are represented in the first eight pages of this brochure, the quantity we originally planned for. Starting with this page, we add those additional names who have contacted us for additional signs and make any corrections to the original 300. You'll find this Adobe Document (pdf) searchable using Adobe Reader. Check our website often at **www.coronadohistory.org**, for aviator updates. Our bright blue signs will remain in place until mid-September. An asterisk (*) represents biographical material was unavailable. Highlighted numbers

represent well-known aviators.

*Special thanks to the volunteers who have made **Project Home Front** possible: Susan Keith, Rob Crenshaw, Tom Mustin, Lorraine Roley, Wright Smith, Becky Mercer and Boy Scout Troop #806.*

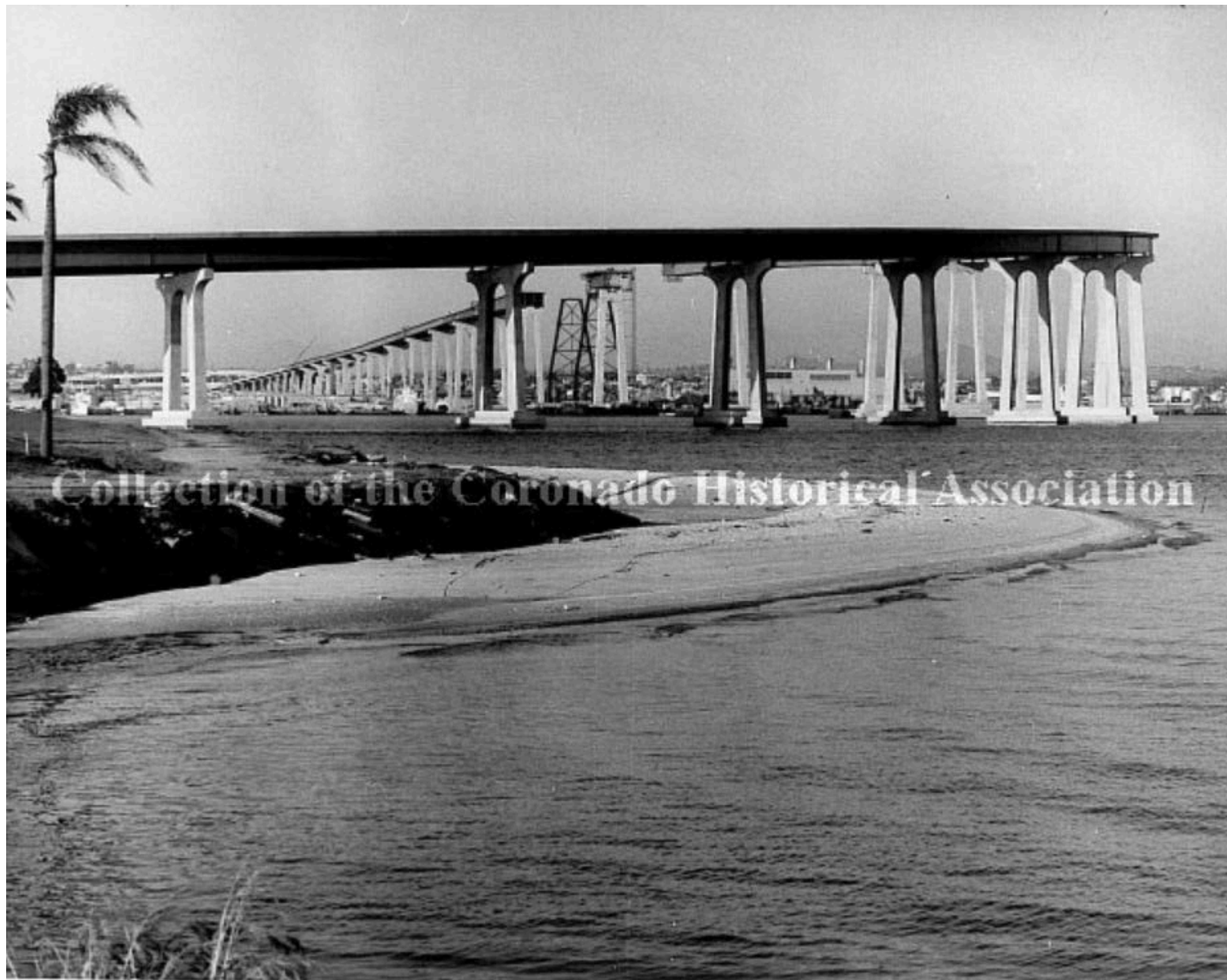
Duplicate assigned number, to be resolved

- 1 1411 Eighth Street **Adkins, Joe D., CAPT**
4100 flight hours, 537 carrier landings. Served since 1942 in WWII, Korea, Vietnam. Awards: DFC.
- 2 753 C Avenue **Andreasen, Peter Allen, "PI," CDR** 20 years of service, 1635 flight hours, 439 carrier landings, aircraft flown: F-14A. Served in Operation Southern Watch, 25 combat missions. Awarded Air Medal.
- 3 721 Country Club **Andrews, Joel, CDR**
Served 22 years, 3550 hours of flight and more than 200 carrier landings. Flew an E-Z over 200 combat missions in Vietnam. Awards: 3 Air Medals and Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry.
- 4 740 J Avenue **Arnold, Murr, RADM** Born 1900. Died 1991. U.S. Naval Academy 1923. Air Officer aboard carrier USS Yorktown, 1940. Pacific campaigns of WWII on Solomon Islands. Awarded Silver Star.
- 5 302 E Avenue **Arthur, George, "Wort," CDR** 23 years of service, 3000 flight hours with 450 carrier landings. Served in Desert Storm. Awards: Strike/Flight Air Medal and Navy Commendation Medal with Combat V.
- 6 425 Ninth Street ***Ashworth, Thomas**
- 7 820 Coronado Avenue **Ayers, William R., CDR** Served 21 years, flew an FJ-4 Fury.
- 8 751 Balboa **Bailey, Christopher Garry, "Blackjack," CDR** 15 years service, 2900 flight hours. Aircraft flown H-60. Served in Iraqi Freedom.
- 9 850 B Avenue, 428 H Avenue, 441 A Avenue ***Baldauff, Jr., Larry C.** 12 year of active service and 2500 flight hours. 320 carrier landings. Served in the Korean and Vietnam wars. Flew combat-damaged airplanes from Philippines to Japan for repair.
- 10 422 Tenth Street ***Centeno, Robert Joseph, "Peso," LCDR** 14 years of service, 3000 flight hours, 225 carrier landings. Aircraft flown: F-14. Served in Iraqi Freedom and Afghanistan.
- 11 1140 Alameda **Black, Lex Leroy** Received his wings 1930. Fought in WWII and Korean War. Died 1968.
- 12 751 Cabrillo Avenue **Boulton, Thomas A.**
Died 1957 landing an A2D on an aircraft carrier.
- 13 550 C Avenue **Bowen, John Charles, "Seawolf," CDR** 20 years of service, 2500 flight hours. Served in Vietnam, estimated 200 combat missions.
- 14 830 Balboa Avenue **Boyer, Keith, CDR** Born 1926. Died 2000. 23 years military service. Flew over two dozen types of aircraft. 229 landings on the USS Midway and USS Coral Sea during Vietnam. Awards: 4 Air Medals.
- 15 676 A Avenue ***Brandley, Frank, RADM**
- 16 880 Coronado **Brennan, Lisa Christine, "Devil Woman," LT** 8 years of service, 1608 hours, 320 shipboard landings. Predominant aircraft flown the HH-46D. Awards: 2 Boeing Rescue pins.
- 17 880 Coronado **Brennan, Peter James, "Sneaky," CAPT** 25 years active duty to date, 2460 flight hours with 765 shipboard landings. Served in Desert Shield. Awards: Bell Rescue pin, Sikorsky Rescue pin, Boeing Rescue pin.
- 18 1020 Alameda Blvd. **Bruce, George, "George," CAPT** 27 years of service, 5000 flight hours, 400 carrier landings. Aircraft flown: S2, several in combat support for support "25."
- 19 144 Palm **Buckley, Jason A., "JBuck," LCDR** 12 years service, 2200 flight hours, 205 carrier landings. Participated in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.
- 20 110 Carob Way **Butcher, Bob, "Thunder," MajGen, USMC** 33 years service, 100 carrier landings. Awards: DFC, Bronze Star Medal with Combat V, and over 15 other medals.
- 21 453 C Avenue ***Cady, Gordon D., CDR**
- 22 720 Alameda ***Campbell, Robert B**
- 23 924 Pomona Avenue **Cargill, Lee CAPT** 24 yrs. service, 2300 flight hours, variety of

All 400+ aviators have been catalogued by the Coronado Historical Society so they can be remembered for their service



The Coronado Bridge (1969) connects the Island to San Diego and is high enough to accommodate Navy vessels.



Collection of the Coronado Historical Association

And it also helps tourism as many San Diego restaurants and attractions are close to the bridge





1885: Businessman Elisha Babock, Jr. and Hampton Story and their partners purchase Coronado peninsula for \$110,000 and begin developing the area.

1888: The Hotel del Coronado, the largest resort hotel in the world at that time, opens only 11 months after groundbreaking. **Architects:** Reid & Reid.

Outfitted with electricity and every modern amenity, The Del was a destination resort before the term existed, attracting a wealthy clientele from the Midwest, East Coast, and Europe. These guests – who arrived with their own train cars and servants – generally stayed for months at a time.



30,000 trees were brought in—including the Norfolk Island pine at the Del, which came from Australia



1889

John D. Spreckels, son of San Francisco "Sugar King" Claus Spreckels, purchases all of the Coronado Beach Company holdings for \$500,000. Except for privately owned lots, Spreckels owns all of Coronado, North Island, the hotel, the ferry, the trolley, and water systems.



Spreckels Beach House 1940s



Spreckels Tent City (1900 to 1936) housed up to 10,000 people





Collection of the Coronado Historical Association



Collection of the Coronado Historical Association





1904

Lighting of the large Norfolk Island Pine at the entrance to the Hotel del Coronado, the first electrically lit outdoor tree in the United States.



The Crown Room was a social hot spot. HOTEL DEL CORONADO



Marilyn Monroe filmed "Some Like It Hot" at the property. HOTEL DEL CORONADO



New Year's Day, 1937: The SS Monte Carlo, a gambling ship, sinks





The Spirit of St Louis was built at Dutch Flats (now Lindberg Field). On May 10, 1927 Lindberg departed from Coronado/North Island for St Louis-New York-Paris. He returned to Coronado four months later for a parade in his honor down Coronado's Orange Avenue.





So where did the name “Coronado” come from?

On November 5, 1602, somebody on Sebastian Vizcaino’s ship, *San Diego*, spotted four “islands” off Baja that didn’t have a Spanish name yet. Since it was the feast day of "the four crowned martyrs" (sculptors who’d refused to make pagan statues in third century Rome), the ship’s priest suggested the name "Las Islas de Los Coronados."

Is the Del a Historic Landmark?

Yes, it was designated as such in 1977.

Is the Del worth a visit?

Absolutely! If staying in San Diego, take the Coronado Bridge across San Diego Bay and park at the Del parking lot and stay for lunch or dinner and visit the hotel grounds and beautiful beach.

If in a walking mood, take the ferry across San Diego Bay and walk a couple of miles down Orange Ave and visit the Del and surrounding areas.

For a real treat, stay at the original Del (not at the high-rises which are also part of the Del Coronado Hilton resort) and visit the island/peninsula/wonderful place at your leisure! The pandemic-friendly Sun Deck is outdoors and has great views of the ocean.