

VP40

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NEWSLETTER

VP 40 Reunion Group

The 13th bi-annual reunion was held in San Antonio, TX on Oct 14-16 2010. There were 52 members present along with family members. Our Chairman for the last 12 years, Robert Foss was recovering from surgery and was not able to attend. His assistant, Bud Taylor stepped in and did a fantastic job. At the dinner it was announced that Bob Foss was stepping down from the job of Chairperson and volunteers were requested. I was the only person present who volunteered, so I am now the new chairperson. As such I will try and carry on the great job that Bob has done for 12 years. I will be requesting assistance to accomplish this task.

One of my goals is to increase the active membership and also increase attendance in reunions. For this I ask for your help. We all need to participate. I thank you in advance for this effort. I also plan on distributing a semi-annual newsletter.

My name is Guy Fisk. I was in VP40 from 1963 to 1966. I was an ATN2 and was in various flight crews. After VP40 I was assigned to NAS Sanglely , in charge of the avionics flight line shop. I was medically retired in 1967. I joined the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and retired in 1994. I have done contract and consulting back to the FAA since then. I now work part time assisting the Energy Manager for FAA.

I will be visiting NAS Pensacola this month and will take some pictures of QE10 in its new resting place. I will distribute these pictures and info in the next newsletter. I do have some pictures from the 2004, 2008 and 2010 reunions and I will either create a CD/DVD with pictures/video or post them on a web server (or both). I request if anyone has pictures they would like to contribute please email or send them to me and I will add

them to the listings. Also let me know if you are interested in the CD/DVD. It appears that the majority of people have email and internet access and I will contact each of you via that route in the near future.

VP 40 ROSTER

Presently I have 299 Active members on the list. Attached is the list of Active and Inactive members. Let's try and increase the Active Dues Paying list!

In addition I have the Dues list and there is a large number of people who have NOT paid their 2010-2012 dues yet (\$20 bi-annually). They are due at this time for the 2010-2012 time period. Please send it to me and make the check payable to **VP40 Reunion Committee**. Thank you.

Once again I want to acknowledge the wonderful job Bob Foss has done as chairman for this group. I am glad to announce he has recovered from his surgery and we look forward to seeing him at the 2012 reunion. I also would like to acknowledge Bud Taylor for his years of assistance to this group as well. I will try and carry on in their tradition.

REUNION 2012

The group voted at the last reunion to have the 2012 reunion in San Diego, CA. I understand the last few reunions have been at the Holiday Inn Bayside and we will be using this hotel again. I do not have the details yet but it will be in October 2012. Further detailed info will be distributed in the next newsletter.

IN MEMORY OF:

Valarius (Larry) Kugler CDR 11/10

WELCOME ABOARD NEW MEMBERS

Richard Dale Boyer (LTJG 61-63)
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www.vpmma.org http://home.earthlink.net/~patron40/
<http://www.cdsg.org/forums/viewtopic.php?t=337>
<http://www.aviastar.org/index2.html>
http://www.aviastar.org/air/usa/martin_marlin.php
<http://www.vintagewings-millersfield.com/navalairmuseum.html>
www.youtube.com/watch?v=kQ0cKcAKhkE
www.youtube.com/results?search_type=&search_query=rjsacs&aq=f
<http://www.blueangels.navy.mil/>

U.S. Navy Aviation Centennial Celebration



Happy Birthday U.S. Navy Aviation!!

The **Navy has Aviation Centennial** information available at
<http://www.public.navy.mil/airfor/centennial/Pages/welcome.aspx>

A Centennial Newsletter is available at
<http://www.public.navy.mil/airfor/centennial/Documents/vol2iss4.pdf>

Join in the Celebration - One Hundred Years of Naval Aviation

On February 17, 1911, inventor and aviation pioneer Glenn Curtiss taxied his seaplane to the battleship USS PENNSYLVANIA anchored in San Diego Bay. A boat hoisted the "hydroaeroplane" aboard the ship. Later, it was lowered to the water and Curtiss returned to North Island. This historic event, more than any other, prompted the Secretary of the Navy's decision to purchase the Navy's first aircraft.

In tribute to this and the 100 years of progress and achievement in Naval Aviation, hundreds of historic and current Navy aircraft will take to the skies February 12, 2011. Naval Air Station North Island - the official "Birthplace of Naval Aviation" - will provide prime viewing for this once-in-a-lifetime aerial review. Check out the web site slides. <http://mwrtoday.com/cona/>

THANKS and SEE YOU ALL in San Diego in 2012

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