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Thursday Evening Activity ...

MEDIEVAL TIME

MUSEUM - DINNER - TOURNAMENT

It took awhile to decide on the entertainment for our final reunion night, and Medievel Times it is.. Guests are welcomed into an entertainment complex inspired by an 11th century, European-style castle. In the Hall of Arms, you will find a display of medieval artifacts. There are coats of arms of many prestigious families and a spectacular array of medieval weaponry on display.

We will arrive early enough for you to take time to visit the Medieval Life Village – the only permanent medieval village existing in the United States. You can observe the arts, crafts and daily traditions of the time period when walking through each of the eight authentic cottages. We especially were intrigued with the torture chamber artifacts. We won't even try to describe the varied methods and implements portrayed there! The paths are made of cobblestones and not as smooth as concrete; though they add greatly to the authenticity of the Village. For those of you who prefer not to walk about, there are two bars inside the castle where you can sit and have a drink while waiting for the show to begin.

Royal trumpeters announce the call to the feast, summoning guests to take their seats in the arena. You are invited to share in a regal banquet and cheer for your own Knight of the Realm. The evening we went we learned that the meal is served "utensil free" and it worked out much better than we anticipated; complete with a hot hand wipe at the completion of the meal. We have, however, arranged to have plastic ware available for our use and you can decide to eat whichever way you prefer.

The show will provide a spectacular display of equestrian skill and medieval pageantry. At the conclusion of the tournament, you have an opportunity to receive autographs and mingle with cast members.

The registration form is inside as a separate pull out. Please fill it out and return it at your earliest convenience. If you have any questions on any of the details, please be in touch. We are looking forward to seeing you ALL at the reunion in Orlando.

News from Cyberspace, Etc.

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

Trent Barry, Email Removed (10/21) " I am at this time fighting with the VA over an Agent Orange exposure claim and I need a couple of letters from my fellow air mates to confirm that I was in Viet Nam, even though I hold both campaign ribbons and an Air medal. If possible, could you please post this help message in your newletter or send me a list I could contact. I live in Jacksonville, FL."

Dan & June Ragan Email Removed (10/27) "As you are aware, I have every intention of attending the reunion in Orlando. This is assuming I don't have surgery again on my back – the one in May of 2008 was only a partial success. I have had my hotel reservations in for quite some time. I look forward to getting together with the shipmates that flew out of Guam. My VW-1 History booklet is heavily slanted toward the early days. That is because much of it came from my flight log book and those I flew with in that time period. I would like to add considerable information about the squadron from 1957 to 1972. Would you ask your members to come to the reunion with stories and pictures I can put into the book? I would certainly appreciate their input and it would make the history more complete and interesting for everyone involved in our squadron."

Norbert Monahan Email Removed (10/28) "Age is telling on me. I have forgotten if I mailed you this year's dues! The last two years have been busy. My bride of 49 years had a stroke about 18 months ago. That was the reason for not making the Colorado reunion. It has been a merry-go-round of doctors visits and procedures ever since. She has been diagnosed with Alzheimers as of late, along with several other minor – correctable/controllable - problems. We have just registered for the Orlando reunion. We hope to make it with no problems."

Victor Zarich Email Removed (11/12) "Janet, Charlotte and I plan to fly into Orlando for the reunion. We should fly on the same airline flight as the Stinsons, and maybe we can all pack in a taxi for a cheap fare, with generous tipping to the driver for the numerous bags, he/she would have to handle for all five os us! I proudly wore my VW-1 Typhoon Trackers hat at the Minnesota State Fair on August 27 and yesterday on November 11. That is especially memorable for me because of the tracking of Typhoon Karen on November 10th and 11th in 1962.""

Lowell Buswell Email Removed (11/18) "Seems I'm not invincible. I had a small stroke Sunday morning. My speech center has gone awry, more medicine required, processing is wrong. Speech therapy is inevitable, probably next week sometime. It is better than it was, but my mind is cloudy sometimes. Probably need to go fishing."

Robert (Bob) Goethals Email Removed (11/26) "I was an AE3 in VQ-1 (Atsugi, Japan) from 1963-1966 and now live in Houston, TX. I worked for Aero Service Corp. when it was owned by Litton Industries. Before my time, they flew surveys with a B-17 that is now in the Confederate Air Force and based in Houston. I have sales contracts and agreements between Aero Service and the CAF which I intend on forwarding to the CAF. My point is, this B-17 was in the outfit that I was in and also owned by the company that I worked for. I'm a little set back on the many coincidences with myself and this aircraft. I thought you would like to know about the B-17. It flew in the wings over Houston Air Show on the 10th of October of this year."

News from Cyberspace (Continued from Page 2)

Scott Bates scott Email Removed (12/12) "I'm writing with deep emotion tonight to let you know I and my family lost our last living link to VW-1 today. My mother, Barbara Bates, known affectionately by friends as Butch, lost her fight with COPD today. My mother gave a pretty courageous fight, but the inability to draw a full breath stressed her heart so much that she slipped into a nap this afternoon and her heart just gave up. She joins the one true love of her life now, my father, LCdr. Robert (Bob) Bates, Aircraft Commander of TE4, serial #145932 from 1960 -1962 and again from 1966 – 1968. It brings me good feeling to periodically visit the Association's website and remember good times. I said once before that my father's fondest memories from his Navy career were all from his years with VW-1. My mother shared many of those memories, too. I know she volunteered for the Navy Relief while we were on the Island for the second tour. She also loved to entertain in our home on West Sunset Avenue as often as she could. I close with many thanks that the Association continues to honor and remember the members of this outstanding collection of men and women represented by the simple designation, VW-1."

Vince Consigli Email Removed (12/12) "Thanks for the explanation of the three VW-1 reunion groups. I travel a lot as a contract pilot, but my home address is Vincent Consigli, Address Removed Jupiter, Address Removed I was in VW-1 from 1966 to 1968, then went to VT-27 in Corpus; then out in 1969. Right now I'm flying cargo around the St. Vincent/Barbados area for about another week; then back to the U.S. to fly cargo to the Bahamas in the old Beech-18 with new turboprop engines and a Metroliner III, along with a few other aircraft, including an old DC-3. Don't make much money, but have fun and keeps me off the streets."

Don Martin Email Removed (11/19) "See six infamous Naval Aviators and their wives who got together in Nashville this September to terrorize the town. We were in VW-1 during 1969, 1970, 1971 time frame. This snapshot was taken just before going into the Grand Ole Opry. Left to right in photo: Don Martin. Connie Jean Kelly, Jim Scharf, Art Moxon, Linda Scharf, Marsha Watts, Tony Watts, Mickey Bell, William Bell, Lou Riley and Carol Riley."

Tom Archer New e-mail address: Email Removed

--New Members--

Ray Fonda **Ensign**
Address Removed '55 – '58
Coarsegold, Address Removed **LCDR**
Phone Removed '68 – '69
Wife: Phyllis Phone Removed
Email Removed
Flew with Crews 3 and 9.

Barry Trent Miller **Airman**
Address Removed 5/67 – 7/68
Jacksonville, Address Removed Phone Removed
Email Removed
TE-1 Flight Crew

William (Harvey) Starr **ADR3**
Address Removed Address Removed
Slaterville Springs, Address Removed
Phone Removed 7/69 – 5/71
Wife: Ginny Email Removed

Flew on TE2 as a Flight Mech. Workedi in Power Plants.

George Therriault
Address Removed
Athens, Address Removed
Phone Removed

Guest membership from George Dean



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