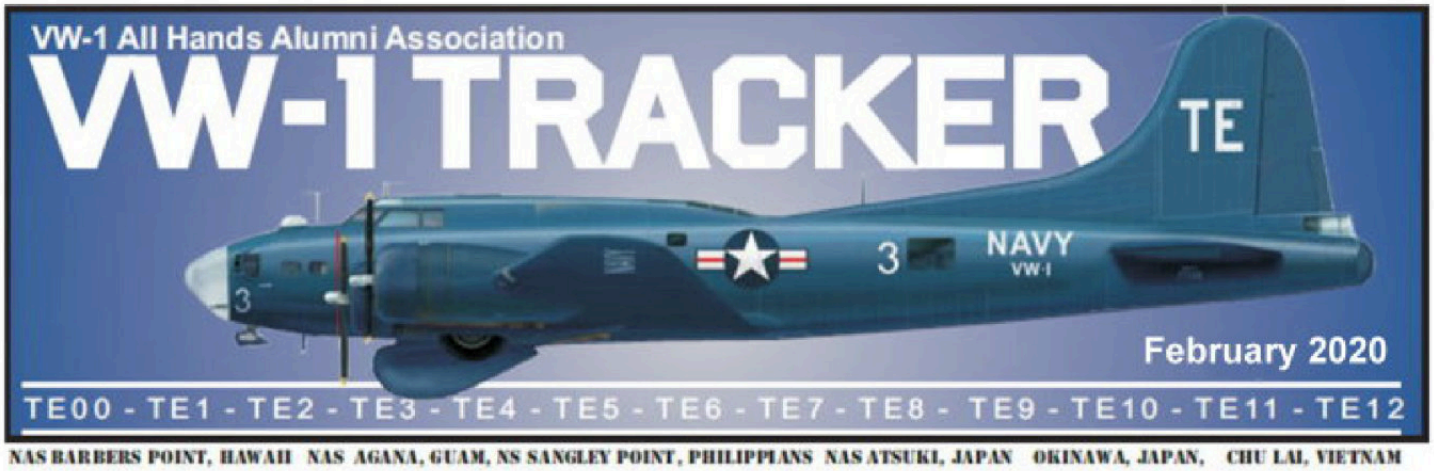
VW-1 All Hands Alumni Association



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The SCUTTLEBUTT from your PRESIDENT

Greetings Shipmates,

Happy and Healthy New Year to all. Sorry for not having a Fall/ Winter Newsletter, just didn't have all the new officers transitioned in their respective jobs. With Sally having health issues, Barbara Chapin and Bob O'Reilly were waiting for Sally to recover to forward Treasure and Secretary records. Reports from several officers and Ship Stores will be attached.

Scott and Marie Wagner have put together Reunion details for the next Reunion in Rapid City, SD. for September 27th 2020 thru October 3rd 2020. Scott's introduction and 1st update is included in this NEWSLETTER. Scott assures me the weather will be delightful for our Reunion.

I've had contact with several shipmates who where having health issues, Gary Oulman underwent surgery for Bladder and Prostrate cancer. I spoke with Gary and Gay, they reported Gary was recovering and healing from the ordeal. Prayers are always welcome and I pray Gary and Gay will be well enough to join us in Rapid City. Jane and I will be visiting them on our way down to our winter playground in March.
Heard from Jimmy Rice through a caretaker. Jim is currently in an Assisted Living center. Jim's address is; James Rice, Address Removed
Address Removed I'm sure Jim would love to hear from shipmates with a note or card. Dave Manning is the caretaker who got in touch with me, he is a veteran who really cares about Jim and can be reached at email; Email Removed .

I've had emails from several shipmates. Ed Nafus wanted to report that Jim Galinski is not dead, last reported he moved from California to Central America.Heard from "Bob" Orsini that his wife Pat is recovering from broken bones. Keep Pat in our prayers for quick and complete recovery.

Jane and I attended the last "Vanguard" Reunion in Ft. Worth this past September. Our own Dan Ragan is the Leader of this group. We had a wonderful time with the senior shipmates of this great organization. As with all Reunion groups, time has a way of diminishing our ability due to age and health participating.



We will also face this inevitable fate sooner rather than later. So, we must make the most of our time together during upcoming Reunions. I made known who wanted, could join with us, they were more than welcome. We wish the "Vanguard Cold War Warriors" Fair Winds and Following Seas.

Ralph

Treasurer Introduction Letter

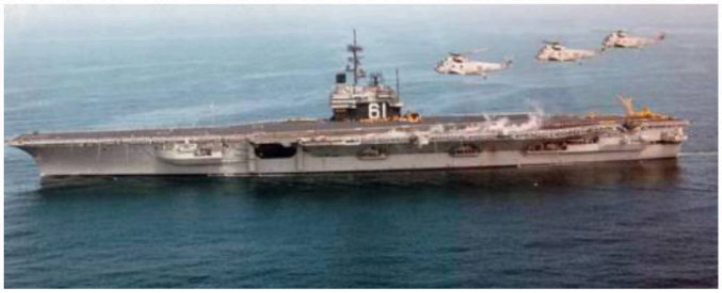
I wanted to say hello to everyone with VW1. My name is Barbara Chapin and I am your new treasurer. I currently live in South Carolina, after living in California for 40 years with my husband Phillip Chapin.

We are very happy to be living close to family here on the east coast. I'm very blessed to be able to take over as treasurer and help serve in this capacity for VW1.I've taking over the position October 2019 from Sally and have been learning how to maintain the programs. My goal is to keep your records up- to- date, safe and secure. If there is ever a problem, please don't hesitate to reach out to me and I will do my best to get back to you as soon as possible.

Thanks again and look forward seeing you in the future,

Barbara Chapin, Treasurer
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Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act claims now being determined

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) will begin deciding claims for the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2019 at 12:01 a.m., Philippine Standard Time, Jan. 1, 2020, as the the Philippines is the farthest east VA regional benefits office.

The Act extends the presumption of herbicide exposure, that include toxins such as Agent Orange, to Veterans who served in the offshore waters of the Republic of Vietnam during the Vietnam War.

Signed into law Jun. 25, the law specifically affects Blue Water Navy (BWN) Veterans who served no more than 12 nautical miles offshore of the Republic of Vietnam between Jan. 6, 1962 and May 7, 1975, as well as Veterans who served in the Korean Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) between Jan. 1, 1967 and Aug. 31, 1971. These Veterans can now apply for disability compensation and other benefits if they have since developed one of 14 conditions that are presumed to be related to exposure to herbicides. Veterans do not need to prove that they were exposed to herbicides. The specific conditions can be found by searching the term “Agent Orange” on www.va.gov.

To be eligible a Veteran must have served in the identified locations during the specified time period and currently have a condition(s) associated with herbicide exposures, such as Agent Orange. Blue Water Navy claims are being processed under current prioritization criteria; however, special priority is being given to Veterans who are over the age of 85 or have a terminal condition. Qualifying recipients include affected Veterans who are still living and certain survivors of deceased BWN and Korean DMZ Veterans.

If you never severed in country on a VW-1 delpoyment, but later served off shore, you may be eligible for VA Benefits.

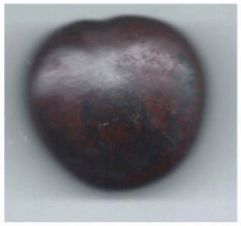
Veterans who want to file an initial claim for an herbicide-related disability can use VA Form 21-526EZ, Application for Disability Compensation and Related Compensation Benefits or work with a VA-recognized Veterans Service Organization to assist with the application process. Veterans may also contact their state Veterans Affairs Office.

February 2020

VW-1 All Hands Association Ships Store

Mike Webber

We have a few new items in the ships store right now.



Sea Beans, yes Sea Beans! Are you tired of buying everyone drinks at the reunion, just because you lost your Sea Bean years ago? Here's your chance to get one. Think of it as an investment. Sea Beans are $3.50 including shipping.





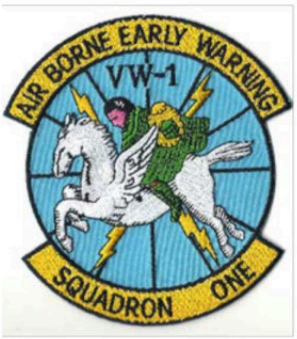
Going out to a nice dinner and wondering how to look nice and yet still show your love of Willy Victors? When I find myself in this predicament, I like to wear my Super Constellation dress socks. These are made by Davco and are men's sock size 10-13 for shoe size 6-12. They have a Super Constellation (or C-121J) print. They are $12.00 a pair with shipping. I only have a few pairs, so order fast.

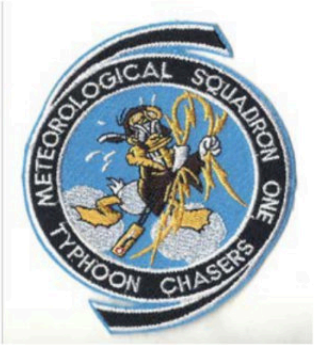
We still have the regular items





AEWRON ONE Typhoon Trackers Mesh Back Hats are $18.00 each with shipping





VW-1 "Paul Revere" patches and Meteorological Squadron One "Donald Duck" patches. Each patch is about 5" wide at the widest point. They are $5.50 each with shipping.

The VW-1 patch is also available as a 5" sticker or decal. They too are $5.50 each with shipping.

Pins – we have a 7/8” “Retired US Navy” pin, a Golden "Crew Chief" Pin (About 1 1/8" wide by 1/2" high) and a highly detailed 2” long pewter colored VW-1 Willy Victor pin. Each pin is $4.50 with shipping. These would look great on that mesh hat above.







How to order: Please use the form below. Attach a check the amount of the order. Checks should be made out to “Barbara Chapin, treasurer” and sent with the order form to me at:

VW-1 Association Ships Store
c/o Mike Webber
Address Removed
Yorba Linda, Address Removed

I usually mail items within 3-5 days of receipt of the order via first class US Mail. If you included an email address on the order form, I’ll email you a tracking number when the item ships.

I’m always on the lookout for new and interesting items for the store. If you have an idea or see something you think our group would enjoy, please sent me a note. Any other feedback is also appreciated.

I’ll post new items to the VW-1 Facebook page so be sure to check there for the latest.

Thanks!
Mike Webber AX2
VW-1 All Hands Association Ships Store
TE-4 and TE-6, CIC, 1966-1968
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VW-1 All Hands Alumni Association Ships Store Order Form

2/1/2020

Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

City, State Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____

Email (optional) _____

Item	Price Each	Quanity Desired	Total Amount for item
Hats			
AEWRON ONE Typhoon Trackers Hat - Mesh Back	$18.00		
Patches			
VW-1 Patch - Paul Revere	$5.50		
Meteorological Squadron One - Donald Duck Patch	$5.50		
Decals - Stickers			
VW-1 Sticker - Paul Revere	$5.50		
VW-1 Decal - Paul Revere	$5.50		
Pins			
"Retired US Navy" Pin - 7/8"	$4.50		
Golden "Crew Chief" Pin - About 1 1/8" by 1/2"	$4.50		
VW-1 Willy Victor Pin - 2" long	$4.50		
New Items			
Sea Beans	$3.50		
Mens Socks - Constellation	$12.00		
		Total Order	

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VW-1 All Hands Reunion Update #1
"SAVE THE DATE"

Ahoy shipmates! This is my first update regarding the VW-1 All Hands Reunion September 27, 2020 thru October 3, 2020., here in Rapid City, SD, The "Gateway to the West." Marie and I have been living here 5 years now and we love it. It isn't big city Chicago but, there are a lot of wonderful things to see and experience:
- drivers are very courteous;
- young people hold the door open for senior citizens;
- and they call us Ma'am, and Sir.



We will be staying at the RAMKOTA HOTEL in Rapid City, to look it up on line and see the photos, paste; (https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotels-in-rapid-city/best-western-ramkota-hotel/propertyCode.42048.html). Call the hotel to make a reservation @ Phone Removed and identify yourself as a member of VW-1 ALL HANDS REUNION GROUP. We have a block of 30 sleeping rooms, a hospitality room, and 2 dining rooms. The room fee is $81.00 per night, plus 9% tax, plus $2.00 City occupancy tax (or whatever the rate is at the time.) (AND WE DIDN'T HAVE TO PAY ANY RESERVATION FEES!)

We will be seeing the Black Hills by bus on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. There will be very little walking but, the scenery is breath taking. We will visit the Badlands N. P., Wall Drug (you got to be able to say that you visited Wall Drug) and Ellsworth AFB, home of the B-1 bomber; and soon to be the home of the new B-2 bomber.

We will visit Sturgis, SD, home of the annual motorcycle rally. We will travel down Spearfish Canyon which is beautiful, and wind up in Lead, SD (say LEED) and maybe even Deadwood, SD for those of you may want to throw the dice down the table, or feed a slot machine; and see the spot where gold was first discovered in the Black Hills.

We will visit Mt. Rushmore as best we can depending on the progress made on their refurbishments due for completion in 2022. There will be several places along the bus trip where you can photograph the FACES from a distance. And we will visit Custer State Park and the American Bison Buffalo heard.

Friday morning will be the fallback golf outing, depending on the weather on Monday; or you can go play the back nine. Others may wish to go shopping and visit downtown Rapid City. The business meeting will take place in the afternoon and the dinner and auction will be in the evening.

Saturday morning we'll all do hugs & kisses, and Marie and I will wave goodbye as you scatter to the 4 winds to continue your visiting the National Parks along your way home. We look forward to seeing you here in RC in September.

Most of you will want to arrive here on Monday September 28th with two possible exceptions:

1. Golfers will want to arrive here on Sunday the 27th because you will be playing golf on Monday morning the 28th at my favorite course, THE GOLF COURSE AT RED ROCK, the #1 public course in SD. This is a "mountain goat course" and even the high school golf teams ride in carts. (Go on line and look up THE GOLF COURSE AT RED ROCK IN Rapid City, SD.)

2. The annual CUSTER STATE PARK BUFFALO ROUND UP (look it up on line) is usually held on the last Friday in September, so you will need to arrive in RC on Thursday afternoon. Professional cowboys and cowgirls round up about 1500 head of buffalo into pens where they are branded, vaccinated, given a physical, and then culled into groups to stay in the park and those to be sold at auction later in October. Marie and I took our grandson and a couple of his school friends a few years ago. The price is about $100 per person including the bus ride into the park, and breakfast. It's a real hoot!

We all had the opportunity to visit a lot of foreign countries in our military careers. So, don't miss this opportunity to see some of what used to be the frontier of OUR country. This trip will be an opportunity for many of you to see this part of the USA. So you may want to make this trip worthwhile. Think about making this an extended trip of 2 or 3 weeks and Visit the Grand Canyon NP in Northern Arizona. Visit the National Parks in Utah: Arches NP, Canyon Lands NP and visit Salt Lake City. Drive East to Wyoming and visit Yellowstone NP (go to Yellowstone before you come the Rapid City.) Head ENE to visit the Little Big Horn Battle Field in SE Montana. Visit Denver and Cheyenne and the National Parks in Southwestern Colorado.

I have a childhood TV memory of Dinah Shore closing her variety TV show singing, "See the USA in your Chevrolet, this land's the greatest land of all!"

We'll be waiting for you!

Scott &Marie
605-341-8172
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