VW-1 All Hands Alumni Association



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The SCUTTLEBUTT from your PRESIDENT

Greetings Shipmates,

I'm sure all of you have been busy also this spring and summer. Ever since Jane and I returned from Florida it's been non-stop. Yard and garden work, harvesting and putting up 34 pints of sweet corn with 5 rows to go next week.

Jane and I had a delightful 5 day visit from Mack and Judy Stotts last month. Mack and I spent quite a bit of time on the deck smoking Cuban cigars and imbibing Jack Danial's and he scotch. The Stotts's and Kuebler's lost about everything from the Hurricane that hit the Texas coast in 2016. They have all pretty much recovered but the emotional toll it took will take some time to heal.

Thoughts and prayers are needed for Gary and Gay Oulman, Gary is still battling bladder cancer and Gay has lung issues returning. Gary is working with the Florida Dept. of Veterans Affairs about exposure to "Agent Orange" while serving in Vietnam. By the way, have you ever been told that your medical records burnt up in a St. Louis storage facility? Gary, working with a retired Chief with the Florida Veterans Affairs, was able to get his almost immediately. The Chief told Gary the VA tells every body that to put veterans off. So don't give up and if you were told that in the past, re-submit and don't take no for an answer! I have found that if you contact your state Department of Veterans Affairs, they are usually former vets and will be persistent in helping you.

Sally reminded me we are only 10 months from our next reunion in Branson, so make your hotel reservations. Sally will be sending the registration and planned events soon.

Last but not least, "Shirt Orders" must be in before March 1, 2019 if you want to have it before the reunion in April.

Ralph



ORDER FORM FOR VW-1 SHIRT

Basic Shirt is $35
$5 for Name and tour years
Extra size cost (XXL -$2, XXXL - $4 & XXXXL $6 Extra)
Style: **MB**-*Mens Blue,* **MG**-*Mens Gold*, **WB**-*Womens Blue*, and **WG**-*Womens Gold*

Note: Shirt run a little snug suggest you order one size larger

VW-1 Members Name _____
Please Print

Name on Shirt	Years Served	Style	Size	Qty	Shirt Cost

Mail to:
Ralph Link
Address Removed
Bloomington, Illinois

Sub Total	
9% Tax	
Total	

Make check out to Ralph Link

CLICK TO PRINT

Two Paths to Adapted Housing – Are You Eligible?



VA provides grants to Service members and Veterans with certain permanent and total service-connected disabilities to help purchase or construct an adapted home, or modify an existing home to accommodate a disability. Find out more about the Specially Adapted Housing grant and the Special Housing Adaptation grant.

Read More

NEW FROM CYBERSPACE AND MAIL CALL

Floyd Orsini (5/2) Email Removed "Revised my hotel reservation as per newsletter. Also will have my dues in the mail shortly. Just an idea for something to do for the reunion. The fish hatchery is a real neat place and it's free. Very educational. The first time I was at Branson, Ed told me about it. I plan on going there at the next reunion. Pat and I are very busy, as usual. I'm a mother hen again. I have 14 chickens, they are 8 weeks old, and also we have lots of yard work to do after some very high wind damage. We lost 8 pine trees; nothing hit the house but lots of clean up to do. Hope everything is good with you. See you next year."

Polly Marchione (5/2) Phone Removed Called Polly to verify their email address since the computer would not send the Tracker. She informed me that Dean passed away on December 14, 2017 from a heart attack triggered from the medications he was taking for leukemia. Polly and Dean were married on Guam early in his tour there – 1963 to 1965 – and he also served in VW-4 during his 30-year Navy career. He was an ADR2 when in VW-1 and retired as a Senior Chief. He then got his Masters' Degree and worked for the Space Center in Titusville. He is survived by two sons and 4 grandchildren. Polly does not use the computer. Her contact information is: Address Removed Norfolk, Address Removed Phone Removed

Andy Dunn (5/2)"I will get a card in the mail to Polly. Joyce is doing well. I have had a total hip replacement and then discovered I had prostate cancer. Just finished up 39 radiation treat- ments. Praying this year will be a better year. We are looking forward to Branson.

Larry Markowitz (5/25) Snail Mail: " Thank you for sending the Tracker. My computer won't talk to my printer. Still trying to get that fixed. Some extra to cover supplies for VW-1." (Thank you for the donation, Larry. You're on the "snail mail list for future Trackers".)

George Stewart (6/3) Snail Mail: "My wife has had Alzheimer's disease for four years and I have been caring for her and taking care of the house and yard, but it just got to much to handle so I sold our house in Georgia and moved back to Southern Michigan where most of our family live so they can help care for their mother/grandmother. My wife is now in an excellent nursing home and I have an apartment just 20 minutes away and visit her daily. My new address is: George E. Stewart, Address Removed Temperance, Address Removed

LeRoy White (5/25) Snail Mail: "That is one outstanding Tracker! Congrates to Bob and to any others who had inputs to it. I see my TE-2 made it right up front. That's the AC my Crew 4 had that hit the wall cloud on penetration, and lost the right tip tank with 600 gallons, and part of the wing. Bill Dutra (deceased) was my second engineer and had the panel; Lt. Thompson was First Pilot; LTJG Erwin was Second and Ens. Townsend was Third. Thanks for the SS card info. I passed the information around to friends and family here. I'm wondering if being 93 years of age might make me the oldest squadron member. I will be 94 in August – if I make it that far- Essential Tremors got to me the last week in September 2017. Have to use a cane to steady myself to keep from falling. Some days pretty bad, others not so bad. Vision and hearing are down. Driving is iffy at times, but if I don't feel right about it, I don't go. Memory fades somewhat. I eat well and I am a good cook. Ruby isn't with me now. She developed kidney failure down to about 20%. She had to move to an apartment in San Marcos so her daughter can help her. She has been in the hospital for the past couple of weeks with an intestinal problem, and we don't know how long she will have to stay. Best wishes and love to all!"

Pete Wasmund (6/9) email: "I have moved my residence to live with my daughter in her new home. It's about two miles from my old home. For the past two weeks I have been without Internet. It is due to be hooked up this Friday. It will then take a couple more days to get my man cave stuff moved over into Debbie's home. I have been in the progress of updating the website format so that it will be compatible with the smart phones. I am about 2/3 finished. There are more than 500 pages on our web site. When I get back on line I will need to verify the current membership with you.

New Member: Larry Wayne Robinson (aka: Steven L. Michaels) Steve arrived in VW-1 in 1965 after attending school in Memphis. First worked in supply; then to fork lift tow tractor operator on flight line. Finally, as ATR3, he was assigned to Crew 3 as 3rd Tech. He got out in August of 1968.
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Dick Swanson (6/30) Snail Mail: "Sorry I'm so late again as I'm sure it makes the job more of a hassle. I do have an excuse! I was back in the VA, although not for long. I had to go through twenty rounds of the hyper baric chamber following which they pulled the rest of my teeth (quite the smile!) Don't have to worry about women, just grin and they run!! I appreciate receiving the newsletter. You take care and have an awesome summer!"



OREGON COASTAL TOUR .... was greatly enjoyed by Sally Metzger when the local VW-1'ers spent the day showing off "their world". The Spruce Goose in McMinnville, OR.

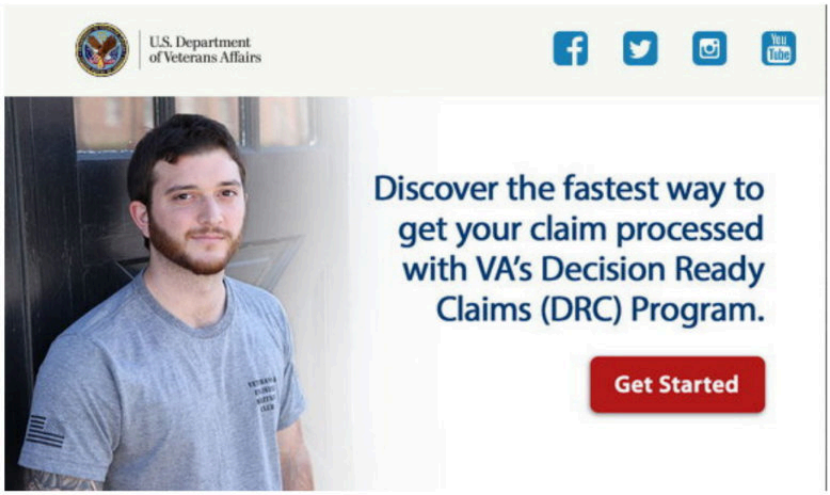


(L to R: Fred and Simone Becker, Sally, Sheila and Lowell Buswell) was the first stop on the agenda and you can see only a tiny portion of it in the background. It is HUGE! Lunch at "Mo"s" included their famous clam chowder. Sally was thrilled to see whales ... or at least "parts" of them ... in the coastal waters, as well as seals basking in the sun. It was a great day and even the weather was welcoming to the visiting Floridian.



VA Corner

Latest VA news



The Decision Ready Claims (DRC) Program is the fastest way to get your VA claim processed. You can get a decision on your claim in 30 days or less by working with an accredited Veterans Service Organization (VSO) or other accredited representative, or you can request a 30 day decision yourself.

Recently, Bob Stephenson one of our shipmates, used the DRC claim program to get a decision in his disability claim within 30 days. He had been told if his paperwork had been submitted through normal channels, a decision would have taken from 6 months to a year.

If you are now or later are faced with having to submit for a service connected disability, Bob asked that you contact him for some direction and suggestions on how to give yourself a better chance at success as well as doing the process in a timely manner.



It's the time of year again to •....
Update Information on your VW-1 Friends

NOTE: The following information on changes of home addresses and email addresses was gleaned as a result of the dues mailing done in May.

New home addresses:

Bill & Kathy Fellers, Address Removed Tulsa Address Removed
Steven Davis, Address Removed Lakeland, Address Removed
George Stewart, Address Removed Temperance, Ml Address Removed
Dick Swanson, Address Removed Address Removed Milica, Address Removed
Jon Persson, Address Removed Address Removed Wichita, Address Removed

New email addresses:

Bill Fellers billykathryn Email Removed Ph: Phone Removed
Clarence Hames - cahames Email Removed
Robert (Bob) Neely - Email Removed
Gordon Olson - Email Removed
Dan Ragan - Email Removed
Carl Sperber - Email Removed
Neil Taylor - Email Removed
Victor Zarich - Email Removed

BRANSON REUNION DATES

Get Onboard For April 23- 28, 2019 Branson



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