

NEWSLETTER

VP 40 Reunion Group

The 14th bi-annual reunion was held in San Diego, CA on Oct 3-7, 2012. There were 117 attendees, with 64 VP40 members. A very good turnout. Hope to see you all again and others as well at the next one. I have posted some pictures on our web site www.vp40.com.

it was voted on that the 2014 reunion will be held in Pensacola, FL.

Dates: start : Wednesday October 8, 2014

end : Sunday October 12, 2014.

Place: HOLIDAY INN RESORT Pensacola Beach, FL.

<http://holidayinnresortpensacolabeach.com/>

There will be more information coming later this year.

VP 40 ROSTER

Presently I have 304 Active members on the roster. The roster will be available to members of VP40 only on this site. In addition I have the Dues list and there are some members who have NOT paid their 2012-2014 dues yet (\$20 bi-annually). They are due at this time for the 2012-2014 time period. You will have a notice with your email of this newsletter if this is the case, please send it to me and make the check payable to **VP40 Reunion Committee**. Thank you.

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.

I am requesting that you review the member 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 had quite a few requests from the P3 era of VP40 who would like to join our group and come to the reunions. We took a vote at the 2012 reunion and it was decided to NOT include the P3 era members at this time. We will vote on this at each reunion. Sooner or later we will either have to include them or we will be holding our reunions in the back seat of a Chevy. As of this year VP30 is training the P3 replacement, the P8a (a converted 737 aircraft) It will be in the fleet in 2014, replacing the P3v. So the P3v members will be as obsolete as we seaplane members are.

New Arrivals**WELCOME ABOARD NEW MEMBERS**

Robert Harvey 1956-1959 PH3

Harvey Simmons 1962-1965 AT1

John Masterson 1958-1961 AMS2

Mike Buckels 1963-1964 ATR3

Joseph Mavilia 1959-1961 AN

Paul Renoud 1966-1967 AX3

Gary W. Armstrong 1966-1967 AX3

Richard Carrel 1965-1967 AX3

TAPS

Bob Hook 2011 ABU3 1957-1961

Robert G. Vance 2010 AD1 1962-1967

Robert H. Alves 9/4/2012 AETM1 1950-1951

Audie R. Perkins 9/3/2012 ATCM 1963-1964

Glenn Errington 2/12/2013 AEAN 1951-1953

Eugene Wisenbaker 11/16/2012 LCDR 1962-1964

Frank Beamon 5/11/2013 AM2 1955-1958

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 winter 2013 with more detailed info on the reunion. I apologize for this issue being a little later than Spring 2013. I have been busy but I should be back on-track to publish 2 issues a year. This newsletter and a history of the ones available and in the future, will be posted on our web site. From this date forward anyone that I have an email address for will receive newsletters via that route. (that will include any attachments i.e. Rosters, reunion information) as well. Anyone who I DONOT have an email address for will continue to receive the newsletters etc. via snailmail. This was voted on and approved at the last reunion business meeting. The mailing costs are expensive and we can save some cost using the internet.

VP40 WEBSITE

www.vp40.com

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 this newsletter packet you will find the PASSWORD to log into our web site. www.vp40.com, along with procedures to log in.

Once you log in you will have access to pages that are not available to the general public. These pages will contain information like the member roster, address, phone etc. This is for security reasons, only VP40 members will be able to log into the site.

There is also a Ships Store where you can purchase caps, mugs, T Shirts etc. with VP40 markings. We are running this ourselves and we finally have some stock, so order and enjoy. If you want something different just ask and we will try and obtain it. Contact: **gdfisk@vp40.com OR bobpolk@vp40.com.**

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 (and sent via email to you). 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.

As of 7/25/2013 we have had 28,761 pages viewed on our web site. It is now averaging over 2000 per month and growing. I will keep adding content as often as I receive it.

AGENT ORANGE

I have been in contact with members of MMA and VP50,VP48 on the subject of Agent Orange. The VA is rejecting most claims from members of seaplane squadrons. In this newsletter is a form that we hope you will fill out and mail back to me. We as a group are trying to reverse this pattern of rejection from the VA. We will collect this data and present it to whoever can help our cause. Please help if you have filed or intend to file a claim with the VA for Agent Orange. There is some information about this and other matters on our web site. Have a look.

CAVITE CITY ORPHAN FUND

We are looking at the possibility of creating a donation committee to provide clothing, shoes, money etc. for orphans in Cavite City, P.I. I will have more details on how/where/when this will be starting very soon.

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WEB SITES OF INTEREST

www.vp40.com our 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.navy.mil/allhands.asp>

<http://www.history.navy.mil/branches/nhcorg5.htm>

<http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/>

<http://www.va.gov/>

[http://www.health.mil/News_And_Multimedia/News/detail/10-08-](http://www.health.mil/News_And_Multimedia/News/detail/10-08-31/VA_Officials_Publish_Final_Regulation_to_Aid_Veterans_Exposed_to_Agent_Orange.aspx)

[31/VA_Officials_Publish_Final_Regulation_to_Aid_Veterans_Exposed_to_Agent_Orange.aspx](http://www.health.mil/News_And_Multimedia/News/detail/10-08-31/VA_Officials_Publish_Final_Regulation_to_Aid_Veterans_Exposed_to_Agent_Orange.aspx)

EVENT AGENDA

Adequate space has been reserved for the following agenda:

Date	Start Time	End Time	Function	Room
Wed. 10/08/14	12:00 PM	11:00 PM	Hospitality	Guadeloupe Room
Wed. 10/08/14	5:00 PM	6:00 PM	Reception	Guadeloupe Room
Thu. 10/09/14	8:00 AM	11:00 PM	Hospitality	Guadeloupe Room
Thu. 10/09/14	5:30 PM	8:00 PM	Dinner Buffet	Poolside Deck
Fri. 10/10/14	8:00 AM	11:00 PM	Hospitality	Guadeloupe Room
Fri. 10/10/14	6:00 PM	9:00 PM	Dinner	BANQUET Room
Sat. 10/11/14	8:00 AM	11:00 PM	Hospitality	Guadeloupe Room
Sat. 10/11/14	6:00 PM	9:00 PM	Dinner	NAS Pensacola Naval Air Museum
Sun. 10/12/14	8:00 AM	12:00 PM	Hospitality	Guadeloupe Room

Ready room is the Guadeloupe 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 be displayed. We will have cruise books, Seaplane Models, and other memorabilia on display also.

There will be VP40 items, coffee cups, T Shirts, Ball Caps etc. for sale in the ready room every day. The Ready room will be locked up at night.

Planned Activities

Thursday Oct 9,2014 4:30pm – 11:00 pm
Buffett Dinner at Poolside Deck

Friday Oct 9, 2014 5:00 pm-- 9:00 pm
Dinner in Hilton Hotel banquet room

Saturday Oct 11, 2014 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Banquet Dinner @NAS Pensacola Naval Air Museum

AS of today July 2013 the Naval Air Museum is not having any evening functions, in fact they are closed 1 day a week now. The reason is the sequestration installed by our Federal Government. This should be lifted for FY14 and we can have our banquet there as planned. If we cannot it will be at our hotel.

THANKS and SEE YOU ALL in Pensacola in 2014

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