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IGNORE THE U.S. AIR FORCE . . . letters on the side and look at the form, the long attractive lines, the distinct profile! You will recognize your beloved EC121. It could be no other!

Pima Air & Space Museum

Tuesday, April 16th

This museum was one of the primary reasons that Tucson was selected as the location for the 2013 reunion. After having visited there in April t, I suspect that this museum will not disappoint those of you who love air museums. Not only do they have a wide variety of aircraft (see Page 5 for details), but they also offer a bus tour of the infamous "boneyard". The combination of both walking tours and tram tours to see the hundreds of aircraft will allow both exercise and sitting time which is always a good thing for more mature folks such as ourselves.

For those of you who are not so vested in aircraft, we have an alternate trip for the day. There will be about a five hour city tour that will include the Barrio Libre, which is the oldest area of the city that was once part of the walled Presidio; the El Tiradito Wishing Shrine and also provide panoramic views of the valley from "A" mountain. Then to the Old Town Artisan area where you will lunch at your convenience and have time to visit some of the unique shops.

Details and costs for these two trips will be finalized by the time the Tracker reunion registration issue is published in January. There will be additional trips for Wednesday and Thursday, of course, but they are in the early planning stages at this time.

-- News from Cyberspace & Mail Call --

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

Harry Fife (5/5) Snail Mail "Thank you for continuing Ed's vision for the VW-1 Alumni Assn. Without Ed's vision, those of us who were a part of that youthful period of TV-1 Typhoon Trackers in our lives would never have had the opportunity to connect later in life with those we knew, trained and flew with. Ed's legacy is the continuation of a gathering of individuals, regardless of rank, who made a difference some 42-50 odd years ago to alert less fortunate individuals of the impending dangers of typhoons. We made a difference in their survival. Ed's epitaph might be "plant the seed and watch it grow". The VW-1 Alumni Assn was Ed's seed and it did grow beyond our wildest dreams."

Hugh Holden (5/8) Snail Mail "I don't think I ever met Ed and I'm sure it's my loss. I was in VW-1 in '59 and '60, so I know I missed him there, but I may have bumped into him somewhere in my twenty years. I enjoy the newsletter and see many familiar names, some from my old crew #4. We have, as yet, not made a reunion. Maybe next year in Tucson."

NOTE: The dues checks often came with touching notes of condolence and of appreciation for my staying involved in the group. Thanks you for that Walt Chapman, Jesse and Grace Garcia, Ernie and Bev Clark, Scott Bates, & Charles and Sandra Lange.

Arnie Clarkson (5/1) Email Removed "Please note my new e-mail address. My new mailing address is: Address Removed Kapolei, Address Removed

Bill & Lynn Turner (5/30 Email Removed "We have new contact information: Ph: Phone Removed New address: Address Removed Crystal Lake, Address Removed

Mary Ann Cousineau (6/2) Snail Mail "Dave had a heart attack on 5/24. They put in two stents because his immune system is so bad. Had a blood transfusion and dialysis for his kidneys that were not in good shape after the stents. They were going to do open heart surgery but he was not well enough for that. Still in hospital. Time will tell how things will go."

(Note: Spoke with Dave in late June. He was home and feeling much better. He sounded great and said he is taking it easy and giving himself time to heal.)

Carroll Walker (6/15) Snail Mail "Looking forward to seeing everyone in Arizona. This will be a great place for a gathering. I love the desert!!"

Gary Evans (6/17) Email Removed "I am floored with your web site! My Dad and my family were stationed in Guam when I was a little boy and all the way to graduating high school, of course, with transfers, but irrelevant for this story. My Dad was with VW-1 for quite awhile. He passed away a few years ago. As I'm sure your aware, I lost my hero, and I'm 56 years old. When I was a boy I lived for Naval Aviation and to this day, eat, live and breathe the Navy. The Super Connie's, and everything it means is so important to me that it is very exciting to find you. Could I join your organization and be part of VW-1 again via my Dad? His name is Jessie R. Evans. He was a flight engineer on TE4 on Guam."

David Herda (6/29) Snail Mail "Just a quick note of apology for not getting the dues to you quicker. I've been travelling a lot on business – Fayetteville, AR; Minnesota, Oklahoma, Williamsburg, VA; Atlanta,

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Several months ago ..... Captain Bert Udovin and his wife, Francie, got together with Captain and Mrs. Earl Luehman at the Luehman home in Arlington, VA. (Pictured L to R) Bert Udovin, Capt. Earl Luehman, Helen Luehman and Francie Udevin. Earl was not in good health at 93, but Helen, at 91, still did water aerobics at the Army-Navy Country Club in Arlington, VA. Helen took them both there for lunch after the visit. The Luehman's had recently celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary with their son (USNA graduate) and their daughter (a lawyer). Earl was USNA class of 1941, went to a destroyer and then later went to flight training. In the 50's, when XO of VW-1, he relieved Captain "Flip" Anderson, as Commanding Officer of VW-1. Following that tour in VW-1 he became Naval Attache to the USSR and Greece. Bert commented "Captain Luehman is one of several Navy friends and shipmates that I have a great deal of respect and admiration for over my 39 year Naval career." He recently told us that Captain Luehman died in December of 2011 and his wife is now in a retirement facility.

Obituary: Cecil and Nadine Peters

Christine Harris, the granddaughter of Cecil and Nadine Peters notified us recently that Cecil died on May 10, 2012. He was a flight engineer in VW-1 from 1956 to 1959 when the squadron was operating in Hawaii and then transitioned to Guam. He retired from the Navy after 22 years of service. Nadine predeceased Cecil and died in March of 2011. They were married in 1947 and had 64 years together. They had three daughters, five grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. Cecil had been a member of the VW-1 Association since November of 2011. Should you wish to send a card the contact is: Christine Harris at Address Removed **Joplin,** Address Removed **Phone:** Phone Removed

Amazing Vietnam Wall Web Site

(Pat O'Donnell sent the following information on web site for the Vietnam Wall that is remarkably easy to use. Go to www.virtualwall.org/iStates.htm. Thank you, Pat.)

"This is an amazing web site. Someone spent a lot of time and effort to create it. I know that all of you who see this appreciates what those who served in Vietnam sacrificed for our country. The link is a virtual wall of all those lost during the Vietnam War with names, bio's and other information on these lost heroes.

Those who remember those years, or perhaps lost friends and/or family, can look them up on this site. First click on a state, when it opens, scroll down to the city and the names will appear. Then click on their names. It should show you a picture of the person, or at least their bio and medals. Please pass this information on to others.

News from Cyberspace (Continued from Page 2)

GA; Long Beach, CA; San Antonio, TX; back to Oklahoma – and I'm leaving Wednesday for Oklahoma and Minnesota (first business, then pleasure). Retirement is looking better and better. There is still hope I'll be able to make one of the reunions. Keep up the good work. I always enjoy the newsletters."

Nacho & Joyce (6/19) Email Removed "Thanks to everyone for your support and prayerful thoughts regarding Nacho's health. The bone scan and lung scan determined no definable results regarding the cancer spreading, for which we are humbly grateful. They will continue to monitor him again in 3 months with more scans and keep an eye on his blood work regarding Agent Orange. He is on medication to shrink the prostrate and looking at his options regarding future treatment. In Sunday's Parade magazine was a short article on a new drug called carvacrol being tested at the U of Long Island. It is a component of the oregano plant. The compound is a potent cancer fighter that induces cell suicide on prostrate cancer cells. We are taking it one day at a time with possible surgery in a couple of months. So many guys have had to deal with this as it is so common, like colon cancer. We never used to hear or know of this stuff. Makes you wonder what is going on in the environment. Nacho started with a weakening immune system that led to the pneumonia that led to the white cell count and prostrate cancer. It is so important to get regular checkups and don't try to doctor yourself too long. God bless all of you."

New E-Mail Addresses:

Wayne Authement	Email Removed	
Melvin Bonds, Jr.	Email Removed	
Lowell & Sheila Buswell	Email Removed	
Richard Lee Cordle	**New Phone:**	Phone Removed
Dave & Mary Ann Cousineau	Email Removed	
Stephen Davis	Email Removed	
David Herda	Email Removed	
Harry Jaggard	Email Removed	
Clarence LaMarsh	Email Removed	
Jim & Peggy LaPosta	Email Removed	
Larry Markowitz	Email Removed	
LeRoy & Jill Scott	Email Removed	
Duncan Sprinkle	Email Removed	
Christy Winchester	Email Removed	

OUTDOOR AIRCRAFT EXHIBIT GUIDE

Attack Aircraft

A-4C "Skyhawk"
A 4D-2 "Skyhawk"
A-6E "Intruder"
A-7D "Corsair II"
A-7E "Corsair II"
AV-8C "Harrier"

Bombers

AEW.2 "Shackleton"
B-26K "Invader"
B-36J "Peacmaker"
B-52D "Stratofortress"
B-52G "Stratofortress"
B-57E "Canberra"
B-58E "Hustler"
MK IV "Bristol Blenheim"
NB-52A "Stratofortress"

Cargo

C-117D "Skytrain"
C-123B "Provider"
C-124 "Globemaster"
C-130A "Hercules"
C-130D "Hercules"
C-131F "Samaritan"
C-133B "Cargomaster"
C-141B "Starlifter"
C-45J "Expeditor"
C-54D "Skymaster"
C-82A "Packet"
C-97G "Stratofreighter"
YC-125A "Raider"
YC-14

Commercial Aircraft

2000A "Star Ship"
B-23 "Dragon"
L-049 "Constellation"
N22S "Nomad"
RB-1 "Conestoga"
V1-R "Caravelle"
Vickers 744 "Viscount"
Martin 404 "Martin Liner"
S-2A

Drones

ADM-20C "Quail"

Fighter Aircraft

DF-8A "Crusader"
F-100C "Super Sabre"
F-101B "Voodoo"
F-102A "Delta Dagger"
F-104D "Star Fighter"
F-105D "Thunder Chief"
F-105G "Thunder Chief"
F-106A "Delta Dart"
F-11F "Tiger"
F-111E "Aardvark"
F-15A "Eagle"
F3H-2 "Demon"
F-4C "Phantom II"
F-5B "Freedom Fighter"
F-8A "Skyray"
F7F-3 "Tigercat"
F-84C "Thunderjet"
F-84F "Thunderstreak"
F-86H "Sabre"
F-86L "Sabra"
F-89J "Scorpion"
F-94C "Starfire"
F9F-4 "Panther"
FJ-4B "Fury"
IDS "Tornado"
J-6A / MIG-19PF "Farmer"
MK-58 "Hawker Hunter"
P-80B "Shooting Star"
YF-4J "Phantom II"

Fire Fighting Aircraft

AF-2S "Guardian"
C-119C "Flying Boxcar"
C-123K "Provider"
Cessna 310
DC-7B
P2V-7 "Neptune"

General Aviation

BD-4
Cessna 120
Cessna 150L
D-16 "Twin Navion"
Erco 415C "Ercoupe"
MM-II "Midget Mustang"
N-35 "Bonanza"
U-11A "Aztec"
U-3A "Blue Canoe"
U-8D "Seminole"
UC-45J "Expeditor"

Helicopters

CH-21C "Work Horse"
CH-37B "Mojave"
CH-54A "Tarhi" (Sky Crane)
H-5G "Dragonfly"
HH-3F "Pelican"
HH-43F "Huskie"
HH-52A "Seaguard"
HO3S-1G "Dragonfly"
HTL-7 "Sioux"
HUP-3 "Retriever"
MH-53M "Pave Low IV"
OH-43D "Huskie"
OH-58A "Kiowa"
UH-1H "Iroquios" (Huey)
UH-19B "Chickasaw"

MiGs

MiG-15 BIS "Fagot"
MiG-17F "Fresco C"
MiG-17PF "Fresco D"
MiG-21PF "Fishbed D"
MIG-23MLD "Flogger-K"
MIG-29 "Fulcrum-A"

NASA Aircraft

B-377SG "Super Guppy"
C-9B "Skytrain II"
G-1159 "Gulfstream II"
KC-135A "Stratotanker"

Recon/Patrol Aircraft

AEW-3 "Gannet"
AP-2H "Neptune"
E-1B "Tracer"
EA-1F "Skyraider"
EB-47E "Stratojet"
EC-121 "Constellation"
EC-135J "Stratotanker"
O2A "Skymaster"
OV-10D "Bronco"
OV-1C "Mohawk"
PV-2 "Harpoon"
RA-5C "Vigilante"
RF-101C "Voodoo"
S2F-1 "Tracker"
WB-66 "Destroyer"
YEA-3A "Skywarrior"

Refueling Aircraft

KB-50J "Superfortress"
KC-97G "Stratofreighter

Seaplanes

HU-16A "Albatross"
JRS-1 "Baby Clipper"

Trainers

ALPHA JET A
AT-6B "Texan"
AT-7B "Navigator"
BT-13A "Vallant"
BT-14A "Yale"
T.Mk-1/T185 "Gnat"
T-1A "Sea Star"
T-2C "Buckeye"
T-28 "Trojan"
T-29B "Flying Classroom"
T-33A "Shooting Star"
T-37B "Tweet"
T-38A "Talon"
CT-39A "Sabre Liner"
TAF-9J "Cougar"
TF-10B/F3D-2 "Skynight"
TF-102A "Delta Dagger"
TF-9J "Cougar"
TV-2 "Shooting Star

VIP Aircraft

VC-118A "Liftmaster"
VC-121A "Columbine"
VC-137B "Freedom One"
VC-140B "Jet Star"
VP-3A "Orion"
VH-34C "Chocktaw"

Additional Displays

BGM-109G "Ground Launch Cruise Missile" Missle Transporter, Erector, Launcher, & Tractor
J233 "Tug/Shop Mule", M2-Mod.2 "Bomb Service Truck", M2 "Cletrac", XM-211 "Cargo Truck", M3000 "Fire Truck", M-7 "Search Light", M35a2 "Radar Truck", M105a2 "Radar Trailer", CF-55AF "Tug", WC-54 "Ambulance", APU "A/C Power Unit", GMC "Fire Truck", O-11 "Crash Truck", CB3000 "Crash Rescue", CAT-212 "Road Grader"

The Pima Air & Space Museum opened to the public on May 8, 1976. Since that time, the Museum has evolved from 35 aircraft in a bare desert setting to the fine facility you see today.

Senior Discount Bonanza

(Note: The following information was provided by VW-1 member Larry Markowitz. I'm sure you will find several businesses mentioned that you frequent. Thank you, Larry, for your research.)

"As I was waiting in line behind an older gentleman at Wendy's recently, I heard him ask for his senior discount. The girl at the register apologized and charged him less. When I asked the man what the discount was he told me that seniors over age 55 get 10% off everything on the menu, every day. Being of "that age" myself, I figured I might as well ask for the discount too.

This incident prompted me to do some research and I came across a list of restaurants, supermarkets, department stores, travel deals and other types of offers giving various discounts with different age requirements. I was actually surprised to see how many there are and how some of them start at the young age of 50!"

REMEMBER .... YOU MUST ASK FOR YOUR DISCOUNT!

Restaurants

Applebee's	15% off with Golden Apple Card (Age 60+)
Arby's	10% Off (55+)
Ben & Jerry's	10% Off (60+)
Boston Market	10% Off (65+)
Burger King	10% Off (60+)
Chick-Fil-A	10% Off or a free small drink of coffee (55+)
Chili's	10% Off (55+)
CiCi's Pizza	10% Off (60+)
Denny's	10% Off; 20% Off for AARP MEMBERS (55+)
Dunkin' Donuts	10% Off of free coffee if over 55
Einstein's Bagels	10% Off Baker's dozen of bagels (60+)
Fuddrucker's	10% Off any senior platter (55+)
Gatti's Pizza	10% Off (60+)
Golden Corral	10% Off (60+)
Hardee's	33 cent beverage everyday (65+)
IHOP	10% Off (55+)
Jack in the Box	Up to 20% Off (55+)
KFC	Free small drink with any meal (55+)
Krispy Kremes	10% Off (50+)
McDonald's	Coffee discounted every day (55+)
Shoney's	10% Off Sonic ; 10% Off OR free beverage (60+)
Steak 'n Shake	10% Off every Monday and Tuesday (50+)
Subway	10% Off (60+)
Sweet Tomatoes	10% Off (62+)
Taco Bell	5% Off; free beverages (65+)
TCBY	10% Off (55+)
Village Inn	10% Off (60+)
Waffle House	10% Off every Monday (60+)
Wendy's	10% Off (55+)
White Castle	10% Off (62+)

Note: Bennigan's, Bob's Big Boy, Long John Silver's, and Mrs. Fields discounts vary by location.

Senior Discount Bonanza

Overnight Accommodations

Cambria Suites, Clarion, Comfort Inn, Comfort Suites and Econo Lodge	20 to 30% Off (60+)
Hampton Inn & Suites	10% Off when booked 72 hours in advance
Hyatt Hotels	25 to 50% Off (62+)
InterContinental Hotels Group	Discount varies for those 65+
Mainstay Suites	20 to 30% Off (60+) or 10% Off with Mature Traveler's Discount (50+)
Marriott Hotels	15% Off (62+)
Motel 6	10% Off (60+)
Quality Inn, Rodeway and Sleep Inn	20 to 30% Off (60+)

Car Rentals

Alamo	Up to 25% Off for AARP members
Avis	Up to 25% Off for AARP members/ 10% Off (55+)
Budget Rentals	10% Off (50+); 20% Off for AARP members
Dollar Rent-A-Car	10% Off (50+)
Enterprise	5% Off for AARP members
Hertz	Up to 25% Off for AARP members
National Rent-A-Car	Up to 30% Off for AARP members

Retail and Apparel

Banana Republic	10% Off (50+)
Bealls	20% Off first Tuesday of each month (50+)
Belk's	15% Off first Tuesday of each month (55+)
Dress Barn	10% Off (55+)
Goodwill	10% Off one day a week (date varies by location)
Hallmark	10% Off one day a week (date varies by location)
Kmart	20% Off (50+)
Kohl's	15% Off (60+)
Rite Aid	10% Off on Tuesdays & 10% Off prescriptions
Ross Stores	10% Off every Tuesday (55+)
Salvation Army	Up to 50% Off (55+)

Travel

Alaska, American, Continental, Southwest, United and USAir (ask at booking)	Age 65 and up
Grayhound Bus	Various discounts for ages 50+
Amtrak	15% Off (62+)

This list is a great indication of how much you can save over time. As businesses change policies be sure to ask about a discount. There were more but space does not allow this issue. I was once told "if you don't ask, you don't get" which, at the time, sounded very rude to me, but life has taught me that it is, in fact, TRUE!

New Members

David Hiller — **AT3**
Address Removed — 1968 – 1970
the Colony, Address Removed — Phone Removed
Wife: Anita — dEmail Removed

Flight Crew

William (Bill) E. Hickey — **AE2**
Address Removed — 1966 – 1968
Merrill, Address Removed — Phone Removed
Wife: Pam — Email Removed

Started on check crew, then to Electrica shop. Went TAD for AMD at Snagley Point in the PI. When I return to Guam I worked in the Electrical Shop. I usually went on flight with TE00. Mostly on engine changes.

**** Welcome Aboard ****

Reunion Update

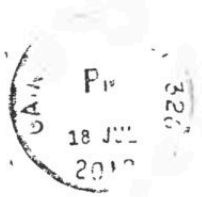
As of today, July 16, the following have registered for the April 15th reunion in Tucson, AZ.

Tom & Barbara Bates
Al & Joanne Madsen
Sally Metzger
John & Linda Moehlenkamp
Bob & Flo O'Reilly
Gary & Gay Oulman
Jim & Maizie Rice
Jim & Nancy Stinson
Mac & Judy Stotts
Pete & Dottie Wasmund

If you see an error in this list please let me know. If you wish to place your reservation call the Viscount at 1-800-527-9666. Be sure to mention you are with the VW-1 All Hands Alumni Assoc. Your price will be $79 per night, plus tax and hotel fees.



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