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Myrtle Beach - May 2 - 6, 2005

Here's the Deal

After another short trip to Myrtle Beach in June, the reunion package is wrapped up and ready for delivery. The only thing remaining to price out are the optional trips that will be offered at additional expense on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. They will take a bit longer to finalize.

The following will be the basic reunion package for May 2nd to the 6th, 2005:

Couples: $ 562.00 Single: $ 444.00

Included in the above price:

Sand Dunes Resort – four nights in an oceanfront room.
Breakfast in the dining room Tuesday thru Friday morning – buffet style, with eggs and waffles available to order. Coupons for this will be distributed at registration.

Meeting room w/ coffee, beer, soft drinks and snacks from Monday noon through 11 a.m. Friday; not to mention the great beach right outside the meeting room door!
Registration day buffet available from 1 to 6 on Monday
Wednesday night buffet dinner in the meeting room following the business meeting.
Thursday night seafood buffet at Hooks Restaurant (bus provided)
Thursday night show at the Carolina Opry (bus provided)

For those of you who will not be staying in the host hotel, the package above, minus the hotel and breakfast buffet , but including the rest will be:

$ 140.00 per person - Events Only
(Excluding hotel and breakfast buffet)

For those who might only be able to stop by for a day, we recommend Monday during registration (12 noon to 11 p.m.) or Wednesday during the business meeting, dinner and auction (4 p.m. to 11 p.m.). the charge will be $ 30.00 per person, per day.

The registration form will be in the January newsletter and payment will be requested by Tuesday, March 1st. Money will be refunded 100% up until April 18th, two weeks prior to the reunion, so you have nothing to lose by registering early. As usual, the prices shown includes all taxes and tips. Your only expense over and above this will be for the few meals that are not included and any of the optional trips you decide to do; plus, of course, the cost of transportation to Myrtle Beach.

With several months yet to go before registration, we hope this information helps you plan ahead and increases the possibility that we will see you in Myrtle Beach. There are about 200 members in the VW-1 All Hands Alumni Association and we have high hopes of having a really good turnout for the '05 reunion – of both the **old** and the **new** faces.



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Email Removed VW-1 Web Page: http://vw1assoc.tripod.com/

Jim Geiger (4/16) Email Removed "I was a member of the VW-1 Association until just before the Reno reunion when I dropped my membership. I have had a big uphill battle with cancer and diabetes the past four years. I really did not expect to live through all this but I have officially beat this cancer and will now continue to focus on the diabetes for the rest of my life. With a lot of support from my family and God, I have a pretty normal life ahead of me. I sure have missed the newsletters from those that have been involved in a common event in our lives." (Note: Jim has rejoined the group and we are delighted with the good news regarding his improved health.)

Jim & Peggie LaPosta (4/20) (Snail Mail) "In reference to the last newsletter – the lighter Judy bought did NOT work – no insides to it !!. However, we have found a different one that we will bring for the next auction."

Jack & Sydnie Gergal (4/20) (Snail Mail) "Great newsletter. Can't wait until next reunion. Sydnie retires in July, so looking to do a lot of traveling. It is sad to read about the passing of our shipmates and others illnesses. Had my third heart attack on February 1, but the good Lord still keeping me around for awhile. Feel great and ready to go. P.S. Sydnie says thanks for the beach! "

Bob & Pat Orsini (4/20) Email Removed "I flew with TE7 when it was known as the Road Runner. I was with VW-1 from Feb. '67 to August of '68. I was a flight mechanic and my handle was "Push Rod". I am looking forward to attending the reunion in May of next year. This will be the first one that I have been able to attend."

Dennis Kyllo (4/23) Email Removed "I served in VW-1 in Hawaii in 1956; then made the move to Guam. Did TAD at Subic Bay and Atsugi along with stops at any Island we could squeeze the Connie into. I flew with Captain Morgan from Minneapolis, MN. When not flying I worked in communications. Still flying at 68."

Bill Thomas (4/27) Email Removed "If anyone is interested, I just returned from Oahu and took a tour through old Barbers Point. The runway, the tower, a couple of hangers, a couple of Admin buildings and the old paraloft is all that's still there. All of the barracks, etc. are gone and the streets are vacant. Almost no activity. I was told by one of the locals that the Navy turned Barbers Point back over to Hawaii. Also went to the Arizona memorial. Pretty awesome! The memorial wasn't there the last time I was at Barbers Point. Good bless our troops!"

John & Karen Martin (5/3) "Just a line to let you know we are back in Oregon – had a good trip north from Arizona, but arrived amidst snow flurries and rain showers. Had frozen pipes on our return, so had to tear down a dining room wall and also one behind the washer in the laundry room. Also, a power failure caused us to lose our freezer! Hated to lose all that homemade applesauce, etc. Traded our 30 ½ foot fifth wheel in on a 22' class "B" motor home, so we are all set for the trip to Myrtle Beach next year."

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Mary & Dee Walsh (5/3) Email Removed "A big Mahalo Nui Loa to Pete Wasmund for the great job he is doing with the web site. Unfortunately, it looks like we will not be able to make the Myrtle Beach gathering. If things change between now and then, we'll let you know. Aloha."

Leo Grenier (5/4) Email Removed "I have lost contact with most of the AG's that were in the squadron with me. I have occasional contact with Will Gould, Ken Smith and Rich McKay and I know where Bob Frazier is but haven't had contact with him in ages. We live in Michigan but have a daughter in Durham, NC so we might be able to visit her and do the reunion on the same trip."

Lenn & Jane Bailey (5/4) Email Removed "In the April VW-1 Tracker I was listed under New Members. My e-mail was wrong. " (Note correction)

Joe & Sandy Cloud (5/5) Email Removed New address: Address Removed NE, Marysville, Address Removed Phone: Phone Removed

Dick & Mary Presgrave (5/9) Email Removed "Thanks for a great job. I have contacted three airmates I haven't seen in 45 years."

Roy & Pat Zimmerman (5/11) Email Removed "Should have notified you many months ago of my address change, so will do it now. As of August 1 last year, we have moved to: Address Removed Pahrump, Address Removed Ph: Phone Removed

Moon & Nadine Mullen (5/11) SnailMail: "Put Norton 2004 in the computer and its frozen – about to get a hammer and "fix it"! Suggestion: Consider "Gift Memberships" at reduced dues for one year, e.g. $ 8 or $ 10. We do that with the Naval Weather Association and you get 10 – 12 each year ... who then renew quite often. Off to Alaska to play ball next month. Going to Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico in October."

Floyd and Pat Orsini (5/13) Email Removed "Now that I'm retired, I have more freedom to do things and go places. We just came back from driving to Phoenix, AZ and back – 4800 miles plus. We are looking forward to the reunion."

Lee & Martha Thompson (5/13) Snail mail: "We didn't get to participate in the auction. Sounded like great fun and we thank you for keeping us abreast with the newsletter. We're anxiously awaiting the big doin's at Myrtle Beach."

Roy & Linda Hermecz (5/13) Email Removed "Three acres was too much for me to take care of. Sold home and are building on ¾ acre in Summerdale. New address: Address Removed Summerdale, Address Removed Phone: Phone Removed Hope to see you in Myrtle Beach."

Chuck Johnson (5/13) Snail Mail "Recovering from back surgery mid-March. Doing great. Will be in Ocala toward the end of May. Maybe we can get together." Note: Chuck replied to the activity survey with the following comment on fishing: "One-half or all day. I'm ready to fish anytime, anyplace." Ed can appreciate that sentiment!
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- NEW MEMBERS -

Burke, Bill **AG3**
Address Removed 12/65-5/67
Fredericksburg, Address Removed
Wife: Margaret-Marv Phone Removed
Email Removed

2nd and 1st Weather with Crew #4

Grenier, Leo **AG1**
Address Removed 10/66-6/68
Grand Haven, Address Removed
Wife: Isabel Phone Removed
Email Removed

Assigned ground duties in the training office a couple of months after arrival. When Training Chief Wayne Willaford departed, and I made AGC, was assigned Training Chief. LCDR Easter was my training officer. Flew with Crews 5 and 8 for training; later flew on Crew 9.

Kyllo, Dennis **ACW-3**
Address Removed 3/56 – 3/58
Mesa, Address Removed Phone Removed
Wife: Penelope Email Removed

Served in VW-1 in Hawaii in '56 and made the move to Guam. Did TAD at Subic Bay and Atsugi, along with stops at any island we could squeeze the Connie into. Flew with the 5 Red Devil crew and worked in communications office. I'm still flying at 68.

Moeller, Ralph **ACW-3**
Address Removed 4/56 – 9/57
Palms, Address Removed Phone Removed
Wife: Doris Email Removed

Control Fighter Aircraft

Persson, Jon **AEAN/AE2**
Address Removed 5/66-5/70
Apartment 283 Phone Removed
Wichita, Address Removed
Wife: Maria Email Removed

Worked in AE shop until I started flying in Oct. '66. Assigned to Crew 3 as Flight AE. Married April 19, 1969 in Saipan.

Did You Forget?

We still have 36 members that have not sent in their dues for 2004-2005. Hopefully, this is just an oversight and you do want to continue your membership in the VW-1 All Hands Alumni Association. If your name is listed below, please send $ 15.00, payable to Sally Metzger, to Address Removed
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William Ambrosia	Donald Martin
Marshall Baldwin	Larry McCullough
Darold Borrowman	Tracey Moore
John Castle	Alan O'Martin
William Chitty	James Prusa
Joseph Cloud	John Sill
Robert Fleming	Ron Sipe
David Garbani	Robert Spare
Robert Garrison	Ronald Sparks
Daniel Gimmel	Joseph Sykes
Dale Gladden	Eugene Thiele
Al Hagan	Phillip Toops
Richard Hernandez	Keith Wade
Jay Hockenberry	Scott Wagner
Arthur Kleinhesselink	John Waterworth
Donald Koshlap	Michael Webber
Carl Logdahl	Eldred Westberry
Frank Mackey	Roy Zimmerman

Robinson, James **AT2**
Address Removed 8/52 – 10/54
Round Rock, Address Removed Phone Removed
Wife: Carol Email Removed

Joined VW-1 at Barber's Point and was assigned to PB-1 flight crew in 1/53 as 2nd Radar tech to AT Chief Glace. My Flight Log book shows that my first flight in the Willie Victor 1 was June 21, 1954. In Oct. of '54 I rotated to North Island FASRON, where I concluded my "kiddie cruise" in May of 1955.

Sisk, Larry **PC-3**
Address Removed Address Removed '63 – '64
Jacksonville, Address Removed Phone Removed
Wife: Lika Email Removed

Worked in post office; barracks watch; Line watch.

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Gary & Gay Oulman (5/13) Email Removed "Gary went to a reunion in Treasure Island for VW-2, which he was in back in 1959 for a couple of years, until they became AEWTULANT. He saw Bob Ricksecker and his wife there and he and Gary were both wearing their VW-1 caps. We went to TN for a month to crappy fish ... colder than blue blazes, snowed four inches ... caught only a few crappy as they are slow coming in this year, but had a great time seeing friends."

Pete Wasmund (5/15) Email Removed "There are no e-mail addresses on the web site anymore. The reason for the removal is because I felt that it would make our members more susceptible to spammers, ID thieves and others. The VP Navy website went through a big flurry of that awhile back. In fact, one of the spammers contacted Frankel (vpnavy webmaster) trying to get him involved. From what I figure, he treated the spammer like a seaman deuce!"

George and Christine Dean (5/18) Email Removed "Ran across a lot of papers I thought I'd lost. Had lots of deployment orders, listing almost all of you at one time or another, plus some guys I completely forgot. Seems we had ADR Gagnon and ADR1 Davis on several. For the life of me, I cannot place Jack Davis. Also an AG named Zelmanski. Foote was on there, as was Hildebrandt, Dobilas, Lynch, Price, Church, Minter, Oulman, Donnie Evans, Keeton, R.P. (shower shoe) Johnson, Horton, Byrne, Inman and MANY others. Test your memory. Do you remember most of them? And, I found the grass skirt I bought in Kwaj. If it's still "together" when I take it out of the bag (fraid to), it may be available for auction in Myrtle Beach next spring."

LeRoy White (5/18) Email Removed "I'm recovering from surgery on May 5 for a problem that has apparently been with me all my life, and showed up about nine years ago. With June's condition, I was afraid to put myself down to have it taken care of, and just worked around it. Now it had to be done. I'm a little slow coming back out of it, but doing better each day. Started to feel some control coming back day before yesterday. If interested, go to the internet and look for "hydrocelectomy". Much information there, and something that all parents with young boys should know about, if they don't already. I may be bringing a lady friend with me to the reunion, if things hold up until then. She is the one who really pushed me into getting the surgery done."

Jon Persson (6/1) Email Removed "I really like the Association's website. There are a few members of Crew 3 I remember. AFCM Ron Anderson (the Unicycle family), and Crew Chief Jesse Garcia. AEC Cruz Martinez became one of my W/C 220 Shop Chiefs. When I took a week in Saipan in April 1969, my then future (and still wife of 35 years) flew to Saipan on TE-00, compliments of CO, CDR Runyon. I always considered my four year tour in VW-1 (my first tour in the Navy) a privilege to work for and with the best group of people ever. I had many mentors in VW-1."

Nick Simmon (6/9) snail mail: "Once again I could not make the reunion because of my health. I am sure everyone had a good time. If you ever have a reunion in Corpus Christi, TX, I will be able to make it. I go to NAS Corpus once a month. God bless."

Ralph & Ann Nelson (6/10) snail mail: "We're moving on to our retirement, having sold our home in Palos Verdes, CA. Our new address: Address Removed Manchester, Address Removed
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BOW WOW MOTEL

A few of our members do not travel anywhere without their dogs – and this is the first time we have stayed in a facility that does not allow them at all.

Keeping that in mind, on our recent trip to Myrtle Beach we looked for a motel that welcomes dogs – and we found one located only two blocks from the Sand Dunes at 7003 N. Ocean Blvd. It is The Mariner Motel. It is an older place, but very clean and "quaint". Their phone number Is Phone Removed

Their current price list shows rooms at $ 71 to $ 91 a night, depending on the accommodations; and I believe there is a "dog" fee.

So bring your dogs; and sign up for the Reunion's "All Events Only" deal and Stay at the Mariner Motel..



VW-1 Association
c/o Ed & Sally Metzger
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experts out there who may have some suggestions? We are willing to listen."

Progress is being made in other areas:

The main mounts are installed and look great. Nose tires are installed but the tire bead does not go all the way out to the wheel rim. Looks bad, but is holding air.

Steve Meyer reported that installation of the A/C for the aircraft is moving along smoothly and that Gerald Durbin had fabricated muffin fans to distribute the air through the interior aircraft duct work.

Some of our VW-1 All Hands members attended the Rantoul reunion last fall. If you think you can help on this worthwhile project in any way, you can reach Jess Davis at Email Removed and Al Parker at Email Removed





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