



Troop 175 Event Report USS Hornet Trip

When: Dec 4/5, 2004
Where: Alameda, CA

Scouts

VJ Arcega, Christopher Bazzanella, Ben Duddy, Jordan Goshorn, Patrick Hamilton, Brian Healy, Dane Hedstrom, Adam Lee, Zachary Leonard, Ben Merkel, Zachary Merkel, Ryan Spartz, Nick Williams, Sam Wood

Adults

Alan Abaraquez, John Bazzanella, Tom Duddy, Jeff Goshorn, Brad Hedstrom, Michael Lee, Russell Leonard, Julie Spartz, Dan Yee

Location

USS Hornet Aircraft Carrier, docked at the former Naval Air Station Alameda

Trip Summary

The Troop divided into two groups to embarked on this overnight shipboard event. The first group of Scouts and adults left Foster City in the early morning to attend the Aviation Merit Badge Program. There they spent all of the morning and part of the afternoon learning about flight, aircraft and other interesting aviation topics.

The second group arrived in the afternoon to tour the aircraft carrier with the first group. One of the highlights was the ride in the flight simulator. Many restored aircrafts where on the hangar deck for us to view and marvel over. An interesting area of the aircraft carrier we visited was the Special Weapons Area. According to our guide, this room does not show up in any of the design plans for the ship.

After touring the aircraft carrier, we were assigned our bunks in the sailor's quarters. There we learned how tight the sleeping accommodations were for the sailors. Rows upon rows of triple high bunks filled the entire room. After stowing away our gear, we had a fire drill and then were directed to the sailor's mess for a fried chicken dinner.

The evening program included a story time in the bow of the ship. Our Troop along with the many other Boy Scout Troops and Cub Scout Packs assembled in the dimly lit anchor room and heard about the many unusual and unexplained events that have occurred on the USS Hornet, in other words, ghost stories were told.

Each of the overnight group were required to provide two adults for night watch, Mr. Duddy and Mr. Yee were the lucky ones in our Troop to get the 3 to 5 am time slot. Much too early, we woke to reveille over the loudspeakers at 7 am. After breakfast, a flag ceremony and muster out ceremony was held on the flight deck. Most of the group disembarked the ship and headed home. Some stayed for a private tour of additional areas of the aircraft carrier.



Troop 175 Event Report USS Hornet Trip

When: Dec 4/5, 2004
Where: Alameda, Ca



Group on hangar deck



Under missiles



In line to go to dinner



Zack M and Zack L in catapult room



Dining in Mess Hall



Patrick, VJ and Zack in bunks



Troop 175 Event Report

USS Hornet Trip

When: Dec 4/5, 2004
Where: Alameda, Ca



Gathering on hangar deck



After Dinner Drinks



Thumbs up for Eating



Chowing down



Another group photo



On the flight deck