

Sand Point Oral History Project

Help us preserve the history of the Sand Point peninsula from the 1920's to the closing of the Naval Air Station in 1996. We are looking for the names of people to interview who lived or worked in the area during this time period or who worked or trained at the base. The interview will take about two hours and will be tape recorded and preserved.

Perhaps you saw Lindberg land at the airport in 1927 or trained as a pilot there in the 1930's 40's or 50's. Maybe you know the story of a plane sunken off a Sand Point runway or trained to escape a plane in the Dilbert Dunker in the pool behind the theatre. Maybe you snuck onto the base to swim or bowl or got married in the Chapel or visited the Officer's building before it burned in 1970. Maybe you remember the fire. Perhaps you have memories of WWII or the Navy Band playing downtown to raise funds for War Bonds.

If you are someone who has this first-hand knowledge or know someone who does please contact us so we can arrange an interview. Naval Air Seattle is a federal historic district and this last year became a city landmark district because of its importance in early aviation and WWII history. It is important that the dry historic record is enriched by first-hand oral memories. If you are interested in helping with the interviews let us know as well. A family member can do the interview after a brief training.

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