



Former Tophatters,

Since its inception in 1919 as Air Detachment, Pacific Fleet Ship Plane Division, this squadron has served our nation with pride and professionalism. In 1927 LCDR Gerald F. Bogan chose the "High Hat" to represent those same ideals. The high hat, now known as the Tophat, has endured fourteen different squadron designators while flying 23 types of aircraft from the decks of 20 aircraft carriers. We have operated and served with distinction in every major combat operation since WW II, in places such as North Africa, Iwo Jima, Vietnam, Grenada, Desert Storm, and today's current combat operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. Over the last 90 years we have continued to adapt to the needs of our nation and the Navy, but have never changed the standard of excellence that the Tophat represents. A standard set by CAPT Henry C. Mustin in 1919 and perpetuated by the men and women who have served under the 80 Commanding Officers since.

It is with great pleasure that I invite you to celebrate the squadron's 90th anniversary to be held in San Diego from 26th to the 28th of June 2009. Strike Fighter Squadron Fourteen is looking forward to hosting you and your family during this weekend while we honor our rich history.

Please help us extend the invitation to all former Tophatter officers who may not have received this invite. If you are interested in attending, please contact:

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Very Respectfully,

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