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President's Opening

"Flight" to "All Stations"

Our 2017 NAWLIN's Reunion is in the rear view mirror. What a great reunion it was! For those of you who missed it, you missed a truly great time! Who could ever forget the spacious "Ready Room"/ Hospitality Room at the Astor Crowne Plaza with its windows looking right down on Bourbon Street!

The opening Reception in our Hospitality Room featured authentic Cajun dishes that were oh-so-good! Our Reunion Coordinator sure did know what she was doing!

The WW-II Museum lived up to its' "world class billing." It is just very well-done! Even the food at the on-location restaurants was great. And a certain "former-association" President discovered a Blue Shark "fin" on his table's flower vase! A certain former junior officer was instrumental in that find. That night was an open evening, for all to get out and sample what New Orleans has to offer for food and night life! Oh yeah! From the photos already posted on the website, we did alright finding eating around the city.

The next day many of us got up early and boarded the big bus for the "Oak Alley Plantation." Now, I had never been there, but WOW it's beautiful! And we had a gorgeous weather day to enjoy it. Our local tour guide did have a thick accent that, as she said, did sound like a Brooklyn accent. This gal was very knowledgeable and talked about everything. We learned a lot about the area. On the way back, we stopped at the "Jean Lafitte Swamp Tour." I didn't quite know what to expect from this tour, but it too was great! I held a live 18" GATOR in my hands and I have photos

to prove it! We saw many gators, many birds, many turtles, and all types of flora and fauna. What a great tour. Later, after we got back to the hotel, the Annual PSBSA (PATRON SIX BLUE SHARKS ASSOCIATION) Business Meeting was held in the Hospitality Room. Don Bailey was elected your new PSBSA Secretary and Tom Mullins was elected your new PSBSA Treasurer, with the rest of the slate of officers re-elected. Many thanks to Bo Miller (outgoing Treasurer) and Seibert Murphy (outgoing Secretary) for their years of service to our association. More on the Business Meeting in another section. That night was our "NATCHEZ" Riverboat Dinner Cruise! What a lot of fun! Good food, good friends, pictures, alcohol-of course, dress up, boat whistles, flag photos, and a lot more. Just great fun! Please see the pictures posted on the website. And don't forget to post your own. Trouble posting yours, contact Randy Silbaugh. He'll get it done fast.

The next day, Saturday, was see the city day via the "Hop-on/Hop-off City Bus Tour." Sites seen included from the houses in the "Garden District" to the "French Market" and everything in between. Our members saw Jackson Square, the beautiful Cathedral, Pat O'Brien's, the Riverwalk, the Riverwalk malls, Harrah's Casino, the Aquarium of America, beignets', and all the rest of the attractions around the "Crescent City." That night we held our Dinner Banquet! The food was great. The camaraderie of SHIPMATES, family and friends is something none of us will ever forget! Then came our Annual Raffle/Auction! Wow, great SHARK stuff just kept appearing on our 100 foot long auction. Fun yes, but we raised \$1500! That is more than double last year's record amount! That money went directly into our association's account- all of it! Thank you all for your generosity and we

hope everyone enjoys their "new SHARK treasures."

Awhile back, former BLUE SHARK skipper (our last one) Scott White, gave me the VP-6 Command Commissioning Pendant (flag). I kept it until this reunion. At the New Orleans reunion, we had in attendance one of our former COs. Because of that, I thought it appropriate to display our squadron's Command Commissioning Pendant in his honor. In the future, we shall do this every time one of our former Commanding Officers are scheduled to attend. Skipper Terry Richardson attended in NAWLINs and I asked if he would rise and talk with us before the end of our event. We were honored to have Skipper Richardson with us, as we are anytime we have former Commanding Officers join us. These officers are incredible individuals who were hand-picked by the Navy and it is truly special that they want to be with us!

The rain and tropical weather systems held off and we had super weather to enjoy a wonderful and very special time together.

Oh, and did I mention - Cathy Herbig



Our Reunion Coordinator! She put in a lot of work and it certainly showed in the awesome

reunion we all enjoyed!

Change of subjects now. Our reunion Committee, led by Chairman Jim Lamers and On-site 2018 Cincinnati Reunion Coordinator John Schneder, are "already" hard at work on our next year reunion in Ohio! Now is the time for each of us "to do our part" and start saving our dollars for Cincinnati! Be ready to reserve your rooms, travel, and event reservations for Cincinnati! John and Jim are ALL IN and charging hard to make our next reunion- another winner!

Hank Herbig

Vice-President

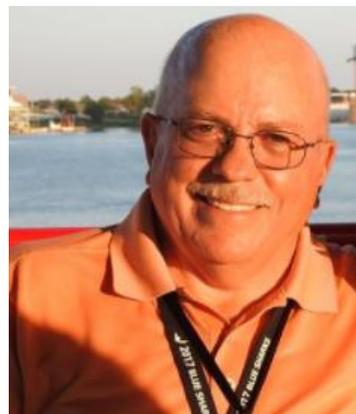
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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!
Terry Snyder AW1 (NAC/AW) USN Ret.
VP-6 Era November 1982 - February 1987

Secretary

Memo's

Let's all give a warm welcome to our new secretary - Don Bailey



Treasurer

The Bucks Stop here

Greetings Fellow Blue Sharks!

Let's all give a warm welcome to our new treasurer - Tom Mullins



The association provided over \$3,000 in personal donations in addition to other sources on support of member's during this final quarter of the year.

Warmest Thanks to all hands!

Tom

Membership

Gam o' Sharks

As of today here are our membership #'s

Active: 265

Pending: 7

Expired: 85

Deceased: ?

Email Dawn at Membership@vp-6.org if you have any updates to this section. See below link for website remembrance page.

http://www.vp-6.org/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=309126&module_id=147410

Dawn Tourville

Webmaster

Get Your Geek On

For those of you who attended the last reunion, if you had any issues with the registration process please email the webmaster Randy (the most trustworthy name) at WebMaster@vp-6.org Make sure to log in to the website and update your profile ASAP.

We have a survey on bylaw changes, we'd like all members to take. It closes Jan 31, 2018 Go to the official VP-6 website:

<http://www.vp-6.org/>

Log in and click on the Survey tab on the left side under the Home tab and then click the **green arrow** above the words "**Approve By-Laws.**" There you will find 2 links. One link for the old bylaws and one link for the new bylaws. When you are ready to vote Yea or Nea on the bylaw changes click next, choose your vote and continue clicking next to progress forward. To cast vote, you will see a Submit button at the end, click that to actually submit your vote. You can make comments prior to submitting your vote there as well.

Webmaster
Randy Silbaugh

Upcoming Reunion

New Orleans Oct 2017

Reunion Committee Corner

The reunion team is working toward getting the final hotel arrangements for the upcoming Cincinnati reunion. Big on our activities list is the opening golf outing and a day trip to the Wright Patterson AFB museum. Final dates for the reunion are pending the hotels availability of rooms to host the reunion. We are still looking for a late-September to mid-October. Everyone enjoy the Holiday Season and hop to see you at the Cincinnati reunion.

Jim Lamers, Reunion Chairman

- In 1954, a VP-6 aircraft was credited with making the longest single engine flight by a multiengine aircraft in aviation history.
- In 1971, VP-6 was the first to obtain a picture of a Soviet Yankee class nuclear submarine in the Atlantic and Pacific.
- In 1978, VP-6 was the first unit to deploy with the update P-3B mod aircraft and in 1980 was the first Pacific Fleet squadron to deploy with full Harpoon missile capabilities.
- And in 1990, VP-6 received the first P-3C Update 2.5 aircraft.

Newsletter Editor

Helpful Information

Zoom in to see the fine print!

Obits

RIP: Farewell & Following Seas

Hi I just wanted to let you know that my husband, James H. Martin passed away on December 3. He was stationed in Hawaii and in Iwakuni, Japan during his time with VP-6 and was in from 1958-1964 approximately. He had many fond memories of his time as a radio operator. Thank you so much.

Mary



History

History o' Sharks:

Did You Know?

- VP-6 was the first Patrol Squadron to reach Korea after the outbreak of hostilities, and the first to take a P2V into combat.

The Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (Program) will expire in less than five years.

For those Sharks who served during the atmospheric nuclear tests in 1962 and if you have experienced illness in the form of any one of many cancers, you must apply for compensation within the period remaining or you will possibly lose \$75,000 in compensation. More information is available at www.justice.gov/civil/common/reca Remember that this a Justice Department benefit and has nothing to do with the DoD, the Pentagon, or the Navy. It should be pointed out that the next of kin can apply for this as well, i.e., spouse, kids and if death was caused as a result of our service during that period in 1962. If you have questions or need further information email Michael Thomas at neptunemisery@gmail.com

Ships Store

Get Your Swagger on

To view items in the ships store go to: <http://www.vp-6.org>
There you will see the picture below. Click on the picture on the website not here!



If you would like to order any of the items you see, follow the instructions at the ships store. You basically email the Store-Keeper

Stuart Woodward and arrange payment and shipping via email.

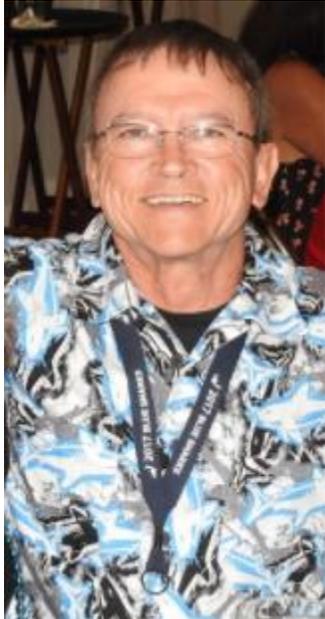
New item:

Boat Tote Bag w/Squadron Tag Logo
Heavy duty canvas with reinforced handles
Navy/off white, 14in wide, 7in deep, 16in tall
Exterior Front pocket for easy access
Interior hanging pocket w/hook and loop closure
\$35.00 each Plus shipping to valid postal address in U.S.



Thanks for all the hard work from our outgoing volunteers. You stand relieved!

Former Treasurer - Bo Miller



Shark Tales!

If any sharks or spouses have any harrowing, fun or interesting tales to share about your experiences during your time in VP-6, please email it to the newsletter editor. You can change the names to protect the innocent and alter the sensitive data to protect our country.

Nawlins 2018 Photos

To see more photo's go to the website. To be in the photos, come to a reunion!

This is a group photo from the Natchez Dinner Cruise.

Former Secretary - Seibert Murphy



Here is a gator from the Swamp tour



Some Pix's from the golf outing



Nawlin's city view



A photo from the Plantation Outing.

