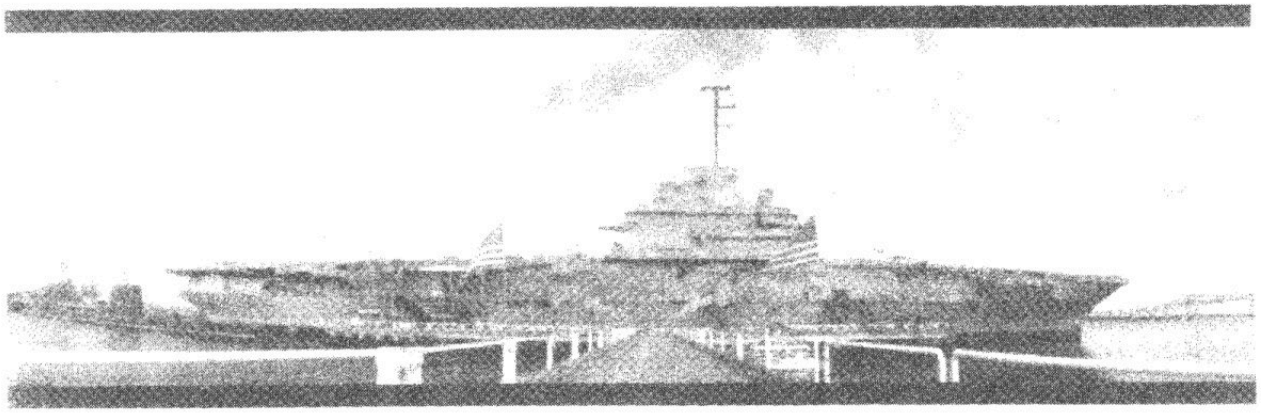
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Do you enjoy planned Activities?

Take Your Pick of Optional Trips



Patriots Point (Tuesday, May 3) **Cost: $ 32.00**

This Naval & Maritime Museum is located on historic Charleston Harbor and home to the USS Yorktown (CV-10), the Fighting Lady. Onboard the decks of this famous World War II aircraft carrier, you can relive a momentous time in America's history. The Fighting Lady contains all the evidence of her past. There are dozens of displays devoted to naval history, the Congressional Medal of Honor Society's museum, and more than two dozen historic military aircraft are on exhibit. Also moored at Patriots Point are the USS Laffey (DD-724), a World War II destroyer that survived the onslaught of Japanese kamikaze attacks off Okinawa and the US Coast Guard cutter INGHAM (WHEC-35), which fought in the convoy battles of the North Atlantic. A chicken lunch will served on metal trays in the CPO Mess, one deck below the hanger deck. at an additional cost of $ 7.29. Depart the hotel at 7:30: return at 4 p.m. Heavy walking required. (A minimum of 30 persons required to pay for the bus on this trip.)

Alabama Theatre (Tuesday, May 3) **Cost: $40.00 pp**

Your own transportation will be required for this trip to Barefoot Landing and the Alabama Theatre. Dinner will be at the "Crab House", located next door to the theater. Choice of entrée will be prime rib, stuffed shrimp, broiled fresh fish or grilled chicken breasts. A house salad, fresh bread, a Chef's select dessert, and coffee or tea is included. Arrival at the restaurant should be at 5 o'clock; the Alabama pre-show begins at 7:15. The show is a blend of comedy, dancing and a variety of music to please all. Cost includes meal, theater tickets and all tips. Minimum of 20 needed to get the $ 40.00 price. Unlimited space available Light walking. (Note: If you are not driving a car to Myrtle Beach, at Registration on Monday we should be able to pair you up with someone going to the Alabama Theater who does have their own transportation.)

Chartered Deep Sea Fishing Trip (Wednesday, May 4) **Cost: $85.00 pp**

Half day – 7 a.m. to 12 noon. Forty foot (40') private charter holds six to eight persons. All rods and bait will be provided. Group will be fishing for sea bass, ringtail, shark and occasional flounder. Participants will bring their own food and drink. Coolers provided on board the boat. Limit 8 persons per boat; multiple boats available. Own transportation required for this trip.

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News from Cyberspace, Etc.

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

Paul Morgan (7/16) Email Removed "Received July tracker today and noticed our e-mail address is wrong. I assume it was me, had trouble changing from .com to .net after all these years."

George Dean (7/16) Email Removed "Saw Trace Moore's name on the "failure to renew" list. Thought his wife and daughter were to be carried as honorary members? Is a mea culpa note to the family in order?
(**Note:** They certainly are, George, and an e-mail was sent to both Cora Moore and Alice Hockenberry, since Jay's name was also listed. Sorry for the error. We are recoding the computer files for widows to avoid such a problem in the future.)

Howard Kemp (7/16) New e-mail address: Email Removed

Mack Stotts (7/17) Email Removed "You may not believe this, but Judy bought a small 9" fan at Wal-Mart that sounds just like a SuperConnie in flight! It puts me to sleep at night, just like old times. Of course, flight engineers did not have any spare time to sleep in flight, so they say. "

Ben Buswell (7/17) "I am writing on behalf of my parents, Lowell and Sheila. They just got a new computer and I am having trouble getting all of your addresses over to the new one. If you could please send them an e-mail at Email Removed I would appreciate it. That way we can drop your names right in the new book."
(**Note:** Have all you friends of the Buswell's gotten on their new computer??)

Ben Steers (7/18) Email Removed "I was tail end Charlie in the July 4th parade on the 4th. Bath (ME) does a nice job of it. The parade lasted more than an hour. Once a honey bucket specialist, always a honey bucket specialist. Looking forward to the reunion in Myrtle Beach. This one should bring some folks that are in the sunset of their lives. In my case, I am in the sunrise. Each day is wonderful and I thank God for it."

John & Carol Sill (7/23) snail mail "We are preparing for retirement. Will complete our two year residency in Mammoth Lakes, CA in November and plan to move to the Carson City, NV area by the end of 2004. We're trading our Cessna 172 for a Piper Cherokee Six/300 (larger and faster) to enhance our ability to visit friends and family in places distant to Carson City. The Myrtle Beach reunion looks great and we expect to be aboard."

Tommy Mullane (7/31) "Wanted to let you know my husband, LCDR Paul Mullane, died October 31, 2001 in his home in Santa Rosa, CA and was interred in Arlington in March 2002. He served in VW-1 as Plane Commander on the Super Connie while in Guam, where our only son was born in 1962. We survived Typhoon Karen along with the other families at NAS Agana. I do not know what the Myrtle Beach reunion program would be, but my son is interested in the Super Connie his dad flew. Will there be any tours or what? I am sure you will post more on the web site later. The web site is great P.R.

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More Adventures for the Adventurous

Wednesday night will be the business meeting (5 p.m.),followed by a buffet and auction in the meeting room at the hotel. Thursday evening we will be leaving the hotel about 4:30 for dinner and a show. That leaves considerable time when you can enjoy the beach, visit with others in the meeting room, take one of the planned activities, or - If you prefer– to explore the area on your own. In planning the optional trips there were several things we considered that might appeal to your sense of adventure.

LOWCOUNTRY PLANTATION TOURS – History, Mystery and Legends

You can take a three hour cruise on a shaded deck boat with Captain Rod. He has many wonderful historical tales and legends that he tells in an entertaining manner. Cruise past plantations, rice fields, and majestic old oaks. The cruise departs from Georgetown, which is in itself, worth a visit. Cost: $ 15.00 (Driving time approximate one hour) Very little walking to take the cruise; more moderate walking should you decide to stay and look around Georgetown.

BAREFOOT LANDING – Shopping galore

Located about a 15 minute ride from the Sand Dunes, Barefoot Landing has more than 100 specialty shops and outlets – 15 restaurants – an exotic wildlife park – and the Barefoot Princess Riverboat. A true shopper could easily spend hours there; and when you need a rest, dine at one of the fine restaurants or hop aboard the riverboat for a cruise of the inland waterways.

BROOKGREEN GARDENS – Gardens, sculptures, and beauty

May is a great time to visit Brookgreen Gardens. It is considered one of the finest sculpture gardens in American. Brookgreen boasts more than 2,000 varieties of flowers, shrubs and trees, as well as the extensive outdoor exhibition of figurative sculpture.

There is, of course, much, much more – Ripley's Believe It or Not Museum; the Aquarium, the IMAX Theatre - it is impossible to list everything. Many of our members are quite content to visit and spend most of their time in the meeting room, and that's okay, too.

GO ON A TRIP OR HANG OUT?

This picture from the Pensacola Reunion could easily reflect that question. Ralph Link seems quite content with his beer In hand, but Jane doesn't quite look approving!

Or it just may be that Ralph is getting ready to slip away and play some golf. He has been known to do that quite readily.

You can make your own caption for this wonderful candid shot of the Links.



INVITATION ISSUED TO VW-1 OFFICERS GROUP

When Hurricane Ivan struck the Pensacola area with a vengeance, it came to our attention from George Dean that the VW-1 Officers Reunion group had a reunion scheduled there in early October. He suggested that we invite them to join us in Myrtle Beach if it was necessary to cancel their plans in Pensacola.

We did a poll of our membership (via e-mail) and did, in fact, then issue the invitation to their group, by way of Bob Fuller, their chief organizer.

Bob responded:

" generous offer.... thank you.
I am pleased to report that the reunion in Pensacola is still on. We found a hotel in Mobile that could accommodate us and most everyone is planning to come. I will tell all about your invitation."

It takes a lot of work to put a reunion together and we are pleased that their group was able to work it out and did not have to be disappointed.

We want to thank all those – about 65 - that responded to the e-mail asking whether we should extend the invitation. This is, after all YOUR reunion group and it makes things a whole lot easier to be able to reach so many of you via e-mail and to get such a prompt, meaningful response. Thank you.

--- CORRECTION ---

The telephone number for the hotel in Myrtle Beach - The Mariner - that will accept dogs was incorrect in the July issue of the Tracker. The correct numbers are:

Phone Removed or Phone Removed

Sorry about that.

- NEW MEMBERS -

Ball, Tim R. **ATR3**
Address Removed 9/68 – 3/70
San Antonio, Address Removed Phone Removed
Wife: Terry Email Removed

Initially worked as AZ in Maintenance Control, took rating test for ATR3, moved into AMD. Worked on radar systems.

Byrne, Roger **AG3**
Address Removed 5/64-12/65
Cordova, Address Removed Phone Removed
Wife: Karen
Email Removed

Weather. Flew mostly on TE-5, but Also on TE-2, 4 and 6.

Citrano, Charles (Chuck) **AT1**
Address Removed 10/65-2/68
San Diego, Address Removed Phone Removed
Wife: Mirna

Flew with Crew 6; deployment to Chu Lai, DaNang and P.I., Taiwan, Okinawa and Atsugi during typhoon season. Mirna was treasurer of the enlisted club.

Gore, Anthony (Tony) **ATN3**
Address Removed 6/67–12/68
Redding, Address Removed Phone Removed
Wife: Susan Email Removed

Avionics: Flight Crew 6. Dec. thru May, TAD Sangley Pt. Avionics Shop. June Thru Dec – 2nd Radio, Crew 6.

Likes, Hank **AG1**
Address Removed '68 – '70
Mechanicsburg, Address Removed
Wife: Shirley Phone Removed
Email Removed

Flew with Crew 2

Sabatino, Thomas **ATN3**
Address Removed 9/68-9/70
Coarsegold, Address Removed Phone Removed
Wife: Carrollann
Email Removed

Typhoon tracking Radar OPS, Agana. Barrier Radar, Chu Lai, Vietnam and NAS DaNang.

WILLIAM (BILL) JONES
DIED AUGUST 28, 2004



Bill served in VW-1 from April of 1968 to August of 1970. He was a flight engineer (ADR) and flew on Crew 7. Bill and Lou attended both the Pensacola, FL and the Reno, NV reunions and had many friends in our group.

Our condolences go out to Lou and her family. We hope to see her at reunions in the future. She expressed her desire to stay on the roster and to stay in contact.

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Old Historic Charleston (Wednesday, May 3) **Cost: $78.00 pp**

A 25 passenger bus will pick up at the hotel at 7 a.m. for the drive to Charleston (about 2 hrs.) There will be a bus guide to talk about historic sites and the history of the area during the trip. A local guide will join the group at the Charleston Welcome Center for a tour of Charleston. Lunch will be at a 4-star restaurant, SNOBS, where you will be treated to fine dining.

After lunch the group will tour the Aiken-Rhett Mansion, which stands alone as the most intact complex of buildings showcasing urban life in antebellum Charleston. Original buildings include the kitchen, slaves' quarters, stable, coach house, privies and cattle shed. Cost includes the round trip transportation, tour guide on bus; tour guide for sightseeing tour of Charleston, lunch at a four star restaurant, mansion tour, and all tips. Return about 5 p.m. to hotel. Limit of 25 seats requires they be assigned on a first come, first served basis. (Moderate walking)



The Aiken-Rhett House

Golf Tournament (Thursday, May 5) **Cost: Green Fees**

Pete Wasmund and Joe Vilsack are arranging this event and information will be available at the registration on Monday, May 2. Individuals will be responsible for their own transportation and the green fees. Please indicate on your registration form in January if you intend to participate in the Golf Tournament, even though no payment for the event will be made at that time. No minimum number required – the more the merrier!

NOTE: On the reunion Registration Form you will be receiving in January, all of the above trips will be listed, without any detail other than time and cost. So hang onto this so you will have a ready reference when decision time comes.

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Paul was always doing that for VW-1, as well as flying. I do have some photos of those days put away somewhere."

Tim Ball (8/7) Email Removed "As you may know, VW-1 flew in support of operations for the Apollo space missions and NASA in the Pacific. I was in the squadron during this time and was fortunate enough to have met several of the Apollo 11 astronauts. I happened to have been down at the Agana boat dock when a limousine pulled up and out came all of the Apollo 11 astronauts. I said hello and one said that they were going aboard a private boat to do some scuba diving in the beautiful waters off Guam. Then in 1996, my path again crossed with one of the Apollo 11 astronauts – Buzz Aldrin. He stopped by where I worked – USAA. He was going to have a book signing for his new book "Encounter with Tiber". He signed a copy of his book for me and I informed him that I was an ex-member of VW-1 that flew support for his Apollo mission."

Roy Zimmerman (8/8) Email Removed "Sure would like to be at the Myrtle Beach reunion. Have had a couple of inquiries already as to if we are going or not. As usual, my part time job (as I haven't really fully retired) could possibly get in the way. I made a commitment to these folks that I would work whenever they need me, in return for a pretty good salary, and we are only as good as our word. So, once again, I won't know until almost reunion time."

Gary & Gay Oulman (8/17) "Just wanted to let you know that we will be leaving Florida the 25th of August. Our new forwarding address is Address Removed Buchanan, Address Removed We are fortunate that Hurricane Charlie missed us. We're just a few miles from the severely damaged areas and it is devastating. I don't know how soon we will get into a house in TN, and get our computer up and running."

Frank & Charlotte Mackey (8/23 Snail Mail) "Frank had eye surgery at Duke University in North Carolina on June 3rd. He has recovered nicely and is ahead of schedule in healing. Thanks for continuing the newsletter. They are very informative and a joy to read. Don't know when we will be able to travel, but we'll keep the memories alive."

Moon Mullen (9/2) Email Removed " I don't understand why the folks in FL are hogging all the rainy weather ... they must have their own AG working for them this year. Sad Note: Bill Jones, who flew in TE7 most of the time as 1st Engineer (ADR1) from '69 – '71, passed away at his home in AZ. His wife, Lou, accompanied Bill to the Reno reunion and has taken him to OK to be buried this week. Lou plans to continue attending the reunions and wants to be included for info on Myrtle Beach. I initiated Bill as his judge at the CPO initiation at Pt. Magu where he continued to push throttles on the Connies. His daughter is a nurse in Cedar Rapids and his son is a computer programmer in Phoenix."

Joe Vilsack (9/2) Email Removed ! "Are you going to need any help with the reunion? If you do, just ask Joe Vilsack."

Jim & Bette Harvey (9/5) Email Removed "Long live the party-hard "F" Troop. I still look at some pictures from those Guam days in disbelief – disbelief that I was ever that skinny or that young! When Floyd Yancy told me your name, I was very excited to hear a name that was still fresh in my memory of nearly 37 years ago. My last assignment in

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the Navy was with the U,S. Consulate General Hong Kong. Bette was working in the restaurant business and wanted to stay for a little while – that "little while" has turned into 28 years. I went in the international household goods moving business here in Hong Kong and got involved in China in 1980. That turned into the most exciting years of my life. It has been a good ride to see the historical changes that have occurred in Asia in the past forty years. I look forward to receiving the VW-1 info."
(**Note:** Jim and Bette lived directly across the street from we Metzger's on "F" street. What a joy to be in touch with old friends again!)

Myron Price (9/6) Email Removed "Been checking your weather. Looks like you got a lot of rain, but it showed that you did not have high winds. Out here, we are having forest fires and fires in areas with dry grass. Some people have lost homes. Never been in your area, but went to A school in Jacksonville and by Fort Walton at Elgin AFB for F15 school."

Lenn Bailey (9/8) Email Removed Corrected e-mail address.

Bill Green (9/21) Email Removed "Hope all is well with you folks with all the hurricanes you have had there in your back yard. Kathy and I are both looking forward to the next reunion. I am contemplating changing my ISP. Am currently with AOL and they have been nothing but trouble over the last several months. If and when that change is made, will update you on my new e-mail address."

Frank Doty (9/22) Email Removed "Glad you survived Charles and Frances. I exacuated to OK and my 50th class reunion when Ivan rolled up the Floriida Panhandle. Last I heard from my friend Jose, there was no damage to my property, so once again God held me in the palm of His hand."

Frank & Charlotte Mackey (9/24) Email Removed "We just got electricity and phone on Thursday. No damage to our house (Milton, FL) but we have seen the devastation first hand. We hope hurricane Jeanne does not harm you."

Ken & Grace Rowley (9/28) Email Removed "We slipped thru the feeder bands and received minor damage. Pensacola looks like a war zone. The beaches and Gulf Breeze will take years to recover. Thousands of trees down, many through roofs. We're counting our blessings. Thanks for the concern."

Howard & Jean Hamilton (9/28) Email Removed "How are you guys? It looked like Hurricane Jeanne was coming right over you. Hope your house was sturdy enough to withstand it. We're afraid there was a lot of destruction in your area. Let us know how things are and if there is anything we can do."

Larry & Lika Sisk (10/07) Email Removed "We have finally moved into our new house, so please change my mailing address to: Address Removed W. Yulee, Address Removed

Jim & Ruth Tandy (10/8) Phone call: Jim called to clarify an e-mail we had sent to him and to check on how we were from all our hurricanes. He told us that Dick Bleakney had had heart surgery and said to say hello to everyone for them. They are planning to attend the Myrtle Beach reunion."

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Dick Bleakney (10/10) Email Removed "Yup, Tandy was right. I always had high cholesterol and my doctor wanted to put me on statins. But I wanted to know if it was necessary, so had a treadmill stress test in March of '03. It showed a slight abnormality, very mild result, so had an angiogram which showed some blockages, but not bad enough to treat surgically and I went on drugs. But around last September I started feeling bad and by Dec. I was really feeling bad. By the time I got in to see the doctor in March and had another treadmill and angiogram, I had severe blockages in left and right coronary arteries. Had angioplasty, got the right side open but couldn't get the left open. The good news was that I had a lot of collateral vessels that had grown over to the left side and didn't have to have bypass surgery. It took several months but I am feeling much better now. My cholesterol is 123 and LDL is 69. They think at those levels the progression should stop and I won't get any worse."

Eldon & Karen Eskew (10/14) Email Removed "We have a new ISP now. This is the NRA ISP. Eldon has been after me for some time to dump AOL, as they are antigun."

(**Note**: Thanks to the Tandy's for letting us know about Dick Bleakney. Please pass on information to us that would be of interest to our extended VW-1 family. From all reports we get her at home base, the "News from Cyberspace" is a favorite among many of our members for it does let everyone know more about each other. Also, for all of our shipmates who expressed their concern about us, thank you. We are fine. Although Jeanne came our way, it was downgraded to a tropical storm by the time it arrived here. We have experienced both Francis and Jeanne this year and were blessed that we did not even lose power during either storm. Florida, as a whole, has many areas of considerable damage and we are incredibly fortunate.)



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