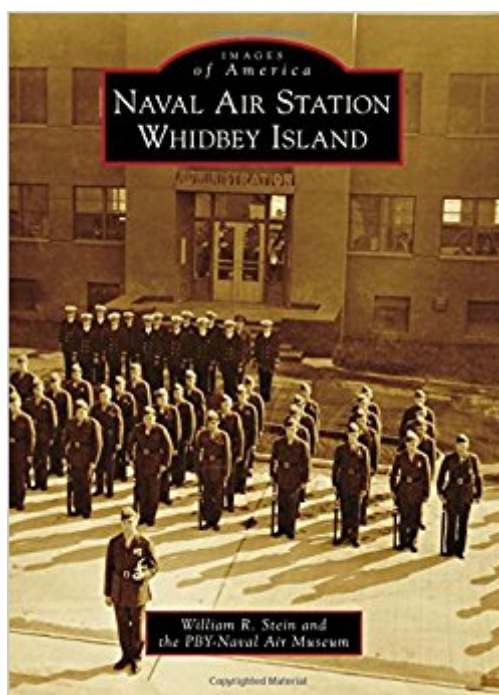


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# Naval Air Station Whidbey Island (Images Of America)



## Synopsis

Naval Air Station (NAS) Whidbey Island in Washington State has a long and storied history that began in 1942 and continues to the present day. Tucked away on an island that is its namesake, NAS Whidbey was originally conceptualized as a small support base for an existing air station in nearby Seattle. That prewar plan was rapidly eclipsed by world events, and the proposed support base quickly evolved into an air station of its own right. Through historic photographs chosen from the archives of the US Navy, the PBY-Naval Air Museum, and the personnel of NAS Whidbey Island, both past and present, the story of the air station is told. These images will serve not only as a trip down memory lane for those stationed at Whidbey in days gone by, but will also illustrate to younger generations their connection to those who served in the not so distant past.

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I was stationed 12 years at Whidbey and was tickled with this effort. The work is produced in the familiar "Images of America" style so you know what you're getting here; lots of B&W pictures with captions carrying most of the message. It was done with the help of the base PAO shop and other sources and offers an excellent largely chronological presentation of NAS Whidbey Island over the

years from WWII through about 2015. Pictures are a good mix of places/buildings, people and aircraft. Captions are good and the author is to be commended for his correct use of the Navy's frequently mis-understood pre 1962 aircraft designation system. Highly recommended for anyone who used to live or fly at NUW and want to see what it used to look like before Kow Korner went away.

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