

NEWSLETTER

VP 40 Reunion Group

The 14th bi-annual reunion will be held in San Diego, CA on Oct 3-7, 2012. There is info in this letter for you to book your room etc. Hope to see you ALL there.

One of my goals is to increase the active membership and also increase attendance in reunions. We have picked up a few folks and sadly lost a few. I ask for your help. We all need to participate. Let's make this the largest reunion ever this year. I thank you in advance for this effort.

VP 40 ROSTER

Presently I have 295 Active members on the list. Attached is the list of Active and Inactive members. Let's try and change some of the members on the inactive list over to the Active list. In addition I have the Dues list and there are some members who have NOT paid their 2010-2012 dues yet (\$20 bi-annually). They are due at this time for the 2010-2012 time period. You will have a notice in your package if this is the case, please send it to me and make the check payable to **VP40 Reunion Committee**. Thank you.

I am requesting that you review the roster attached and let me know of any changes, additions, deaths, etc. If you know of anyone who is eligible to join our group, get in touch with them or let me know and I will do it. Some of us are getting a little long in the tooth !!! So we need to keep this group alive and kicking.

I have been in contact with Bob Foss and he is back to good health and expects to see you all at the reunion this year.

New Arrivals

Richard J. Unger 1960-1962 AT2
 Stanley E. Skupien 1956-1960 AEAN
 Michael J. Kane 1964-1968 AK3
 Phillip R. Frank 1966-2969 ATR2
 Henry Young 1965-1967 AO3

WELCOME ABOARD NEW MEMBERS**TAPS**

Sherrill Wade 10/26/11 ADR2 1955-1957
 Billy Mars AE3 2/2011 AE3 1962-1965
 Thomas Rice 5/2011 AK3 1050-1953

Widows & family of deceased members are very welcome to join us and continue their acquaintance with this very special group of people.

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I will be sending out another newsletter this summer (July) with more detailed info on the reunion. However if you can provide me with your info now great. Don't wait until summer. Send it to me now. I apologize for this issue being a little later than Fall 2011. I have been busy but I should be back on-track to publish 2 issues a year. It is my intention to publish the newsletter on our web site as well. Anyone who would rather receive their newsletters on the web email me, so I will not send them to you via snailmail. The mailing costs are expensive and we can save some cost using the internet.

VP40 WEBSITE

I have created a web site for the VP40 seaplane era group. I hope you will visit it. There are a lot of pictures, video, some cruise books (more to come), archive of past newsletters, web links, and some interesting reading. It will be updated every week if possible. In addition I plan on using this method distributing newsletters if you have a email address (it will save mailing costs). I also plan on having the current roster posted on it once it is secure enough. There is also a Ships Store where you can purchase caps, mugs, etc. with VP40 markings. This web site belongs to our group so the more we use it the better it will become. Any comments and suggestions are welcome. You can leave comments for others to enjoy and it is a great way for other members to communicate with you. If you need an email address, I can provide one for you from VP40 (i.e. ggfisk@vp40.com). I hope you will use and enjoy the site. So please if you have a current email address send it to me. If you want to receive a hard copy of the newsletters let me know, otherwise they will be posted on the website. In addition if anyone has pictures, video, stories, information, etc. they would like to share please send it to me, either digital or hard copy and I will post them in the web site. I will return your originals if needed.

ORGANIZATIONS and CONTACTS:

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WEB SITES OF INTEREST

www.vp40.com *our new web site for this group*

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/P5M_Marlin

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/PBM_Mariner

www.vpnavy.org/nassangle.html

www.navalaviationmuseum.org

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>

<http://www.blueangels.navy.mil/>

Now for the fun stuff

Here is the web sites for the hotel. You can make your reservations starting now. Be sure and mention you are with the VP40 reunion group to ensure you get the discounted rate.

<http://www.holinnbayside.com/map.htm>

<http://www.holidayinn.com/hotels/us/en/san-diego/sanby/hoteldetail>

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GROUP INFORMATION

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DATES REQUESTED

Arrival: **October 2, 2012**
Departure: **October 7, 2012**

ROOM RATE INFORMATION

Room	Single Rate	Double Rate	Triple Rate	Quad Rate
Run of House	105	105	115	125

All rates are subject to the 10.5% occupancy tax, the 2% tourism marketing district tax, and the 0.09% California Tourism Tax. The Reunion rate will be offered 3 days pre and post reunion dates, based upon availability. A complimentary hospitality room, and a 1 hour Welcome Reception will be provided with the pick up of 25 sleeping rooms, peak night. A complimentary room night will be provided with the pick up of 25 room nights, cumulative; plus a complimentary suite upgrade will be given for your VIP of your choice.

METHOD OF RESERVATION	CUT-OFF DATE
An advance deposit or credit card guarantee for the 1 st night's room and tax is due by September 12, 2012. Individuals must identify themselves as part of VP40 Reunion at the time of making reservations in order to be eligible for the special group rate. Please call (800) 662-8899 or (619) 224-3621 to make reservations.	The Hotel understands all reservations will be held on an individual basis. The block of rooms will continue to be held until the cutoff date of September 12, 2012. Reservations received after September 12, 2012 will be provided on a space available basis. If the Group Rate is not available after the cutoff date, the prevailing rack rates will apply for reservations confirmed.

CHECK-IN TIME IS 4:00 PM / CHECK-OUT TIME IS 12:00 NOON

EVENT AGENDA

Adequate space has been reserved for the following agenda:

Date	Start Time	End Time	Function	Room	
Wed. 10/03/12	12:00 PM	11:00 PM	Hospitality	Harborview Room	
Wed. 10/03/12	5:00 PM	6:00 PM	Reception	Harborview Room	
Thu. 10/04/12	8:00 AM	11:00 PM	Hospitality	Harborview Room	
Thu. 10/04/12	5:30 PM	8:00 PM	Dinner Buffet	Poolside Deck	
Fri. 10/05/12	8:00 AM	11:00 PM	Hospitality	Harborview Room	
Fri. 10/05/12	6:00 PM	9:00 PM	Dinner	California Room	
Sat. 10/06/12	8:00 AM	11:00 PM	Hospitality	Harborview Room	
Sat. 10/06/12	6:00 PM	9:00 PM	Dinner Buffet	Harborview Room	
Sun. 10/07/12	8:00 AM	12:00 PM	Hospitality	Harborview Room	

Ready room is the Harborview Room.

There will be an open microphone in the room for anyone who wants to tell a sea story or two..and for anyone that wants to listen and perhaps contribute.

If anyone has memorabilia they want to display please bring it and it will on display.

Planned Activities

Thursday Oct 4,2012 5:30pm – 8:00 pm

Buffett Dinner at Poolside Deck

Menu:

WESTERN BARBEQUE - CHICKEN & RIBS

Tossed Green Salad with Ranch and Italian dressings

Pineapple Coleslaw

Chicken and Ribs

Texas Style Beans

Baked Potato

Corn on the Cob

Apple Pie

Corn Bread

Fresh Brewed Kona Coffee, Decaf and Asst. Hot Herbal Tea

\$30.00 per person

Beverage Requirements

5:30pm Will Be Using Bayside Bar For Cocktails

Friday Oct 5, 2012 6:00 pm-- 9:00 pm

Banquet Dinner in California Room

Menu:

TWO ENTREE DINNER

Caesar Salad

(__) Beef Bourguignon, Top Sirloin sauteed with Mushrooms, topped with a Burgundy Sauce and served over a bed of Fettuccini

(__) Macadamia Chicken - Tender Boneless Breast of Chicken mesquite grilled and served with Macadamia Nut Amaretto Cream Sauce

Roasted Red Potatoes with Garlic & Herbs

Fresh Vegetable Du Jour

Rolls and Butter

Black Forest Cake

Fresh Brewed Kona Coffee, Decaf and Asst. Hot Herbal Tea

\$26.00 per person

Beverage Requirements

06:00p to 09:00p California Room

Cash Bar To Open 6:00PM

Guest Speaker is VADM Allen G. Myers, USN Commander, Naval Air Forces

Saturday Oct6, 2012 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Filipina buffet in Harborview Room

Menu:

Tossed salad, Lumpia, Pancit Canton, Chicken Adobo, Fried Rice and dessert

\$25.00 per person

Beverage Requirements

06:00p to 09:00p Harborview Room

Cash Bar To Open 6:00PM

Entertainment provided by Filipina Dance Group.

They will perform 8 traditional Filipino dances in their native costumes.

Audience participation is optional.

THANKS and SEE YOU ALL in San Diego this fall

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