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A Message from the President

As we go to press with this Newsletter, we’ve just finished the Thanksgiving holiday. I’m sure you joined me in giving thanks to our many service men and women in uniform who work around the clock and around the world to ensure our freedom and our safety. At the same time, we remembered to thank our veterans... those who served their country in their day and are now out of uniform. Our country and much of the world owe a huge debt of gratitude to those who come forward to preserve freedom and our democratic way of life.

This year, I also repeated my thanks to all those people whose contributions built the Whidbey Patrol Squadron Memorial. The tireless work of our own Memorial committee made it happen, and the donations of hundreds of citizens made it possible. The Whidbey Patrol Squadron Memorial is undoubtedly our Association’s most important and lasting accomplishment.

Lois and I are eagerly looking forward to the 2008 VP-2 Association reunion in San Diego next September. San Diego is a real Navy town and a superb setting for our reunion. Dave Krogh and his committee have chosen the classy Town and Country Resort for our hotel and center of activities. There are so many things to do and so many places to visit in San Diego that I’m sure we’ll find it difficult to choose which activities to pursue. The U.S.S. Midway on display, a Russian Foxtrot submarine on display, the Balboa Park museums and zoo, Old Town San Diego, NAS North Island, Coronado, Tijuana (bring your passport), Mission Bay, Point Loma, Shelter Island... the list is practically endless. If you can’t have a good time in

San Diego, then you need to check your pulse; there may not be one!! Look elsewhere in this Newsletter for more information about the reunion and for the sign-up sheet to send in your reservation. Note that you’ll also need to make a separate reservation with the Town and Country Resort for your hotel room. We look forward to seeing all of you in San Diego.

Lois and I wish you all a happy holiday season and a healthy and prosperous New Year. Remember that we do not stop playing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop playing!

All the best, *Floyd D. Palmer, Association President*



The Whidbey Patrol Squadron Memorial

From a Chaplain in Iraq



The following letter was forwarded to us by Dave Krogh and is described as a letter from Chaplain Jim Higgins in Iraq on 5/14/07. As with all such communications found on the Internet, we hope it is true, but have no real way to prove it. FYI: LSA Anaconda is at the Balad Airport in Iraq, north of Baghdad.

“I recently attended a showing of “Superman 3” here at LSA Anaconda. We have a large auditorium we use for movies as well as memorial services and other large gatherings. As is the custom back in the States, we stood and snapped to attention when the National Anthem began before the main feature. All was going as planned until about three-quarters of the way through the National Anthem the music stopped. Now, what would happen if this occurred with 1,000 18-22 year-olds back in the States? I imagine there would be hoots, catcalls, laughter, a few rude comments, and everyone would sit down and call for the movie. Of course, that is, if they had stood for the National Anthem in the first place. Here, the 1,000 soldiers continued to stand at attention, eyes fixed forward. The music started again. The soldiers continued to quietly stand at attention. And, again, at the same point, the music stopped. What would you expect to happen? Even here I would imagine laughter as everyone sat down and expected the movie to start. Here, you could have heard a pin drop. Every soldier stood at attention. Suddenly there was a lone voice, then a dozen, and quickly the room was filled with the voices of a thousand soldiers.. “And the rockets red glare, the bombs bursting in air, gave proof through the night that our flag was still there. O say does that Star-Spangled Banner yet wave, o’er the land of the free and the home of the brave?”



It was the most inspiring moment I have had here in Iraq. I wanted you to know what kind of soldiers are serving you here.”

A Note from the Executive Board

One of our modern-thinking Association members (*Dave Michel, if you must know*) made a suggestion to the Executive Board that we ought to think about creating a “Lifetime Membership” in the VP-2 Association wherein a member could make one dues payment up front and avoid the every-other-year dues payments that we make now. It was suggested as a voluntary thing that would only affect those who wanted to handle their dues that way. The Board talked the idea over at some length and then voted against it.

The reasons for turning the initiative down were mainly that:

- 1) we have no experience with actuarial data that would help us decide correct amounts for lifetime dues payments dependent on the age of the members, and
- 2) anyone who wants to pay their dues a few years in advance in order to avoid the biannual dues collection is always welcome to do so... \$20 for two years plus \$10 for each additional year.

Those of you who are members of the Association of Naval Aviation (ANA) may know that lifetime memberships in that organization got them into some financial trouble and eventual bankruptcy. When that organization first formed, too many people opted for “Lifetime Membership” with one large dues payment up-front. As the years went on, the ANA used up the money contributed by lifetime members and had too few annual members whose dues were supposed to sustain the business of the Association. That was a case of the ANA not having a full understanding of the need for sustaining their annual membership growth to keep funds flowing in.

When our Board voted down the idea of “*Lifetime Membership*,” it was with the understanding that our Association isn’t going to sustain much further membership growth because VP-2 isn’t producing any more alumni. We didn’t want a situation to develop down the road in similar fashion to what happened at ANA.



Veterans Saluting the Flag

By Vic Gulliver

Shown below is an excerpt from an email that some of us received several months ago concerning legislation to allow veterans and military members not in uniform the option of saluting our flag rather than putting our hands over our hearts. Read it first, then some discussion follows:

*WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator Jim Inhofe (R-Okla.) today praised the passage by unanimous consent of his bill (S.1877) clarifying U.S. law to **allow veterans and servicemen not in uniform to salute the flag**. Current law (U.S. Code Title 4, Chapter 1) states that veterans and servicemen not in uniform should place their hand over their heart without clarifying whether they can or should salute the flag.*

*"The salute is a form of honor and respect, representing pride in one's military service," Senator Inhofe said. "Veterans and service members continue representing the military services even when not in uniform. "Unfortunately, current U.S. law leaves confusion as to whether veterans and service members out of uniform can or should salute the flag. My legislation will clarify this regulation, allowing veterans and servicemen alike to salute the flag, whether they are in uniform or not. "I look forward to seeing those who have served saluting proudly at baseball games, parades, and formal events. I believe this is an appropriate way to honor and recognize the 25 million veterans in the United States who have served in the military and remain as role models to others citizens. Those who are currently serving or have served in the military have earned this right, and their recognition will be an inspiration to others." **This Bill was passed July 25, 2007.** Let your veteran friends know about the Passage of this Bill.*

Now, I am not a legal expert, but I know that passage of a bill in the Senate is not the same thing as getting a law changed. To change a law, the House and the Senate have to vote to agree on the measure and then the President has to sign it into

law. If you look up one of the websites that track Congressional bills, you'll see that the House has not brought this bill up for a vote and likely never will. Our Congress, you see, is terribly busy pontificating about all the problems of the world, although they seldom seem to solve any of those problems. My advice to all of you veterans out there is to **salute the flag if you want to** regardless of what some pinhead in Washington says. What are they going to do?... arrest us? This is a Freedom of Speech issue. No law is enforceable that tries to tell a civilian how to or who can salute the flag. It's still apparently okay in this country to burn the flag!! The Cub Scouts salute the flag with two fingers, the Boy Scouts do it with three fingers. **No one is going to object if we salute the flag with four fingers and a thumb held to our foreheads or to our hearts.**

I will say this about Senator Inhofe. I am not impressed with his patting himself on the back for getting this minor bill (which is of no real consequence) passed. I would be more impressed if he would get bills passed to solve our critical immigration problems or to improve the medical care for our war veterans. That would be something worth bragging about.



Call for Dues

By Doug Donohue

The 2008-2009 biennial dues period is fast approaching. The requested donation is \$20 in order to maintain an active membership in the association. Current dues status is shown on the newsletter label and on the roster page of the website. Please send your remittance to the Patrol Squadron Two Association at PO Box 2894, Gardnerville, NV 89410-2894 along with corrections to your contact information.

Only a few members have indicated a preference to receive the newsletter via the association's website instead of getting a printed copy in the mail. Those who have not yet done so are asked to please advise a specific newsletter receipt preference with the dues submission.

Stories and images for the website are also appreciated, as is any news that you want to pass on. Thank you for your participation in our association.



Notice About Email Addresses

Our website at www.patron2.com contains a roster of all VP-2 Association members along with the spouse's name, home state, dates served in VP-2 and each person's email address if known. We don't do it often, but the VP-2 Association will occasionally send out an email to "All Hands" if the situation warrants. Each time we do that, we find that our message doesn't get through to everyone due to one of a variety of reasons.

1. People change their email addresses without telling us so the message is sent back to us marked "User unknown."
2. People report an email address to us, but never activate the account with their internet provider, so the account doesn't really exist. Those, too, come back "User Unknown."
3. People have an address for an account that they seldom or never use, so messages build up until the storage limit is reached and the account can't accept any more messages. In this case, we're told that your "mailbox is full."

Do your shipmates a favor and keep us all informed of any changes to your contact information, including mailing address, phone number and email address. If you're paying for an email account, download your messages periodically to make room in your "mailbox." If you are offered a free (or inexpensive) email account as a bonus for signing up for some communication service, take advantage of it and use the email to stay in touch with friends. It's loads of fun.



"An Old Workhorse."



The Ship's Store

by Vic Gulliver

Ship's Store sales have been very slow since the last reunion. Since we're trying to get out of the shirt business, we've let our stock of available sweatshirts and golf shirts dwindle to just a few remaining... all in unpopular sizes. We will not be ordering more shirts. If what we have won't fit you, they might fit the grandkids!! We still have T-shirts in stock up to and including XL size. We still plan to continue to stock ball caps, patches in two sizes, coffee mugs, lighters, travel clocks, and Cloisonné lapel pins. We now also have the Cloisonné lapel pin in pendant form with a loop at the top for use on a necklace.

To help those who want to order one of our remaining shirts or other items, we have pictures of each available item on the VP-2 website at www.patron2.com. Because we have so few shirts in stock, we are also showing the number of each size shirt in stock to help you with your order. Please consult the website to make sure we have the desired shirt and size before you place your mail order. You may also inquire directly to me at vicgulliver@comcast.net.

Mail order forms for the purchase of Ship's Store items can be downloaded from our website.

Here is something to consider, and we'd like to hear your thoughts on the subject: You probably know that we carry coffee mugs in the Ship's Store that have a picture of the P2V-7 on one side and the squadron patch on the other side. We're wondering if there would be any interest in carrying the same size coffee mugs with pictures of the Whidbey Patrol Squadron Memorial on the front and back.

To get the best price from our supplier, we would have to order a significant quantity of mugs, with a hefty total cost. We would only want to pursue this if there is sufficient interest by our members.

Let me know your thoughts on this... email is fine.

Chaplain's Corner – Doug Millar



Greetings to you all! Hopefully you have had a healthy and wonderful year and are now ready for the Christmas season.

At the moment, I am going through an "audit" with the IRS. To be honest, it is hard to describe it as being anything other than a royal pain in the ... neck! But, like most events in life, there are things that can be learned - even in the midst of this. My responsibility in this audit is basically to accomplish one thing, which is - to satisfy the tax examiner's interpretation of the tax codes. It really does not matter how I interpret the codes, or understand them. What matters is what the examiner determines the law to mean. Yes, there are appeals, court procedures, etc. available to us, but the bottom line is that the ruling authority will determine what is allowed and what is not allowed.

This whole tax audit business has a very interesting spiritual correlation. We live in a time when everyone is pressured to be "tolerant." We are urged to be tolerant of religions (all except Christianity); tolerant of lifestyles (whether God pronounces them to be wrong or not); tolerant of revisionist history (whether truthful or not); tolerant of the idea that there are no absolutes; and tolerant of everyone's ideas of how one gets to Heaven when this life is over. The Bible teaches that Jesus Christ will be the judge who determines the eternal destination of each of us. In the New Testament book of John, chapter 5, verse 27 Jesus says, "**and He (God) gave Him (Jesus) authority to execute judgment, because He is the Son of Man.**" Later in John 14, verse 6, Jesus says, "**I am the way, the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me.**" This statement may sound intolerant - but it comes to us with authority, the authority of the One who has been given the position of Judge. Just as only the opinion of the judge really matters in my tax audit, so it is in eternal affairs. The judgment of Christ will be the determining factor.

Jesus Christ loves you so much that He gave His life on a Roman cross for you! Have you ever

invited Him to be Lord of your life? If you have not, consider doing so today. It will be the most significant decision you will ever make. He is the author of life. He offers us abundant life here on earth and also life with Him for eternity. This indescribable gift is offered as a free gift to us. But, like any gift, we have to accept it in order for it to be of any value to us.

Have a wonderful Christmas season. And remember, "He is the reason for the season!"



In Memoriam



We have learned of the loss of the following squadron mates since the last newsletter:

Charles H. Anderson, Flight Surgeon (squadron 62-64) Nov 06

Henry M Barber (squadron 52-54) Jan 07

Larry Gire (squadron early 50's) Aug 07

Sharon Kraper* (squadron 61-62) June 07

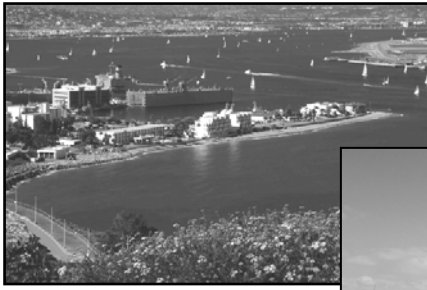
Corlis E. Preston (squadron 55-58) Jun 07

*wife of former squadron-mate

If you know of the passing of any of our former VP-2 Personnel, please advise Doug Donohue by email at nvsoar@charter.net



Happy Holidays!



Ahoy, Mate ! It will be Great ! San Diego in O - Eight !

Don't Miss the VP-2 Association Reunion
September 22 – 26, 2008
Town and Country Resort & Convention Center
Mission Valley, San Diego, California

San Diego is a great place for a Navy Reunion; a Navy town, world famous zoo and it's adjacent Balboa Park, one of the most stunning metropolitan parks in the nation, 1,200 acres, with more than a dozen museums. After all that, there are also buildings devoted to model railroads, classic automobiles, plus the Hall of Champions, devoted to legends in San Diego sports. The park was established in 1868 and exudes beauty and charm, helped by many beautiful gardens, Spanish Colonial architecture and a host of other activities. The Aviation and Space Museum is a favorite of aviation buffs. Within walking distance from Seaport Village on the downtown bay front, one will find the San Diego Padres baseball club's new Petco Field, and the recently established USS Midway Carrier Museum honoring naval and regional history.

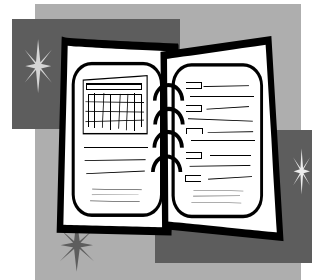
Your tourist checklist could include: Coronado and the Hotel del Coronado, Mission and Pacific Beach, La Jolla Cove, Sea World, Legoland in nearby Carlsbad, the city's Gaslamp Quarter, Tijuana, Mexico (passport required on return to the U.S., beginning 1/1/08), harbor cruising, and area golf courses.

Our reunion site is the Town and Country Resort & Convention Center... A finer location and site would be hard to find. You can go online at: www.towncountry.com to view the resort's amenities and facilities – restaurants, spa, salon and fitness center, lounge, etc. A San Diego Trolley station is a short walk across the resort's parking lot. An equally short walk beyond is a large shopping mall with over 200 shops and numerous dining establishments. Reunion attendees are offered a four-day room rate of \$117 per day plus taxes, and \$5 per day parking for attendees with autos. Attendees planning to come early or stay later can qualify for the same room rate for the three days prior to and after the reunion dates.

Those arriving by air at San Diego Lindberg Field may choose to take the Express Shuttle to/from the Town and Country Resort rather than renting a car. There is light rail and trolley transportation available near the Town and Country Resort to many areas around San Diego.

Our Reunion itinerary will be as follows:

- Monday, Sept 22nd: Check-in; evening welcoming reception.
- Tuesday, Sept 23rd: Association business meeting/luncheon. Free PM.
- Wednesday, Sept 24th: Activity day; optional sightseeing
- Thursday, Sept 25th: Sightseeing during the day; evening Banquet
- Friday, Sept 26th: Hotel check-out by 11:00am??



Here is how to reserve your spot(s) at the VP-2 Reunion:

1. Send in a \$30, per person, non-refundable deposit now or before March 1, 2008. Use the deposit form below. These deposits are needed to help with advance costs and to get a feel for the expected size of the group.
2. All reunion attendees must make their own hotel reservations with the Town and Country Resort and Convention Center by calling 1-800-772-8527. Do make reservations AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, and tell them you are with the VP-2 Reunion to ensure that you receive the resort's group room rate. A name and credit card number are required to guarantee rooms, so the sooner bookings are made, the sooner we will be able to bunch reunion attendees into a particular area of the resort grounds.
3. Send in the remainder of the Reunion cost (\$100 per person) by July 1, 2008.
4. Late sign-ups (those who didn't send in the deposit by March 1st) will be accepted, but the reunion cost for late registration will include an extra \$20 late fee. Total \$150.

Note that if you lose the registration/deposit form below, you can visit the VP-2 website at www.patron2.com and download a new form. Mail your form along with a check payable to VP-2 Reunion 2008 to Dave Krogh, 3470 Glen Abbey Blvd., Chula Vista, CA 91910. Those who wish to do so may send in the entire reunion fee of \$130 per person at this time rather than just the \$30 per person deposit.



VP-2 Reunion 2008 Registration Form



Yo, Mate, we think San Diego will be great in 2008, and plan to attend. I'm enclosing a check for \$30.00 or \$130.00 per person. Please add the following name(s) to the reunion roster.

Squadron mate: _____

Yrs in VP-2 _____ - _____

Accompanying Spouse (partner) _____

Check _____ Oh by the way Dave, I made my reservation at the Town and Country Resort and Convention Center by calling 1-800-772-8527; key word - VP-2 Reunion.

Mail your check, made out to VP-2 Reunion 2008, to:



Dave Krogh
3470 Glen Abbey Blvd.
Chula Vista, CA 91910

If you have questions, call Dave at 619-427-7602.

Membership

By Bob Champoux

Since the last newsletter, we've signed up a few new members. Welcome aboard to Member #555 Leslie and Carol Nason (67-69), #556 Richard and Merrilee Laudone (67-68), #557 Joseph and Minerva Huerta (59-62), and #558 Ted McPherson and AJ Lennox (53-56).

Assistance that we could use from the membership is NAMES of folks who were in the squadron with you and who are not currently members. The more information you can provide us, the better the chance of locating the person. This includes a full first and last name, middle initial, if available, and a possible city and state where they might be living (or used to live). Please call or email me and I will have someone in our committee attempt to locate the person.

Bob Champoux
Email: rchampoux@comcast.net
Phone: 425-890-3857

Model P2V's



Several people have asked (and many more have likely wondered) where they can buy models of the P2V-7.

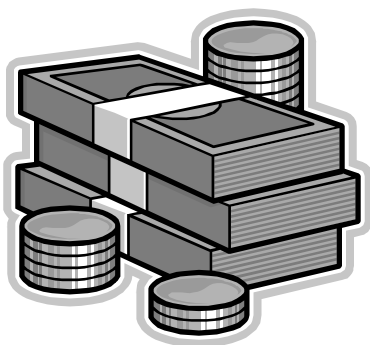
The VP-2 Association can't endorse any particular manufacturer, but one of our members is delighted with the model he purchased from Pacific Aircraft.

You can see this line of products at www.warplanes.com

_____ or give them a call at (800)-950-9944 in Scottsdale, AZ.

Their website shows a 16" wooden P2V-7 for \$149.95. We're told they'll paint the model to your specifications.





WPSM \$

By Doug Donohue

As a result of some very generous donations of materials and labor, and the extraordinary generosity of those solicited for funds, The Whidbey Patrol Squadron Memorial account has been oversubscribed by about \$35,000.

Association members were asked for their preferences on the disposition of these assets in the June 2007 newsletter. Of the responses received, 87 percent supported the idea of a scholarship donation.

The Association's Executive Board, in its September conference-call meeting, endorsed the donation of these funds to The Scholarship Fund administered by the Military Officers Association of America.

The Scholarship Fund, established in 1948, has assisted more than 9600 college students from the families of the seven uniformed services attain a college education. This fund supports MOAA's Educational Assistance Program, a program that provides interest free loans and grants for up to five years of undergraduate study to students who are children of active duty, reserve, National Guard, or retired military personnel, both officer and enlisted. Qualified students are under age 24 with a GPA of at least 3.0, and are selected on the basis of scholastic ability, activities and financial need. The selection process is overseen by the Board of Directors of The Scholarship Fund. This board makes the final selection decisions

The Scholarship Fund is supported by donations and bequests from MOAA members, their spouses, and others. MOAA administers this program without deducting any operating expenses whatsoever from donations. 100 percent of contributions are used for loans and grants. MOAA's General Fund pays all administrative expenses - salaries, office expenses, marketing costs, application and selection process costs, and

other non-educational support. The repayment rate on the loans is consistently 99.9 percent.

More info is available at <http://www.moaa.org/scholarshipfund.htm>

Contributions to the Fund are deductible for those who itemize their deductions on their Federal tax returns since the Fund is a public charity [IRC_501(c)(3)].

A donation to the Fund in the amount on \$25,000 will establish a perpetual named scholarship. Students selected for these scholarships receive a renewable grant of \$500 and interest free loan of \$4,500 each year they are eligible, for up to five years.

The Executive Board also discussed the idea of supplementing the excess memorial funds in order to support two named scholarships. This would provide for perpetual recognition to the contributors to the Whidbey Patrol Squadron Memorial and to the Patrol Squadron Two Association. A decision on the second named scholarship donation has been tentatively deferred until the 2008 reunion.

The Whidbey Patrol Squadron Memorial

By the Memorial Committee



It is hard to believe that the one-year anniversary of the Whidbey Patrol Squadron Memorial has come and gone. The Airman and the Wall stand proudly for all to see. Many people have visited the site in the past year, some leaving a rose or a flower bouquet in remembrance of someone. This past September 21st, a group of about 30 veterans from VP-69, led by Capt. Brian McGuiness, former CO and author of "Coffee on the Wing Beam", visited the memorial during their reunion. They were met there by Don Hanson, Don Grove and Bob Wolfe who were there to answer any questions they might have. There was much conversation and picture taking and lots of sea stories. They expressed great appreciation for the memorial.

In late May, the final 42 “late” bricks were inscribed on site. That brings the total number of inscribed bricks in the patio to 542. Then in August, Dave Bowen and his son spent a long afternoon cleaning the bricks and applying a sealant over the entire patio.

The WPSM Committee is still alive and well, and our task will not be complete until the lighting system for the memorial has been installed. The task has been linked to the availability of Don Howat of Blue Mountain Electric, who seems to be very popular with the Navy and has more than his share of work to do on the base. He has just completed the electrical portion of the new A6 and EA6B display at the corner of the highway and Ault Field Road. It sounds like we are next on the list. Once the lighting is complete, the WPSM Committee will close out and send all residual funds to the VP-2 Association. The Committee heartily endorses the decision to donate excess Memorial funds to the MOAA Scholarship Fund. We think it is a worthy application of the funds that were directed to the WPSM by donors.

Once again, the VP-2 Association Executive Board recognizes the participation and dedicated work done by the Whidbey Patrol Squadron Memorial Committee, and particularly Don Hanson, Dave Bowen, Don Grove, Bob Wolfe, and Jim Lotzgezell. Congratulations to all on a job well done!!



Biographies Needed for the Website

An initiative is underway to collect biographies of our Association members for posting in the Roster section of our website. Technically, we could call them autobiographies, since that is the correct term when a person writes his or her own story. But, we're not looking for long, drawn-out life stories as much as we're hoping to see one-page glimpses into what our members have done during and after their time in VP-2.

Your bio could include a photo from your time in the squadron along with a current photo to show how much you've "matured." We're thinking that a

great number of bios would be a terrific adjunct to the Whidbey Patrol Squadron Memorial in that visitors to our website who learn about the Memorial would also get a chance to read about the people who are honored by the Memorial. Doug Donohue has posted a few biographies on the website, and we would like all of our members (even those who don't like to write) to compose a bio that we can post.

We want biographies from everyone who served in VP-2. It took all different ranks and ratings to make up the successful team that was VP-2. People who come across our website on the Internet would likely be interested in reading how service in the Navy or just in VP-2 had an effect on the rest of your life. And they will want to read about what everyone did during and after their tour in the squadron.

Those who have Internet access should email their bios to Doug Donohue. Those without Internet access can mail their bios and photos to Vic Gulliver, who will email them to Doug.

NOTE: Internet access is usually available at the local library for those who don't have access at home. Don't mail original photos that you would need back; get copies made for mailing. Don't worry about spelling; we can fix those problems. But, write your bio now while you're still young enough to remember all the facts!



To view the biographies that have been posted on our website so far, go to the Roster section of our website.

Each underlined name on the roster is a link to that person's or couple's biography.

The following is an example of a typical biography... this one provided by our shipmate, Arley Hamilton:

Arley Hamilton AT3, VP-2, 1956-59

Naval Career

1955 – Boot Camp in Bainbridge, MD. Aviation School in Norman, OK

1955-56 - Attended Aviation Electronics School in Millington, TN

1956-57 – Transferred to VP-2 just prior to deployment to Alaska; became the Radar Operator in Crew 11. We survived an earthquake on Adak and a lot of bad weather and icy runways.

1958-59 – Deployed to Japan in Crew 8. On our way to Japan our plane broke down in Hawaii and we got to spend two unplanned weeks in paradise. Unfortunately, we ran out of money in short order. But it was still great. In Japan we visited the Hiroshima War Memorial and went on R&R in Hong Kong.

1959-63 – Inactive Reserves

1963 – Discharged from Navy

Work History

1959 – Employed by AT&T in the New Haven, CT area as a Communication Technician, a Staff Assistant in charge of budgets and training, and as a Testroom Supervisor.

1968 – Transferred to the Northeastern Area Regional Headquarters of AT&T and had assignments as an Internal Auditor, Personnel Supervisor, Building Operations Manager, and Regional Security Manager.

1985 – Transferred to Corporate Headquarters, assigned as Support Service Manager in Fairhaven, MA responsible for provision and all support services including environmental control, electrical power, emergency power and development of emergency procedures in what was the world's largest corporate data center.

1995 – Retired

Education

1962 – Graduated from the University of New Haven. Associate of Science degree, Personnel Administration.

1968 – Graduated from the University of New Haven. Bachelor of Science degree, Business Administration.

Family

1960 – My wife, Ann, and I were married in March. Through the years we had five children, two girls and three boys. We currently have eight grandchildren, six boys and two girls.

Hobbies

Golfing, skiing, camping, bowling, traveling, and mountain climbing. Attending and working on church activities, and attending our grandchildren's sporting events and activities.

We want biographies from everyone who served in VP-2!

Submit your biography today!



VP-2 Association Officers and Appointments



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From our Squadron
Flag still hanging in
Oak Harbor Tavern:

"Adamante Semper Parato"

Remain Always Prepared



Looking to Share Information in the Neptune Newsletter?

If any of our members would like to contribute news, thoughts, experiences, etc, please email Floyd D. Palmer at:
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Membership Dues Update

Today is your day to send in your membership dues if you have not already. Please take the time to support our terrific organization! Since our last reunion, our membership is over 400 members. If you know of any former VP-2 personnel, who are currently not members, please provide Bob Champoux with their name and address so that he can get a membership packet to them. Besides being the most famous Patrol Squadron in the Navy, their membership will provide them with a host of great opportunities! If your spouse, who was a member of VP-2, passes away and you would like to cancel your membership, please let Bob know. You are welcome to stay a member too! If you move, please forward your new address to Bob too!

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