



USS Hornet Museum Holds Memorial Event for Missing Vietnam War Aircrew

Sun Staff Reports

The USS Hornet Museum will honor a ship's aircrew that went missing off the coast of Vietnam on Jan. 22, 1966, with a memorial event.

This event will be held Saturday, Jan. 22, 56 years to the day they went missing. The museum volunteer AirGroup has restored a Grumman S-2 Tracker as a memorial to the four-man crew of Anti-Submarine Squadron Thirty-Five (VS-35).

During the Vietnam War, the USS Hornet was conducting anti-submarine warfare operations in Southeast Asia. They were also assisting in search-and-rescue operations for downed pilots. On Jan. 22, 1966, William S. Forman, Erwin B. Templin Jr, Edmund H. Frenyea and Robert R. Sennett took off from the flight deck of the USS Hornet in an S-2 Tracker (BuNo.149252) and never returned.

The restored aircraft (BuNo.136691) was delivered to the U.S. Navy in 1959 and flew until 1982. In 1986 it was sold to a private collector and flown at air shows for many years. In the year 2000, the aircraft was donated to the Hornet Museum. AirGroup volunteers have been restoring this aircraft with the identical markings of the plane that went missing in 1966. With family members of the missing Aircrew in attendance, the aircraft will be unveiled to the public in a special presentation with a flag and wreath ceremony by the ship's Chaplain.

Rick Thom, COO Aircraft and Ship Operation for the USS Hornet Museum, will be hosting the event.

"We have all experienced the loss of a loved one," he said. "But few have felt the emptiness of a loved one not returning



Restored aircraft is a tribute to MIA plane and her crew.

home. Our hope here today, in some small way, is to ensure that these four Hero's names will Never Be Forgotten."

A promotional video of the event can be seen at <https://youtu.be/NQLAzgX6fUo>.

The event begins at 1 p.m. The USS Hornet Museum is located at 707 West

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Hornet Ave.

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The USS Hornet Museum offers educational programs focusing on naval history, science and space technology. For more information, visit <https://uss-hornet.org>.

City Council Debates How to Increase R-1 Zoning Density

Karin Jensen

At its Jan. 4 meeting, City Council considered a Planning Board recommendation to amend the City's municipal code to comply with Senate Bill 9 (SB9) requirements for single-family residential (R-1) zones. SB9 grants by-right approval of duplexes and lot splits in R-1 zones if they meet specific criteria.

Under SB9, property owners may now convert single-family homes into duplexes and split their properties in a process implemented entirely by City staff, without public notice or hearings or Planning Board review or assistance. The process is similar to obtaining a building permit. Governor Gavin Newsom signed SB9 into law in September 2021, and it went into effect on Jan. 1, 2022.

Although the City is not required to adopt an ordinance to implement SB 9, staff recommended amending the R-1 zoning regulations to create clarity for staff, property owners and the community. The R-1 District includes about 9500 parcels.

Planning, Building, and Transportation Director Andrew Thomas explained that under SB9 if R-1 property owners opt first to split their properties, the City could limit to two the number of housing units on each resulting parcel. For example, the owner might split their property, convert their home to a duplex, and add two more units on the other lot. They could then sell the second lot and its housing. They would have to maintain their property as their primary place of residence for at least three years after the lot split was approved.

However, Thomas pointed out a loophole in which an owner could first convert their home to a duplex, then add up to three accessory dwelling units (ADUs) as allowed under the ADU ordinance. After that, the owner could then split their lot and add at least two more units to the other lot for a total of seven units. An ADU is a secondary house or apartment on a primary home's lot. The Planning Board's proposed ordinance further allowed owners to add up to five units to the split lot, in other words, another duplex and three ADUs.

Public Comment

Twenty-two members of the public spoke. Of these, fifteen spoke against the Planning Board's recommendation to allow up to ten units on what was previously a single-family lot. One pointed to



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A former single family residence converted to a duplex.

the defeat of Measure Z in 2020 as evidence that most Alamedans want to limit density.

Several speakers commented that adding significant housing without additional parking will lead to congested streets. One pointed out that as the nation converts to electric cars, it would be challenging for tenants without fixed parking spaces to charge their vehicles.

Still others said that since SB9 is new and all cities are determining how best to implement it, the City should proceed with caution and only allow what is minimally necessary.

One advocate for the Planning Board's recommendation said that she would like to find affordable homes for her children in the community and felt that the Planning Board's proposal would allow her to do so and potentially welcome new neighbors.

Others argued that greater density is better for minimizing climate change. Still others argued that few lots are large enough to accommodate ten units given height restrictions. They would like to see affordable housing added in the few locations where it is possible.

Council Decision

After considering public comment, the Council decided to proceed more cautiously concerning density than what was proposed by the Planning Board. They elected to remand the proposed ordinance to the Planning Board to be redrafted with general directions to:

- Limit new unit sizes to between 800 to 1,200 Sq. ft. to encourage the building of smaller, more affordable housing.
- Use unit spacing requirements as a way to limit the number of possible units that can be built on a property.
- Incentivize lot splits to encourage the construction of affordable homeownership opportunities.

Thomas said he expected to return in mid-February with the revised draft.

Mental Health 50K Walk Honors Longtime Alameda Firefighter

Ekene Ikeme

Dozens of first responders and their loved ones took part in the second annual First Responder Mental Health Awareness 50K Walk on Jan. 8 and 9.

The two-day 50K, about 31 miles, was hosted by the Livermore-Pleasanton Firefighters Association. Participants began their trek at 8 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 8, at Fire House Station 6 in Livermore. They traveled to the halfway point in Castro Valley by midafternoon. The group started day two in Castro Valley and walked to AFD Fire Station 4, 2595

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Steve Jones

The First Responder Mental Health Awareness 50K Walk was created to honor Edward Smith III, who took his own life in 2019.

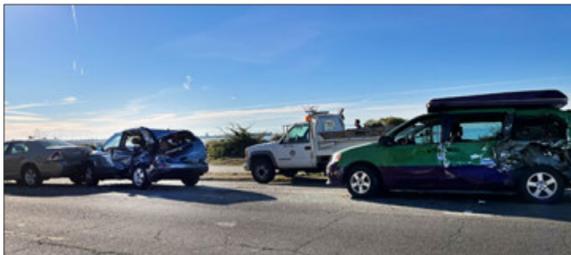
Man Arrested for New Year's Day Vehicle Collisions

Sun Staff Reports

A suspected DUI driver was arrested for a multi-car collision on New Year's Day that resulted in one person suffering serious injuries.

Armando Hernandez, 30, was taken into custody while receiving treatment Highland Hospital in Oakland. Early Saturday morning, the Alameda Police Department's Communications Center received the report of a vehicle colliding with multiple parked vehicles on the 1700 block of Shore Line Drive. As a result, six vehicles were struck causing major vehicle damages.

Hernandez was joined by an unidentified male in the passenger seat. Both occupants needed medical attention and were transported by the Alameda Fire Department to local hospitals for treatment. Hernandez was sent to Highland Hospital, while it is unknown what facility treated the passenger. The passenger sustained serious injuries, while Hernandez was treated, released, and taken into custody around 5:50 a.m., according to Alameda Police Department (APD) reports.



Irene Dieter

Several vehicles parked on Shore Line Drive were damaged after a suspected DUI driver crashed into them on New Year's Day.

Hernandez was charged with a DUI causing bodily injury and driving on a suspended license.

The crash happened in the same area where Alameda County Board of Supervisor Wilma Chan was struck and killed on Nov. 3, 2021.

APD and the City of Alameda have increased efforts to improve roadway safety. APD has focused on specific traffic enforcement and educational themes each month to help deter unsafe roadway behaviors and promote safe roadway habits. In January, APD is focusing on impaired driving. Over the most recent Christmas

holiday weekend, the California Highway Patrol (CHP) contacted one impaired driver roughly every nine minutes.

APD posted an advisory warning to Alamedans on its Facebook page informing drivers that their ability to operate a vehicle can still be impaired even if their blood alcohol level is under 0.08%. While patrol officers will have a primary focus for the month, enforcement of all other dangerous traffic violations will still be enforced.

Hernandez is not being held in any Alameda County detention facility as of Jan. 10.

Alamedan Looking to Win Big On Wheel of Fortune

Sun Staff Reports

Alameda resident Jeané Blunt will be a contestant on Wheel of Fortune on Friday, Jan. 14.

Blunt works as an IT communications and licensing coordinator for the University of California and recently completed her master's in public administration. She enjoys kayaking and cheers for the Oakland A's in her spare time. Blunt grew up watching Wheel of Fortune and while her sister and aunt are avid Wheel Watchers, it was a friend who encouraged her to apply to be a contestant. Blunt says she called her family after receiving the news that she was selected to appear on the show. "It was a wonderful moment that I will cherish forever. My sister was screaming!" she said in a press release.

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Jeané Blunt (left) on the set of Wheel of Fortune.

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