



# VP ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

AN ASSOCIATION OF VETERANS WHO SERVED WITH THE NAVAL AIR RESERVE PATROL SQUADRONS BASED AT NAS SQUANTUM MA, NAS SOUTH WEYMOUTH MA, AND NAS BRUNSWICK ME.

NOTE, CURRENT AND FORMER MEMBERS OF ANY U.S. NAVY PATROL SQUADRON ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US!

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Welcome to another edition of the VP Association newsletter. Until further notice please direct all VP Association-related inquiries or correspondence to Marc Frattasio, PO Box 30, Pembroke MA 02339, 781-294-4491, [vpassociation2@gmail.com](mailto:vpassociation2@gmail.com).

## **RECCO:**



**ABOVE:** VP-92 P-3C Orions parked out on NAS South Weymouth's West Mat not long before the squadron moved to NAS Brunswick. John Yaney photo. If you have similar things to share please contact Marc J. Frattasio at [vpassociation2@gmail.com](mailto:vpassociation2@gmail.com).

## **FINAL FLIGHTS:**

Lee Puglia, from Hooksett, NH and formerly in VP-914, passed away recently and was buried at sea by the destroyer USS Nitze (DDG-94). If you go to the ship's Facebook page you'll see some impressive photos of the burial ceremony. John Kazarosian, from Atkinson, NY and formerly a member of VP-92 also passed away recently, as did Bob Butler, who lived in Ormond Beach, Florida.

### **ILL SHIPMATE IN NEED OF CHEERING UP:**

Mary Ellen White, who was a YN at NAS South Weymouth, is recovering from recent surgery. You can contact her at [mewwhite18@verizon.net](mailto:mewwhite18@verizon.net).

### **THE 2015 ANNUAL REUNION:**

As you should know by now, the VP Association's annual reunion will be held on Saturday October 24<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 to 17:00 at the Weymouth Elks Hall at 1197 Washington Street in Weymouth, MA. This will be your final reminder about this event. The buffet style banquet is \$40 per person, attendance is limited, reservations are required in advance, and will be taken first-come first served. Tickets will not be sold at the door. Please complete and mail the reservation form on the last page of this newsletter as soon as possible to prevent disappointment and so we can tell the caterer how many people to expect. The cutoff is October 1<sup>st</sup>. All reservations must be received by that date. Directions to the Weymouth Elks Hall follow:

#### From the North (i.e., from Boston)

1. Take Route 3 south from the Boston area to Route 18 (Exit 16 South).
2. Go south on Route 18 about 1/2 mile to top of hill. At traffic light, turn left on Middle Street.
3. Continue on Middle Street, under Route 3, for about 1 1/2 miles.
4. At traffic light, turn right on Washington Street. Proceed through one traffic light and the Elk's Hall is about 200 yards on the right.

#### From the South (i.e., from Cape Cod)

1. Take Route 3 North from the Plymouth/ Cape Cod area. Get off Route 3 at Exit 15 (Derby Street).
2. At end of exit, turn left on Derby Street.
3. Drive on Derby Street about 1/2 mile to second traffic light.
4. Turn left at light on Cushing Street.
5. On Cushing Street go about 1/2 mile to next traffic light and turn left at the light on Route 53 (Whiting Street)
6. Stay north on Whiting Street (in Weymouth, it becomes Washington Street). At first traffic light be in the left lane. Go through the traffic light and the Elk's Hall is about 200 yards on the left.

The Holiday Inn at 929 Hingham St. (781-871-0545), the Best Western at 909 Hingham St. (781-871-5660), and the Comfort Inn at 850 Hingham St. (781-982-1000) are all located a few miles away off Exit 14 on Route 3 in Rockland, MA.

Our guest speaker will be author Len Sandler, who will give a presentation about local Medal of Honor recipient Army SFC Jared Monti. We also hope to have SFC Monti's father Paul with us at the reunion as well. Mr. Sandler wrote a book about SFC Monti called "See You On The High Ground". See the "required reading" section in the June newsletter at [www.vpassociation.org](http://www.vpassociation.org) for more details. Mr. Sandler will have copies of his book available for sale at the reunion and will autograph them for purchasers.

Please note that we are also working on a special surprise gift for all reunion attendees.

The Weymouth Elks Hall is close to old NAS South Weymouth, which is being redeveloped into the SouthField condominium community. Plan on driving to Weymouth a few hours earlier, visit the base, and take a look at the remaining USN structures as well as the new apartments and townhouses. As was the case last year, the Association of Naval Aviation Patriot Squadron will have the Shea Naval Aviation Museum open from 9 to 11 AM on the day of the reunion. The museum is located in temporary spaces inside the Shea Fitness Center at 495 Shea Memorial Drive and is normally only open on the second and last Saturday of the month. Admission is free. If you have any naval

aviation memorabilia gathering dust at home, especially items pertaining to South Weymouth or Squantum, please consider donating it to the museum. See [www.anapatriotsquadron.org](http://www.anapatriotsquadron.org) for details.

Although dress is officially CASUAL for the reunion, we encourage you to wear your old uniform (whatever you have) or a flight suit if you've got one.

Try to pass the word about the reunion to as many of your old Squantum/South Weymouth/Brunswick reserve VP squadron friends as possible. Don't assume that every former shipmate you're in contact with is affiliated with or aware of this group. Military or civilian guests are welcome to come with you.

Tables will be available in the banquet hall to display any memorabilia that you may wish to bring. If you have photos, cruise books, patches, caps, NATOPS manuals, or any other interesting Navy things that you'd like to show off to your friends please plan to bring them with you. Your newsletter editor is bringing a portable scanner. If you have any NAS Squantum, NAS South Weymouth, or NAS Brunswick-related photos or slides please bring them so they can be scanned for the newsletter.

### **THE ADMIN FUND:**

We have no dues but contributions are welcome to help pay for web site hosting, printing, postage, and other expenses. We'd like to thank Tom Carroll, Lester Connolly, Robert Jones, Paul Lapinski, Arthur Ricca, Ned Rogerson, Leo Salmari, and Fred Squires for recent donations to the admin fund.

### **SPEAKING OF THE COST OF PRINTING AND MAILING NEWSLETTERS...**

If you have an e-mail address and have been getting a hard-copy newsletter in the mail then we do not have an e-mail address for you. If this is your situation, please contact Marc Frattasio at [vpassociation2@gmail.com](mailto:vpassociation2@gmail.com) so we can send the newsletter to you by e-mail. Remember, this group does not charge dues and we operate on a shoestring thanks to volunteer labor, memorabilia sales, and donations. Please note that despite concerns that we might have to suspend them, we are continuing the mailings. For now at least, Bill Hanigan's wife Barbara is handing the printing and mailing effort. We are still trying to sort out who is going to do what within this organization going forward and we may have to reach out for some help. If you have an e-mail address and have been getting paper newsletters, it would be better in this difficult time for us to send it to you via e-mail.

### **LOST CONTACT:**

Please be sure to inform Marc Frattasio or George Driscoll at [vpassociation2@gmail.com](mailto:vpassociation2@gmail.com) whenever your street or e-mail address changes so we can update our contact list. Please note new e-mail addresses for Jerry Lach at [ss1jsl@wowway.com](mailto:ss1jsl@wowway.com) and Neil Rosenstrom at [baditude48@yahoo.com](mailto:baditude48@yahoo.com).

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### **END OF AN ERA:**

At 1600 on Friday September 4<sup>th</sup> the final P-3C Orion from VP-26's recent operational deployment is expected to land at NAS Cecil Field, FL. The aircraft's arrival will mark the last P-3 Orion deployment

by an east coast based regular Navy squadron. Within a few weeks VP-26 will begin transitioning to the P-8A Poseidon. Thereafter, the only east coast patrol squadron operating P-3 Orions will be reserve squadron VP-62. If you live in the area, head over to NAS Cecil Field's Hangar 915 by 1545 to watch this aircraft land and taxi in. There's going to be a big welcoming ceremony.

**A NOTE AND PHOTO FROM DARRYL ZELINIAK:**

I was a Tacco in VP-92 in the late 80's and was stationed at Moffett Field in VP-40 from '78-'81. Was out in SF for an Orthodontic Convention recently and visited Moffett. Was surprised to learn that Google owned a great part of the former base and is planning to eventually convert and use the hangars.

However, Hangar One, the largest blimp hangar which when tested proved impossible to burn down due to wood infused with all sorts of hazardous materials, had that same wood stripped off. It is now a literal shell of its former self. Supposedly Google will do something about it in the future but for now it remains a skeleton.

The only real military presence on the base is the California Air National Guard. NASA still has the largest wind tunnel in the world there with other R&D structures. A college has taken over the old administrative buildings and most importantly, the Golf Course is still functioning. There is also a cute little museum involving the base history and a P-3A which is occasionally open on weekends.



***ABOVE:*** *Old Moffett Field base administration building with the stripped down framework of the giant rigid airship hangar in the background. The hangar was originally covered with an asbestos-based material that had to be removed a few years ago due to environmental concerns. The historic structure is too expensive to repair but nobody's willing to knock it down either. Darryl Zeliniak photo.*

**A NOTE FROM SHEILA TALLENT:**

To the VP Association: Your loving support after Herb's death meant a great deal to me and my family. The flowers that you all sent were beautiful. Thank you. Sheila Tallent and Family.

**A NOTE FROM JOHN COMBS:**

I read the list of movies [in the June issue of the newsletter] and said to myself, "there has to be more great Navy Movies than this". Number one on my list would be "Mister Roberts" starring Henry Fonda in the title role and Jack Lemmon in what may have been his first starring role as Ensign Pulver.

### **REMEMBER DALE MILLER?**

Remember Dale Miller from VP-92? He's now an attorney living in Florida, where they elect judges, and he is collecting signatures so he can get on the ballot to be one. You can check out Dale's campaign on-line at <http://www.millerforbrowardjudge.com>.

### **A NOTE AND PHOTO FROM DICK SHAFTER:**

I just landed at Hanscom Field, MA and found this EP-3 parked out on the ramp. Looks like an RON in Boston for the crew:



### **SCOTT SAVELLE HOSTS SUCCESSFUL VP-23 REUNION AT NAS BRUNSWICK:**

Scott Savelle hosted a successful reunion for former VP-23 personnel on the weekend of July 25<sup>th</sup> through the 27<sup>th</sup>. The reunion was centered around old NAS Brunswick, ME. More than 200 people showed up from all around the country. Events were scheduled all weekend, starting with a happy hour at the Sea Dog Brewery in Topsham and seats at the Portland Sea Dogs baseball game on Friday night. Saturday morning began with a golf tournament at the old USN course. The main event was like a picnic at Thomas point beach featuring a huge tent and a caterer. On Sunday morning there was a memorial ceremony at the chapel. Go on Facebook and check out all the pictures and comments on the VP 23 2015 Reunion page. Note, Scott has recently set up a VP-23 alumni association. If you were in the squadron and want to join contact him at [savelle@sbcglobal.net](mailto:savelle@sbcglobal.net).

### **MONTHLY MEETINGS IN MAINE:**

Tom O'Connor is wondering if anybody would be interested in holding a monthly lunch meeting at the McDonalds restaurant in Falmouth, Maine. He proposes to meet there at 11:30 AM on the last Monday of the month. If interested, contact Tom directly at [tom\\_oconnor2001@yahoo.com](mailto:tom_oconnor2001@yahoo.com). In addition to this, Nick Nichols, who is involved with the Brunswick Naval Museum and Memorial Gardens on old NAS Brunswick, has extended an offer for VP Association members to meet on a regular basis at their museum. If this interests you contact Nick directly at [n-nichols@comcast.net](mailto:n-nichols@comcast.net). Note, everybody who was stationed at NAS Brunswick really ought to consider joining the Brunswick Naval Museum and Memorial Gardens anyway. For more details about this very worthy organization, which is located on the old base, go to [www.brunswicknavalmuseum.org](http://www.brunswicknavalmuseum.org).

### **NAS BRUNSWICK REUNION:**

The guy who put together the "Remember Brunswick Naval Air Station" group on Facebook ([www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)) is trying to organize a NAS Brunswick reunion in Brunswick, ME. He had originally tried to do this for the fall of this year, but has decided that's too soon and is now shooting for the fall of 2016. If this is something that you would be interested in attending, and it will only be done if there's sufficient interest expressed, contact Jeffrey Simpson at [jeffthebubby2@aol.com](mailto:jeffthebubby2@aol.com).

**BILL HANIGAN'S 50<sup>th</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:**

A number of former VP-92 personnel showed up at Bill Hanigan's home in Duxbury, MA recently in honor of his 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Here's a group photo showing, from left to right Bob Mandeville, Marc Frattasio, Al Firnrohr, Faith Frattasio, George Driscoll, Jim Fitzgerald, Bob O'Brien, Bob Allen, Bill Hanigan, George Clark, and Arthur Sansone. "Nuclear Ned" Rogerson was there too, but left before the photo was taken.



**P-8 POSEIDON SPOTTED PACKING MYSTERIOUS NEW POD (defence-blog.com 7/26):**

The P-8 Poseidon is quickly becoming the Pentagon's super-adaptable multi-role surveillance platform of choice. We know it can pack one of the most advanced radar systems in the world, slung under its belly in a huge canoe-like enclosure. Now, another previously unknown external 'plug and play' capability for the P-8 is in testing. This new pod was photographed during a P-8 test flight out of Boeing Field in Seattle by aviation photographer Josh Kaiser. As you can see, it is made up of an antenna farm and housing that can be attached and detached from the P-8's forward underbelly.

It is unclear what this pod's exact purpose is, but it is worth a guess (we have reached out to Boeing but are still awaiting a response). It could very well be a modular communications intelligence gathering package that will allow the P-8 to pick up some of the slack for the USAF's RC-135 and U-2 (in Senior Spear configuration) fleets, as well as the Navy's own secretive EP-3 Aries cadre among other smaller platforms. Such a capability will allow the P-8 to eavesdrop on potential foes

communications in a way in which linguists can translate those intercepts in real-time or in near real-time. Using satellite communications, there is a possibility that those linguists may not be on the jet at all, and could even be halfway around the globe.

Another possibility is that this system is the P-8's version of a "network gateway" system that will give it similar bolt-on capabilities as other aircraft equipped with Battlefield Airborne Communications Node (BACN) suites. BACN is flying on the EQ-4, E-11A and NASA's WB-57s, even the KC-135 can deploy simpler and less capable 'roll-on, roll-off' unit that accomplishes some of BACN's basic mission. BACN is one of America's most powerful force multipliers. It creates an active net over the entire battlefield, far over the horizon, and even at ground level. It also allows different weapon systems that carry various types of data-links, which transmit on their own waveform, to have their situational awareness "pictures" fused into one single common shared picture of battlespace. This single, fused picture is then rebroadcast by BACN on all those same waveforms.



**ABOVE:** P-8 Poseidon at Boeing Field in Seattle, WA. Note the unusual antenna array mounted under forward fuselage between wing and cabin door. Josh Kaiser photo, Defence Blog.

*Defence Blog article by Dylan Vosman*

#### **NAVY SHIFT OF HAWAII-BASED PATROL SQUADRONS SET FOR 2016 (Seapower 7/17):**

The Navy has set in motion its plan to shift its patrol squadrons based in Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii, to Whidbey Island, Wash., as they make the transition to the P-8A Poseidon maritime patrol aircraft. Patrol Squadron Four (VP-4) is scheduled to change duty stations on Oct. 1, 2016, from Marine Corps Air Facility Kaneohe Bay to Naval Air Station (NAS) Whidbey Island. The squadron will go through transition from the P-3C Orion to the P-8A at NAS Jacksonville, Fla.

VP-4 will begin the transition as the last of six active-duty VP squadrons based at Jacksonville completes transition to the P-8A. VP-4 will join three VP squadrons at Whidbey Island and will be followed in succession by the other two VP squadrons based at Kaneohe Bay, VP-9 and VP-47. The Navy's strategic laydown plan calls for 12 active-duty VP squadrons and two Reserve VP squadrons divided between Jacksonville and Whidbey Island. When completed, it will end more than 80 years of permanent basing of patrol squadrons in Hawaii.

*Seapower article by Richard R. Burgess*

### **BLACK SEA SUBMARINE FLEET GETTING A SERIOUS UPGRADE (Business Insider 7/14):**

Russia is making moves to revive and increase the size and scope of its Black Sea submarine fleet, the Russian Ministry of Defense stated. Russian Navy Admiral Viktor Chirkov stated during a meeting with the Main Naval Command in Saint Petersburg on Monday that he believes that the submarine fleet will be "revived" and ready for action by 2016. The submarines will be based at the Novorossiysk port on the Russian mainland across from the Crimean peninsula.

The submarine fleet will be augmented by the inclusion of six new diesel-electric submarines that Russia has been phasing into service since 2014. "The construction of 6 diesel-electrical submarines (project 636) for the Black Sea Fleet is under the control of the Main Navy Command. Novorossiysk and Rostov-on-Don submarines were put into service in 2014," Chirkov said. "Krasnodar submarine will join the Navy by the end of 2015."

Three other submarines will additionally be added to the fleet by the end of 2016. The submarines of project 636 have been designed to excel at warfare in shallower water while being arguably the quietest submarines in the world. "The formation will consist of a group of 636 submarines, which have a large sea endurance, modern weapon systems, effective radio and navigational systems," Chirkov said.

The project 636 submarines are Varshavyanka-class vessels, which are upgraded versions of Russia's previous Kilo-class submarines. Although Varshavyanka-class submarines cannot dive as deep or stay submerged underwater as long as nuclear submarines, they are nearly impossible to detect acoustically.

Primarily, the Varshavyanka-class submarines will be used for anti-shipping and anti-submarine warfare in shallower water. According to Naval Technology, the submarines can cruise for a range of 400 miles, can patrol for 45 days, and carry surface-to-air missiles and torpedoes. The mixture of weaponry onboard the submarines allow the vessels to hypothetically strike both a mixture of land, sea, and underwater targets.

The revival of the Black Sea fleet coincides with Russia's general drive to modernize its submarine assets as a whole. In addition to the Black Sea, Moscow plans on adding an additional 14 to 18 diesel-electric submarines similar to Lada-class subs over the next 15 years throughout the Russian fleets. The Kremlin also plans to replace its Delta III and Delta IV-class subs with Borei II submarines in the coming years. The Oscar II-class sub will be replaced with the entirely new Yasen submarine class after 2020.

*Business Insider article by Jeremy Bender*

### **SOUTHFIELD HANGAR GETTING A MOVIE MAKEOVER (Patriot Ledger 07/02):**

For the past 17 years, the hulking gray aircraft hangar at the old South Weymouth Naval Air Station attracted little more than rock-throwing vandals and a prolific tagger named "Sully" who left his mark in spray paint on the walls, inside and out. But now the relic has managed to draw the attention of Hollywood. The 33,000-square-foot hangar that once housed fighter jets is now on its way to being transformed into space for the studio, which plans to begin shooting part of a movie there next month. It's the long-awaited first sign of commercial development on the old base, now renamed SouthField.

LStar Management, the redevelopment's new master developer, began work last week to get the building ready, including repairing the roof, stripping out lead paint and fixing the more than 400 broken windows now covered in white plastic sheeting. LStar estimates the cost at about \$500,000.



"I've really come to love this building," LStar managing partner Kyle Corkum said, standing outside the long vacant hangar this week. "It looks ugly at first. Over time it grows on you." The previous master developer, Starwood Land Ventures, had slated the hangar for demolition. LStar decided to keep it after buying out Starwood's interest in SouthField in May.

The company has signed a lease with a California movie studio to film part of a big-budget movie there. Corkum said he's prohibited under the lease agreement from revealing the name of the movie or the studio until the studio announces it. Corkum said the studio plans to shoot scenes in the hangar as well as on the old runway and possibly in the old Navy gym building nearby.

The 1,400-acre former base includes land in Weymouth, Rockland and Abington. The hangar is in the Weymouth portion. Plans for SouthField include 2,855 homes and apartments and at least 900,000 square feet of commercial space. The project has suffered a series of delays and setbacks and is now years behind schedule. The Navy still owns the building, but agreed to allow LStar to lease it out. The conversion from military property to studio space means Weymouth can collect property taxes on the building.

Eric Miller, president of the SouthField Neighborhood Association, said residents of the fledgling community are excited about the prospect of catching a glimpse of their neighborhood on the big screen, but they're more enthusiastic about the potential for more commercial development. "What's more exciting is that this finally shows the vision everyone bought into is finally becoming a reality," he said.

LStar plans to keep the hangar and rent it out to other studios looking to film in the Boston area. Corkum said he's already working on a potential deal for another studio lease. "Making a profit on this is not my top priority," Corkum said. "It's the life it brings to this project."

Elsewhere on the former base, LStar is working on a T-ball field, a street hockey rink and reopening the old gym. This summer will see work on the first phase of a senior housing community and a 200-condominium complex planned by Pulte Homes. Pulte closed a deal to purchase land for an additional 54 homes and townhouses on Thursday.

*Patriot Ledger article by Christian Schiavone*

### **THE US NAVY IS TESTING A SUBMARINE-HUNTING DRONE SHIP (Business Insider 06/30):**

The US Navy is currently testing a robotic ship that would be able to autonomously hunt enemy diesel submarines. Originally conceived as a DARPA project, the Anti-Submarine Warfare Continuous Trail Unmanned Vessel (ACTUV) is designed to hunt the next generation of nearly silent enemy diesel submarines. Diesel submarines are quickly proliferating around the world due to their low cost. Russia recently announced that it has launched the world's "quietest submarine."

To accomplish its submarine-hunting mission, the ACTUV project is structured around three primary goals: the ability to outmatch diesel submarines in speed at significantly less cost than existing systems, the system's ability to safely navigate the oceans in accordance with maritime law, and the ability to accurately track diesel submarines regardless of their location.

Tests of the ACTUV have been promising. Defense One reported in March that during six weeks of testing off the coast of Mississippi the ACTUV was capable of autonomously avoiding randomly moving vessels while navigating around natural obstacles. The next major test for the ACTUV will be having the drone attempt to trail a submarine while other vessels attempt to block it.

Although diesel submarines are not capable of carrying out open ocean operations for as long or as quickly as nuclear submarines, diesel submarines still present the US with an asymmetric challenge. Significantly cheaper and more quiet-running than their nuclear counterparts, diesel subs can enable navies around the world to harass military and civilian transport along coastal routes.

The threat of diesel submarines could increase, as Franz-Stefan Gady notes at The Diplomat, as the next generation of these vessels will feature propulsion systems and lithium-ion batteries, making them quieter and harder to detect. The technical challenges are steep: "Picking up the quiet hum of a battery-powered, diesel-electric submarine in busy coastal waters is like trying to identify the sound of a single car engine in the din of a major city," Rear Admiral Frank Drennan said in March 2015.

By creating the ACTUV, the US Navy will be able to more accurately track the proliferation of enemy diesel submarines. The transition to using drones for such missions will also ultimately save the Navy considerable resources and manpower.

"Instead of chasing down these submarines and trying to keep track of them with expensive nuclear powered-submarines, which is the way we do it now, we want to try and build this at significantly reduced cost," DARPA program manager Ellison Urban said at a National Defense Associate Event in Virginia. "It will be able to transit by itself across thousands of kilometers of ocean and it can deploy for months at a time. It can go out, find a diesel-electric submarine and just ping on it."

*Business Insider article by Jeremy Bender*

#### **RECOMMENDED READING:**



Check this out. 2015 is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Navy Reserve. In recognition of this, the Navy Reserve Centennial Book Committee has produced a comprehensive illustrated history of the Navy Reserve called "Ready Then, Ready Now, Ready Always. The 208 page hard-bound book, which was put together by Dr. David F. Winkler, costs 34.95 plus shipping and can be purchased on line from the Navy Museum Store at <http://museumstore.navyhistory.org>.

#### **ON THE INTERNET:**

John Edwards suggests that you might like an ASW training film that was produced by the Navy in 1955 that's on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gnkwoO7uBEE>. Bill Williams suggests that you check out the P-3 posters and other graphics available at <http://www.squadronposters.com>.

#### **MONTHLY MEETING:**

Members who can do so are welcome to join us for lunch on the last Thursday of every month at Waxy O'Connor's Irish Pub at 94 Hartwell St. in Lexington, MA from 11:30 to 13:30. The pub is just outside the Hanscom Field Hartwell gate.

**PARTING SHOT:**



*Until Next Time, Lose Not Thy Speed In Flight Lest The Earth Rise Up And Smite Thee – “Frat”.*



VP ASSOCIATION 2015 ANNUAL REUNION  
WEYMOUTH ELKS HALL, 1197 WASHINGTON ST., WEYMOUTH, MA  
SATURDAY OCTOBER 24, 2015 FROM 1200 TO 1700

*Appetizers and Cash Bar between 1200 and 1300, Dinner at 1300, Music between 1200 and 1630*

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Guest's Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed (\$40 Per Person): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make Checks Payable to “**The VP Association**” and Mail to Barbara Hanigan, 23 Parkview Terrace, Duxbury MA 02332 before October 1<sup>st</sup>.

***If you haven't been to a VP Association reunion before, how about joining us this year?***

***Don't assume that everybody you know from your Navy Reserve or regular Navy patrol squadron days is aware of the VP Association or the annual reunion banquet. Spread the word about us to your Navy friends and former shipmates.***

***Dress is CASUAL. However, if you would like to wear a uniform (any kind) or flight suit to the reunion that's fine.***

***Tables will be available for displays of any Navy memorabilia that you may wish to bring. If you have photos, cruise books, squadron or crew patches, squadron ballcaps, NATOPS manuals, or any other interesting memorabilia that you'd like to show off to your friends and former shipmates at the reunion banquet please bring it with you and we'll find a table for you.***

***As was the case last year, the ANA Patriot Squadron's Shea Naval Aviation Museum in the Shea Fitness Center at 495 Shea Memorial Drive on old NAS South Weymouth will be open from 9 to 11 AM on the day of the reunion. Come see the old base and visit the museum. Admission is free! If you have any old photographs, films, or Navy memorabilia associated with NAS Squantum or NAS South Weymouth tucked away gathering dust consider donating it to the museum.***

***Please help reduce Barbara Hanigan's workload by getting your banquet reservations in to her as soon as possible. Don't wait until the last minute. Thanks!***