

# Frank Mack

## Navy in the family

New president of the Glenview Hangar One Foundation, Mack used to visit the Glenview Naval Air Station with his father, who trained at the base as a U.S. Navy pilot. During World War II, Mack's father flew Navy Corsairs off the deck of the U.S.S. Saratoga. Growing up, Mack said he heard little about the war. "They saw that the world's actually a lot uglier than you think, and they just wanted to come home and have a family." The Morton Grove native does recall going to the base as a kid to tour planes during air expos and to watch planes warming up for Chicago's Air and Water show. "We'd sit on the hill out by Willow (Road) and watch them practice."

## Honoring veterans

The Glenview businessman learned about the foundation after past president Ace Realie — a World War II veteran — noticed Mack wearing a Corsair T-shirt at Glenview's sidewalk sale. The two got to talking and Mack decided he'd like to put his business skills to use for a good cause. "I've always wanted to do something for my country, and if I could help the village of Glenview, and the veterans, that would be great." He's hoping to help the foundation create a permanent museum to showcase artifacts, and a Challenger Learning Center, which simulates space travel for students. Raising enough money for both projects "will be difficult, but not impossible. Any time you've got an educational component, it's more compelling." Mack's a partner at Kugman Associates, managing companies with financial challenges. He enjoys driving his 21-year-old Porsche 911 and Ducati 916 racing motorcycle. He lives in The Glen with his wife, Marcia, and their two children.

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