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# VP-2 THE NEPTUNE

## A Message from the President

This is a good time of year for reflection, as we approach the turning of the page to 2016. The reflection can be about the past year and what the high points and low points have been. And, it can be the new year and what the goals and aspirations are. Reflections can be about our personal life or our organization. I suggest we all reflect in our own way on our own lives. For the Patrol Squadron Two Association, I would like to guide some of our reflections. There are articles in this newsletter that will describe events in the past year, and I encourage you to read them all. I will offer some comments. Several of our fellow members got together in August for a cruise to Alaska. Seems like it was a good time, and certainly there were other gatherings of members that did not make the newsletter. Please let us know of things you are involved in, especially with other VP-2ers. You could be surprised at what other members are interested in.

Another article describes a major achievement we all should be proud of. We have established three new scholarships at two colleges. All of this is possible because of excess funds that were available. While these funds come from various sources, the largest amount comes from our dues. If you are behind in your dues, please consider catching up so we can continue to leave legacies of the Association.

We all have accomplishments and life events that are interesting to others. Please read Vic Gulliver's article on bios and then take action on it.

The biggest reflection on next year is our reunion in Oak Harbor. This is a good opportunity to get back to our roots. Your reunion committee of Nick Niccum and Dave and Connie Bowen have put together an exceptional package for us to enjoy getting together, to reminisce about times past and celebrate current times together. We already have more than sixty signed up and the details are only fully available in this newsletter. Let's keep the momentum going. This is a great opportunity to enjoy Oak Harbor and to visit or revisit the Whidbey Patrol Squadron Memorial. Make your plans to be there.

As an added note, several of you have requested your newsletter by email rather than snail mail. This includes color photos. If you would like this option, just email me at [gregnsue@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gregnsue@sbcglobal.net). Of course, color photos are always available on the website.

As the year comes to a close, Sue and I wish you very happy holidays and a wonderful New Year. See you all in Whidbey in August.

Greg Kelley, President, Patrol Squadron Two Association.

## A Good Time Was Had By All *by Vic Gulliver*

Are you familiar with the poetry of Robert W. Service, who wrote about the days of the Alaska gold rush? His poem, "The Shooting of Dangerous Dan McGrew" comes to mind, the first line of which is "A bunch of the boys were whooping it up in the Malamute Saloon." We took a cruise to Alaska in August on which a bunch of VP-2ers did whoop it up. We had a group of twelve on the cruise that included Pat and me, Pat and Jim Welch, Ann and Arley Hamilton, Barbara and Mike O'Gara, Lynda and Gary Porterfield, and Elizabeth Chruma and her friend Diane Carbray.

We flew into Seattle two days before the cruise so that we could have a full day of touring in Seattle. Bob and Myrna Champoux did not cruise with us, but shared their knowledge of the area in giving us a tour of all the high points of the city, much of which was done while the Blue Angels practiced overhead for their weekend shows. Bob drove us through the Fremont district and other downtown areas before stopping at the Space Needle. We toured the fabulous Chihuly Glass Museum before splitting up for lunch at either the Chihuly restaurant or in the Space Needle. Our final stop of the tour was to visit the famous Pike Place Market where the bravest of us fought the crowds and the 99 degree heat to walk through the open-air market. At the end of the day, Neil and Linnea Kosbab joined the group for a superb meal at one of Seattle's finest restaurants.

The Crown Princess cruise was a round-trip, seven day event that stopped in three Alaska seaports and cruised through ice fields with glaciers nearby, then culminated in a visit to Victoria, B.C. before returning to Seattle. As cruises go, we ate almost continuously, drank at the appropriate opportunities, were entertained nightly by some topnotch performers, and during any lulls in activity we played Trivia in competition with other passengers.

Some of us had cruised these Alaskan ports before, so not all the couples took the same excursions in each port. But at the end of each day, we all met at our assigned adjacent six-person tables in the dining room for excellent meals served by a dedicated staff. Overall, our excursions included riding the tram up Mt. Roberts in Juneau followed by a trolley tour of the city, a narrow-gauge train ride from Skagway up into the Yukon, visiting the Mendenhall glacier with some taking a helo tour and landing on the glacier, a visit to an Iditarod dog training facility with up-close-and-personal contact with the dogs, whale watching and small-boat cruising to the glacier, and an amphibious "Duck" ride through the town of Ketchikan and then into and around the harbor.

We owe many thanks to Pat and Jim Welch, whose idea it was to organize a cruise, and then for all they did to coordinate everyone's travel and activities. And we owe a debt of gratitude to Bob and Myrna Champoux who went above and beyond the call of duty to show off their city. They suggested what we needed to see and they saw to it that we got there safely. And thanks also to the rest of our group who mostly behaved themselves on our cruise, and who made the trip most enjoyable. A good time was had by all.

Here's the group that made the 2015 Alaska deployment: standing behind Pat and Vic Gulliver are (left to right) Ann and Arley Hamilton, Pat and Jim Welch, Elizabeth Chruma, Gary and Lynda Porterfield and Barbara and Mike O'Gara.



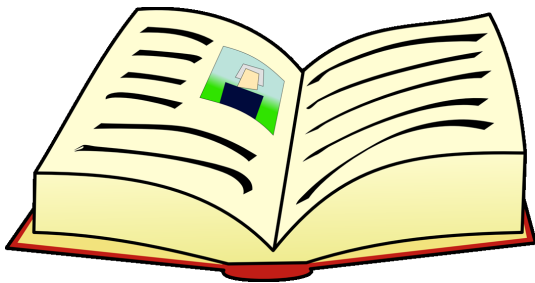
## New Scholarships from the Association *by Greg Kelley*

After asking for suggestions for use of excess funds, your board reviewed suggestions and alternatives and decided the best choice would be scholarships that would be open to all military, officer and enlisted, who served at least two years honorably, their spouses and children.

Your board then researched colleges that would honor this requirement and settled on Hillsdale College in Hillsdale, Michigan and College of the Ozarks in Point Lookout, Missouri. Each college was granted a \$15,000 scholarship fund. Hillsdale will award a scholarship for general college expenses and made the first award this year.

Depending on investment income the annual award will be about \$750. College of the Ozarks will award two scholarships to be used for purchase of books and begin in 2016. Again, depending on investment income will be for about \$375.

You are encouraged to visit the college websites for more information about the schools. Hillsdale is <http://www.hillsdale.edu/> and College of the Ozarks is <http://www.cofo.edu>



## VP-2 Autobiographies

Several years ago, the VP-2 Association began collecting the autobiographies of any members who were willing to write them down. The program started off with a bang, and then we sort of forgot about it, and the bios stopped coming in. You probably remember that a biography is a person's history that is written by someone else. An autobiography is written by the person in question.

The reason for collecting the bios is to display them on the VP-2 Association website for anyone to read. Our friends want to know more about how we spent our lives. But perhaps more importantly, we have visitors to our website who want to learn more about navy life or squadron life or how we contributed to military history and national security.

Our VP-2 website is like a time capsule that people can read to better understand who we were and what we did maybe long after we're gone. We did some important stuff both in the navy and after we left the navy. It can be interesting reading to someone in today's world who knows nothing about camaraderie and teamwork and selfless devotion to duty.

We would like as many of our members as possible to write their bios and submit them to Doug Donohue for posting on the website. We want to hear why you came into the navy, what you did in the navy, and what you did after you left the navy. No swear words. Don't worry about spelling... we have autocorrect to fix any mistakes.

Don't include personal stuff like address, phone number, etc. There is no particular format needed. Take a look at the great bios on the website now to see the many different ways a bio can be constructed. Humor is okay. See the bio in this newsletter to give you some ideas. Include a couple of photos if you can. Do take this to heart and start writing while you still remember stuff.



Our most recent **MOAA Scholarship Students**, Carolina Phillips and John Cook express their thanks. These are followed by a profile of the first Hillsdale College scholarship student, John Novak. John was awarded a \$500 scholarship.

### John Novak

John is an incoming transfer student. His major interest is Economics. His minor interest is Chemistry.

His future plans include an advanced degree in engineering.

He previously studied on-line through Strayer University and served honorably in the United States Marine Corps for twelve years.

John is a married, independent student with two daughters. His wife is a Hillsdale graduate.

Dear Whilbey Patrol Squadron Memorial Foundation,

Thank you for selecting me as your Designated Scholar. It truly means a lot to me, since financing my education is quite difficult. I am currently attending Eastern Mennonite University in Harrisonburg, Virginia. I will be completing my junior year as a History and Social Sciences Education major this coming spring.

What makes your donation so helpful is because it alleviates my family's concern on funding my education, so they can focus on raising my younger brother Jacob, who has Autism. Please continue to do the great work you are doing. Have a great Fall.

Many Thanks,

Robert Cook



Dear Donors,

Thank you so much for the \$500 grant this semester. It came at the perfect time. This is my first semester living off campus and not having a meal plan to eat on campus so I was able to use the extra money to help pay for food and other expenses. For that I am extremely grateful! I am currently a junior at Liberty University, and I am studying Teaching English as a Second Language with a minor in Global Studies. When I graduate in

2017 I plan to participate in The World Race - an eleven month trip to eleven different nations - doing different types of mission work in each country. Afterwards, my goal is to move overseas and teach English and help start a church. I'm not sure what country God is calling me to yet, I just know I want to share Christ (and English) with others! I am so appreciative of your donation to my schooling to make this a possibility! Thank you very much! Sincerely, Carolina Phillips



## VP-2 Autobiographies Featuring: Robert Bender

### Patrol Squadron Two 1961-1964



I was born in 1936 at a very young age in Middleville, Michigan. Graduated Michigan State University in 1958 and had my first date with a freshman named Carol Cox on graduation day. We were married a year later as I was about to begin flight training in Pensacola. Carol turned out to be way smarter, more disciplined, organized and focused than I could ever hope to be but, hey, even a blind sow finds an acorn sometimes. We raised three reasonably normal kids who were born respectively in Texas, Washington and Ohio.

After flight training and 3 months at the VP RAG in San Diego, we reported to VP-2 at Whidbey in January of 1961. Three Alaskan deployments later we departed the active duty pattern, returned to Michigan, and affiliated with the Reserves. First tour there was with an S-2 squadron at NAS Grosse Ile, which was relocated to Selfridge ANG base and became NAF Detroit, and transitioned to the P-3. Once again the blind sow found the acorn and, after tours as Safety Officer, Ops boss and XO, became CO of VP-93 in 1981.

Obviously that tour ended my flying career with the Navy but, once again the blind sow effect carried me along, and I spent the last 9 years of my Naval Career as a staff officer at NATO headquarters in Brussels, Belgium. There my most memorable experience was to have been assigned as personal escort to Prince Charles as he conducted an inspection tour of NATO – unfortunately without the late Princess Diana. I finally retired from the Navy in 1991.

Meanwhile, returning to Michigan from active duty in 1964, my day job involved owning and operating an 1100 acre, 500 head dairy farm. We were in the farming business for the next 20 years and, after the required lobotomy (in which a portion of the brain is removed) went kicking and screaming into the political arena. I then served on and chaired the County Board of Commissioners for four years and was elected, in 1982, to the full time Michigan Legislature where I served for the next 12 years.

Following that misguided period in our lives, Carol retired from teaching and we served two years as Peace Corps volunteers in Russia. It took me that long to finally figure out how to read and pronounce the names of those Soviet ships we used to rig back in VP-2. Ironically, one of the Russians we met there had been a fire control technician on a Soviet destroyer, operating in the north Pacific, at the exact same time we were flying those mind numbing patrols out of Adak. It is entirely possible that he may have been manning those guns that tracked us as we made a low pass along side their ship.



# For the OLD HANDS!



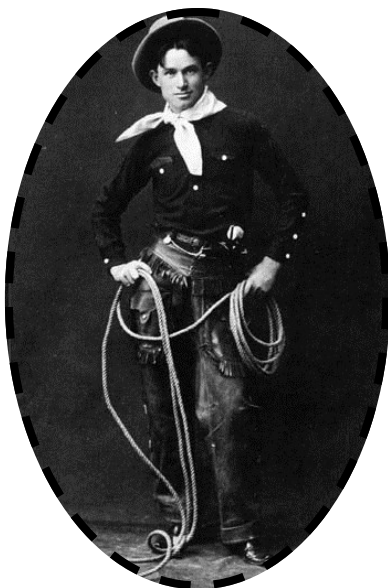
## Neptune Manuals available on CD.

If nostalgia gets to you and you would like a P2 Flight or NATOPS Manual go to the following link and you can purchase from a Third Party.

<http://www.flight-manuals-on-cd.com/P2.html>

## Will Rogers who died in an airplane crash in 1935 was possibly one of the country's

*Here are  
some of  
His*



Never squat while wearing your spurs.  
Never slap a man who is chewing tobacco.  
Never kick a cow chip on a hot day.  
There are two theories to arguing with a woman. Neither works.  
Never miss a good chance to shut up.  
Always drink upstream from the herd.  
If you find yourself in a hole, stop digging.  
The quickest way to double your money is fold it and put it back in your pocket.

There are three kinds of men:

- The ones who learn by reading.
- The few who learn by observation.
- The rest of them have to pee on the electric fence and find out for themselves.

Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad experience.

If you're riding ahead of the herd, take a look back every now and then to make sure it is still there.

Lettin' the cat out of the bag is a whole lot easier than putting it back in. After eating an entire bull, a mountain lion felt so good he started roaring. He kept it up until a hunter came along and shot him.

The moral: When you're full of bull, keep your mouth shut.

## A P2 at the Gate

*By Bob Behrend and Greg Kelley*



This is a photo of a P2V-7 at Marine Corps Base Kaneohe Bay (KBay). The plane was originally placed at the Main Gate at Barber's Point when Bob Behrend was XO in 1981. When the base closed in 1999, the plane's wings were removed and it was trucked to KBay, reassembled and placed at the front gate.

In July of this year while staying at a B&B in Boothbay Harbor, Maine, Greg Kelley was talking with the hostess and learned she was a retired ADCS. For those of us from the 60's this was a big change from the ADCs we knew, Renee told me she seemed to cause bases to close, She had closed Barber's Point and NAS Brunswick. She was in AMD in Hawaii and remembers very well the difficulty in moving the P2 across the island.

Small world.

**Looking forward to seeing you all at the VP-2 Reunion!**



## Treasurer's Notes

*By Bob Behrend*

As Greg stated in this newsletter, the Association has again funded scholarships for military connected individuals. With the addition of the three most recent scholarships, you as members of the Association can be justifiably proud that your dues and donations are currently, and will continue to make a difference in the lives of deserving young people.

As we move towards the end of the year, just a reminder that this is time to review your dues status. If you are unsure of your dues status please refer to the newsletter mailing label or the roster page of the VP-2 webpage. The year shown is for dues not received. Dues are \$20 for two years.

If you owe current or back dues please send a check made out to VP-2 Association and mail it to me:

VP-2 Association  
98-1820 P Kaahumanu Street  
Pearl City, HI 96782-1882

Widows of VP-2 vets are exempt from dues. If you have questions concerning your dues status email me at:

[behrendr001@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:behrendr001@hawaii.rr.com)

Lastly, please maintain current contact information with the Association. If you have moved or changed some other part of your current contact information, let me know by the email address above, or call 808-455-7670.



## Pssst... Hey, Sailor; Wanna' Have a Good Time?

Call 425-788-9834 and ask for Nick

*Better yet, read the article below and send in your reservation and payment for*

## The 2016 VP-2 Reunion in Oak Harbor, Washington

As advertised in the last Newsletter, the VP-2 Association is holding its 2016 reunion in Oak Harbor, WA on beautiful Whidbey Island from Thursday, August 25th through Sunday, August 28th, 2016. We'll be based at the **Best Western Hotel in Oak Harbor**. We'll have two dinner events, free hot breakfasts each day, a choice of optional tours, a Ready Room for visiting and relaxing, and the chance to renew old friendships and make some new ones.

**Our Hotel:** If you are planning (or just hoping) to attend the reunion, there are some things you need to do soon. One is to make your reservation with the Best Western Hotel by calling them at [360-679-4567](tel:360-679-4567). Tell them you are with the VP-2 reunion group in order to get our special discounted room rate of \$90 per night. Most attendees will likely arrive on Thursday, August 25th and depart on Monday, August 29th, but you may arrive earlier or stay later with the same great room rate. We have 60 rooms set aside at our low rate, so we emphasize the need to book your room early to guarantee that rate. The hotel will require a credit card to book the room, but the card will not be charged until you check-out after the reunion. You may cancel the hotel reservation up to three days prior to your first day without a cancellation fee. ***Again, your hotel reservations are up to you and are separate from your reunion reservations.***

**Reunion Registration:** Your reunion committee needs to know how many will be attending the reunion, so we ask that you use the form provided in this newsletter to send in your reservation for the reunion, for your choices of optional tours, and with your full payment. You'll have a choice of entree for the Sunday night banquet, so we'll need to hear your selections. The form and your check should be mailed to **Nick Niccum at 18821 185th Ave., Woodinville, WA 98077. Make checks payable to "VP-2 Reunion."** The cost of the reunion is \$120 per person plus the cost of the tours chosen. A deadline of April 1, 2016 is set for registration, but earlier submissions are needed and greatly appreciated so that we can do our detailed planning.

**Transportation:** For those coming in via SeaTac airport, there is scheduled shuttle service from the airport to Oak Harbor for \$80 per person round-trip with an added \$2.50 drop off charge for stopping at the Best Western. The Whidbey-SeaTac Shuttle is available with nine trips a day up to Oak Harbor. They depart SeaTac every two hours starting at 6:45 am, seven days a week. Reservations are required, and can be made online at [www.seatacshuttle.com](http://www.seatacshuttle.com) or call 877-679-4003 toll free. They do give discounts for military, seniors, youth and round trips.

### Reunion Schedule of Events

- Thursday:** Hotel check-in 4:00 to 6:00 pm.  
Evening welcome reception with open bar (beer, wine, soft drinks) and heavy hors d'oeuvres.  
Members may BYOB if liquor is desired.
- Friday:** Women's Meet and Greet meeting  
Association business meeting  
Optional tour #1 of the Naval Air Station with a luncheon on the base and follow-on visits to the Veterans Memorial Park, the Whidbey Patrol Memorial and the PBY museum.  
Dinner on your own at your choice of a local restaurant.
- Saturday:** Optional tour #2 of the Boeing plant and the Paul Allen Flying Heritage Collection at Paine Field in Everett. **A good deal of walking required.** OR Optional tour #3 to Fort Casey, Admiralty Head Lighthouse, Port Townsend and Coupeville for sightseeing, shopping and wine tasting. **A good deal of walking required.**  
Dinner on your own at your choice of a local restaurant
- Sunday:** Religious service conducted by our own Doug Millar.  
Optional tour #4 is a catered picnic in Bowman Bay Park and a one-hour boat ride through Deception Pass.  
Evening cash bar cocktail hour and closing banquet with choice of entree
- Monday:** Hotel check-out by 11:00am.





## Tour Descriptions:

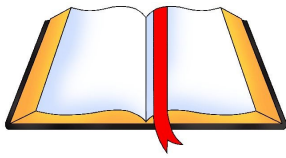
**Tour #1 Friday:** Travel by bus to the Naval Air Station where we will first notice the newly refurbished A3D on display at the main gate. Inside the gate, we expect to have a quick tour of the airfield and the old familiar flight line where we will see P-3 Orions, EA-18 Growlers, and maybe the new P-8 Poseidons. We'll have lunch at the O' Club, and hopefully a guest speaker to fill us in on Navy current events. Then back on the bus for a short trip to the Veterans Memorial Park to participate in the ceremony of the city's rededication of the park after its summer-long remodeling. We'll have time to visit the famous Whidbey Patrol Squadron Memorial that we all worked so hard to create. Before returning to the hotel, we'll visit the PBY Museum and get up close and personal with the PBY that is undergoing renovation at the site. **The cost of this tour is \$39 per person which includes lunch.**

**Tour #2 Saturday:** Travel by bus to Paine Field near Everett to visit the Flying Heritage Collection owned by Paul Allen of Microsoft fame. This is an amazing collection of vintage aircraft in two hangars full of history. Most of these aircraft have been restored to flying condition. Then on to the Boeing plant for a walking tour of where the 787 aircraft are assembled. A box lunch will be provided during this day-long tour. **The cost of this tour is \$63 per person which includes a box lunch. There will be considerable walking on this tour.**

OR

**Tour #3 Saturday:** Note that this is an alternate tour. One can take Tour #2 or Tour #3, but not both. Bring your cameras as you may see whales, seals, sea lions, porpoises or Orcas... but maybe not. The first stop is Fort Casey, which was an important defense facility in World War I, guarding the Puget Sound. Then on to the Admiralty Head lighthouse, which was recently restored and is quite picturesque. Then off to the ferry terminal to walk onto the ferry to Port Townsend on the Olympic Peninsula. Port Townsend is a quaint old town from the windjammer days with numerous gift and antique shops, snack and coffee shops. We'll browse and walkabout for two hours before again boarding the Coupeville (Keystone) ferry back to Whidbey Island. We'll bus to Coupeville for another walkabout, with more shops, an historic museum and a great pier where you can see the skeleton of "Rosie" the whale that washed up on Whidbey Island and was cleaned and reassembled for display. Then wander one block to the Bay Leaf Wine and Cheese Shop to sample some wine and nibbles before heading back to our hotel. **The cost of this tour is \$15 per person, and there will be additional charges on the tour for ferry tickets (under \$2 each way) and optional food and wine tasting. There will be considerable walking on this tour.**

**Tour #4 Sunday:** We'll board shuttle buses to Deception Pass and Bowman Bay, where we'll be picked up for a boat cruise around and through Deception Pass. An on-board guide will tell us about the history of the Pass, the bridge, the wildlife and surrounding area. Bowman Bay has a great history with structures built during the Great Depression era by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC). We'll have a catered picnic at the shelter in the park with a variety of hot foods and cold salads. **It can be chilly near the water, so jackets are advised. The cost of this tour is \$56 per person which includes the picnic lunch and the boat ride.**



## In Memoriam

We have learned of the loss of the following association and associate members since our June '15 newsletter:

**Thomas Madigan**  
Squadron 51-53  
Jun 15

**Joseph Brown**  
Squadron 58-60  
Jun 15

**Thomas W. Skoblicki**  
Squadron 63-66 and 68-69  
May 15

**Charles Balchunas**  
Squadron 56-59  
Aug 15

**Peggy Lane**  
Wife of Capt. Dwight A. Lane  
Squadron CO 64-65  
Apr 15

**Linda Scanlan**  
Wife of Don Scanlan  
Squadron 60-63  
May 15

**Sandra Irene Growney**  
Wife of William Growney  
Squadron 55-57  
Aug 15

**Elizabeth "Beegee" Boniface**  
Wife of Capt. John Boniface  
Squadron 49-51  
Aug 15

If you know of the passing of any of our former VP-2 personnel, please advise Bob Behrend by email at behrendr001@hawaii.rr.com

## Chaplain's Corner *by Doug Millar*

In early September I stood in a cemetery in northern Georgia at the service of my brother, Don. He was awarded full military honors followed by a Scottish bag piper playing "Amazing Grace," and as the piper departed the gravesite and disappeared down behind a hill, two white doves were released - which arched gracefully into the sky and flew away over the horizon. Of course all of this represented the departing of my brother's soul from his failed and pain wracked body into the presence of Almighty God, and a glorious future in Heaven. This is assured because my brother had trusted in the finished work of Christ at the cross for the forgiveness of his sins, and thus he could be confident that at his death he would be **"absent from the body, but present with the Lord."** (2 Corinthians 5:8)

One week later, on a gray and foggy Sunday morning, my wife and I found ourselves standing at the foot of a twenty-foot tall bronze statue, titled "The Spirit Of American Youth Rising From The Waves" - located near the shores of Omaha Beach in the American Military Cemetery in Normandy, France. We were surrounded by the gleaming white headstones of ninety four hundred American soldiers, sailors, and airmen who had lost their lives in the battle for Normandy, which started on D-Day, June 6, 1944. Included amongst these perfectly maintained and hand washed headstones were one thousand, five hundred, and fifty seven stones inscribed with the following statement - "Here Rests In Honored Glory A Comrade In Arms Known But to God." It is comforting to realize the truth of that statement - that each of these young men was known to God.

Many people in our country today believe that they are completely free. Thus they do not believe that they come under the authority of God, or anyone - other than

themselves. They believe that they can do anything that they desire, as long as it does no harm to someone else. In other words, many believe that God (if He even exists) does not see what they do, and He certainly has no call on their individual lives. The Bible strongly contradicts this belief. It says in 1 Corinthians 6:20 that **"you are not your own, for you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's."** The price at which you were bought was the death of Jesus Christ on a Roman cross. Due to the willing sacrifice of Himself, we are offered forgiveness of our sins and given new status as sons of God. **"But God demonstrated His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."** (Romans 5:8) However it is a gift that we can either accept or reject. **"But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name."** (John 1:12)

We are presently heading into the Christmas season, the time at which we celebrate the coming of Christ in human form, and the start of His journey on Earth from birth to His crucifixion and resurrection. The Bible, and secular history, teach us that Christ rose from the dead on the third day, and **"when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high."** (Hebrews 1:3)

The Bible also teaches us that He will one day return to Earth. **"It is appointed for men to die once, and after this comes judgment."** (Hebrews 9:27) What better time to accept God's gift of forgiveness and salvation than now. **"Behold, now is the accepted time, now is the day of salvation."** (2 Corinthians 6:2) Please don't put it off.

I hope that you will have a merry Christmas and a wonderful holiday season.

## VP-2 Association Officers & Appointments

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**LOOKING TO SHARE  
INFORMATION  
IN THE  
VP 2 NEPTUNE  
NEWSLETTER?**



If any of our members would  
like to contribute news,  
thoughts,  
experiences, etc.,

Email:  
Greg Kelley  
[gregnsue@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gregnsue@sbcglobal.net)



**Whidbey Patron Squadron Memorial  
Come Visit at the 2016 VP 2 Reunion**

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# VP-2 Reunion Registration Form

August 25<sup>th</sup> – August 29<sup>th</sup> in Oak Harbor, Washington

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street

City

State

Zip

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Years in Squadron: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Guests: \_\_\_\_\_

If you need a **NEW Reunion ID Badge**, PRINT nickname here\* \_\_\_\_\_

If **spouse** needs a **NEW ID Badge**, PRINT nickname here\* \_\_\_\_\_

*\* There is no charge for new badges, but new badges should only be ordered if original badges have been lost or damaged.*

☐ I/we had previously submitted a \$30 per person deposit.

☐ I/we are submitting the remainder of \$90 per person registration fee now.

☐ I/we are submitting the full registration fee of \$120 per person now.

**Reunion Registration Fee:** \$ 120.00 or \$90.00 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Tour #1 NAS & WPSM:** \$ 39.00 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Tour #2 Boeing & FHC** \$63.00 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Tour #3 Port Townsend** \$15.00\*\* X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Tour #4 Bowman/Deception** \$56.00 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Payment:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*\*\* There will be some additional costs for Ferry Tickets, Lunch and Wine Tasting on this tour.*

## Select your Entrees for the Sunday Banquet:

Champagne Chicken # \_\_\_\_\_ Beef Burgundy # \_\_\_\_\_ Lemon Cod # \_\_\_\_\_



**Submit this form and your total payment to Nick Niccum at 18821 185th Avenue, Woodinville, WA 98077. Make checks payable to VP-2 Reunion.**

**REMEMBER:** The sooner you can register for the reunion, the better!

## LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!