VW - 1 TRACKER

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Pensacola Registration Time!

Information and Details are in this Issue

Look it over, fill it out, write your check, and return it to the address shown

USS Alabama Tour Optional Trip

For those of our members who have not seen the USS Alabama, it is well worth the trip. It is about an hour's ride to Battleship Park in Mobile, AL. There you will see:

Battleship USS Alabama*	Submarine USS Drum
Aircraft Pavilion	Flight Simulator Ride
Audiovisual Theatre	Bombers, Fighter Planes, Tanks

*The USS Alabama is handicapped accessible on Main Deck only.

The tour includes six decks of the Alabama and does require a good deal of walking. The bus will leave Shoney's about 8:15 and return at 1 P.M. We need approximately 40 individuals interested in taking this tour in order to contract for a bus.For those reunion attendees who do not wish to be included in this trip, Friday will be a free day to enjoy the golfing, beaches, shopping, and other activities around Pensacola

In Memory of
Les Dodge Turlock, CA



Les attended the first VW-1 Reunion in Branson, MO and he and his wife, Carol, immediately made their mark and became a vital part of our Association, serving as Chaplins and taking care of all the cards sent out to our members.

Les passed away on Thursday, Dec. 20th. Carol wrote that he had had a long bout with illness and his body had taken about all it could stand.

Les was in VW-1 in '59 – '61 and was a AMS 1 Metalsmith and Crew Chief. He

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News from Cyberspace .....

Mack Stotts (12/19) "I met John Chitwood at a Tunica, MS Casino about five months ago. When I challenged him for his "Sea Bean", the stunned look on his face verified my belief that he had forgotten it. VW-1 sailors must be more alert, wouldn't you agree? You never know when or where you may be challenged. The fact that he got caught is punishment enough, therefore no "Captain's Mast" is necessary."

Bob Kral (11/28) "Please update my email address to Email Removed Also, If you happen to see or talk to J.J. Reddy, would you ask him if I can have my liberty card; or do I have to keep using my spare?"

Charles Spatch (11/10) "I would like to locate two of my father's crew members from years ago. I saw the reunion information in the newsletter for Navy Retirees, and if these men are still alive, I thought they might be members of the VW-1 Association. Their last names are Headley and Church. They both served with my father in Guam during the years 1957 thru 1960. I do not know their first names, but they should both be in their 70's. My father's name was Albert E. Spatch. If you know these men, please put them in touch with me and my mother, June Spatch at Email Removed or Phone Removed

Jay and Alice Hockenberry (10/28) "Back from vacation and back on line. Had a great time in the Smokies – 2 days of business and 7 days of R & R and spending money I ain't got! We were a little disappointed with the colors in the Smokies, but it was still a great trip. New e-mail address is Email Removed The health problems seem to be popping up again. Just pray that all's well."

Phil Toops (10/19) "I enjoy the newsletter and know it requires dedication on your part to keep it going. Thanks. I have changed internet providers and have a new e-mail address: Home: Email Removed

Gary & Gay Oulman (10/17) " We close on a mobile home in a park in Englewood, FL on the 1st of November. We have not sold our house, but decided it is ok; we will just be true snowbirds. I am hoping to take my computer – depending on how much we can cram into the autos. Gary will be taking his pickup, also, but he has so much (unimportant) guy stuff to take! Our address is: Address Removed Address Removed Englewood, Address Removed

Howard Kemp (10/10) "My new contact data is: Address Removed Fort Worth, Address Removed Phone Removed

Chuck and Sandra Lange (10/10) "Received the VW-1 Association newsletter and was reminded I needed to send you my new e-mail address: Email Removed . We are looking forward and planning to attend the Pensacola reunion. The C121 at the museum buno 143221 used to be at Glynco, GA, so it will be like seeing an old friend as I used to fly in it while stationed at Glynco. We really enjoy getting the newsletters and reading about what our old shipmates are up to."

----- New Members -----

Michael Anderson **6/57 – 6/59**
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Bonny Lake, Address Removed
Wife: Nina Phone Removed
STETSN Email Removed

ACW-3 – flew w/Crew 7; then transferred to NAS Barber's Point. Also in VW-12.

Russell J. Brandts **5/58 – 12/59**
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Rosamond, Address Removed Phone Removed
Wife: Brenda Email Removed

ADR-3 – worked Phase Decks and Maintenance on engine part of detachment during the shelling of Philippines and Okinawa. Transferred to Moffit Field and was discharged in Jan. '61. In May of '61, reenlisted in the USAF and retired October '78.

Cecil E. Peters **2/56 – 9/59**
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Wife: Nadine Phone Removed

ADRC – Flight Engineer. Had TAD orders to Power Plant Spec. School 4/56 – 5/56. Then Flight Engineer school in Hawaii. Flew mostly 7th Fleet coverage; typhoon weather flights.

Jack Reese **1/66 – 7/68**
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Albuquerque, Address Removed Phone Removed
Email Removed

Jack was with TACAMO Component. Started flying at 19 out of NAS Agana and was literally raised by ADRs. Describes himself as "a 6'3" 190 lb. Tweet who had no qualms about getting dirty". Did a total of 14 years on Guam, including a tour with VQ-1.

Henry P. (Pete) Wasmund 5/60 – 2/62 & 11/63 – 11/66
Address Removed Arlington, Address Removed
Wife: Dorothea (Dottie) Phone Removed
Email Removed

ATR2. 1st Tour: Flew with Crew 12 as the 1st Tech; then assigned as ECC on crew. 2nd child born on Guam in 6/61.
2nd Tour: - Flew as ECC on Crew 6; then w/ Crew 5. Also deployed a time or two with both Crews 4 & 7. Pete was on the flight that delivered Christmas gifts to VW-1's adopted child in Korea. 4th child born on this tour.
*Note on Pete's e-mail there needs to be an underline mark between the "e" in Pete and the "w" in Wasmund.

Les Dodge (Continued from Page 1)

served in the Navy from 1947 to 1967 and was in the Korean War. He is survived by his wife, Carol; five children and twelve grandchildren. Carol noted that he had lived a full life and enjoyed his family and friends. He was able to travel in both his military and civilian life and found pleasure in everything he did.

Les was a hunter safety instructor, a member of the FRA, NRA and the First Presbyterian Church and a volunteer for Daily Bread.

Les's VW-1 friends will miss him greatly and we feel privileged to have known him.

Kerri Metzger Inverness, FL

1961-2001

We lost their beloved daughter, Kerri to scleroderma and End-Stage Renal Failure on Nov. 14, 2001. Kerri had been a Director at Dr. Pepper in St. Louis, Mo until she was forced to retire a year ago due to her failing health. She moved to Inverness to be with us in early January last year. We hoped that rest and warm weather would help stabilize her condition, but a cure was not to be. She died here at home under the care of Hospice. Morgan, Kerri's 7-year-old daughter will continue to live with us here in Inverness and we feel very blessed to have her in our lives.

Ed & Sally Metzger

VW-1 Ship's Store



BALL CAPS

with Scrambled Eggs

$ 9.00 Each

Navy Blue
Mesh or Solid Back
(Specifiy Style)
Embroidered in Gold

Add $ 3.50 for Postage **$ 7.00** Each



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Duck with Lightning



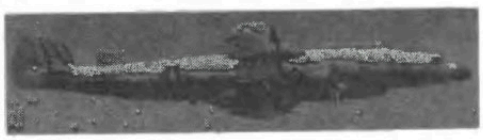
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Winged Horse w/Warrior
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LAPEL / HAT PINS

B-17 Pins – Also Connie Pins,
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