

# Skywarrior

## “Special Alert”

### SAVE-THE-WHALE

Revised: May 29, 2011



RS-77 - 144867

### This SAVE-THE-WHALE alert is issued by the A-3 Association for Action

On Oct 28, 1952 the first A-3 Skywarrior flew and yet today is still operational with Raytheon Flight Test Operations. The A-3 was originally designed to deliver an atomic bomb from Essex and Forrestal class aircraft carriers to combat the Soviet threat during the cold war. As that mission was taken over by the Poseidon class submarines, the Skywarrior evolved into a conventional bomber, airborne tanker, electronic and photographic reconnaissance, electronic jammer, trainer, VIP transport and airborne test bed. Douglas Aircraft Company designed, tested, and built 283 A-3's for the US Navy and 296 B-66's for the US Air Force.

#### The Mission

Recently, the A-3 Skywarrior Association was notified by Raytheon that A-3 flight operations will cease in 2011, they have just two fliers left. The one flier is BuNo 144867 a TA-3B and this one has been allocated to the Pacific Aviation Museum in Hawaii. Our present day mission is to acquire this whale and relocate her to NAS North Island and transport her via opportune lift to Hawaii and onto Ford island for display :

[www.PacificAviationMuseum.org](http://www.PacificAviationMuseum.org)

This museum is in beautiful Hawaii and was the refueling point for many an A-3 as they conducted missions for 39 years of naval service. This will be a great spot for her and a great museum to be a member of and/or volunteer your time with restoration activities, however our immediate need is raising dollars.

#### The Goal

**Phase One:** By June 2011 raise \$71,000 to prep and fly her to NAS North Island.

**Phase Two:** Transport her to Hawaii via opportune lift

**Phase Three:** Restore her to TA-3B or VA-3B livery and display her on Ford Island

#### How You Can Help

Skywarrior BuNo 144867, (see above), was built in 1958. This “Whale” was a trainer and trained naval aviators, flight officers and aircrewman on carrier operations and navigation. Additionally, this jet flew as a test-bed at PMTC, Raytheon, and Hughes serving twenty years after the A-3 fleet was retired from US Navy. Donations of any size will make a difference, periodic donations add up over time, and large donations are key to saving this A-3. This is probably our last A-3 project and as always, will be partly funded by individuals who commanded, flew, and maintained Skywarrior's. We will save this piece of aviation history for future generations to see but we need your help to preserve this great aircraft and tell the carrier based Whale story. Some or all of your sponsorship and/or donations may be tax deductible.

Thank you for your support,

Mark Swisher  
Treasurer, A-3 Assn  
4225 Inspiration Dr  
Fort Worth, TX 76126  
[mark.swisher@att.net](mailto:mark.swisher@att.net)  
Cell: 817-819-6623

The purpose of this Association is to provide an on-going fraternal-social affiliation of individuals who have flown in or foster, encourage, and support the memory of the A-3 “Skywarrior” aircraft and who are dedicated to the perpetuation of the legend, history, traditions, and camaraderie associated with the A-3 “Skywarrior”.

The A-3 Skywarrior Association [www.a3skywarrior.com](http://www.a3skywarrior.com) is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization, IRS EIN 43-1906260



## Aloha Whale Donation Drive "Save the Whale"



144867 Hughes Aircraft



144867 Heavy One-Two-Three



144867 PMTC with F-14 Nose

**Yes, I want to help with the current relocation and restoration project of an A-3 to Hawaii. You can count on my monetary, volunteer, or in-kind donation as indicated below.**

- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Contribution Letter)
- \$250 (Aloha Whale Charter Member)
- \$500 (Above & 1 year museum membership)
- \$1,000 (Above & Life museum membership)
- I want to donate periodically, please send my contribution statement at the end of the tax year.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Anonymous Donor**—Keep this donation between us

**Comments:**

**Donations in excess of restoration cost may be used for general museum support unless you designate a specific type A-3 below**

**Preferred A-3 Type (circle one group, A-3 type, or BuNo below)**

XA3D-1 A-3A A-3B	EA-3A EA-3B TA-3B	KA-3B EKA-3B	RA-3B UA-3B ERA-3B
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 125413(NY) 135418(FL) 135434(CA) 138938(DM) 142246(CT) 142630(DM)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 130361(AZ) 144859(DM) 144865(RS) 144866(DM) <b>144867(RS)</b> 146448(MD) 146453(DM) 146455(DM) 146457(SC)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 138944(TX) 138965(CA) 142251(CA) 142638(DM) 142654(DM) 147648(FL) 147666(CA)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 142669(DM) 144825(WA) 144834(DM) 144843(CA) 146447(DM)</li> </ul>

**Legend:** DM—Davis-Monthan RS—Raytheon Scrap: 6/08 144857, 142255, 147658, 147659 1/10: 142668 144841, 144832 9/10: 142667, 144838, 144856, 144858, 146454 - Cockpits Remain: 144841, 147657 & 142668 or 144832

The IRS has granted the A-3 Association the favorable IRS code section 501(C)(3) status which means that all donations to the association are deductible as charitable contributions on federal and state income tax returns as allowed by law. Our IRS EIN ID # is 43-1906260. All donations will be primarily for the Hawaii project and a receipt will follow. Any excess will be allocated as specified above.

**Please mail your tax-deductible contribution and this form to:**

Mark Swisher - Treasurer, A-3 Association - 4225 Inspiration Dr - Fort Worth, TX 76126 - (817) 819-6623