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President's Opening

"Flight" to "All Stations"

Aloha BLUE SHARKS,
I am just passing through Honolulu on my way home, for a while. Probably like many of you, I have been kept very busy this year with job and family issues. Cathy and I just welcomed another grandchild! Pretty neat stuff. Our 2018 BLUE SHARKS Cincinnati Reunion is approaching rapidly. OUR WEBSITE now has the reunion REGISTRATION MATERIALS. It is ready for all of us to register for any/all of the reunion events. Our Marriott Riverfront Hotel has been available for reservations for several months now, also available via our website. Our 2018 Cincinnati Reunion has many great events including, but not limited to, a trip to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base to visit the Wright-Patterson Air Museum, Bourbon Trail Tours, Downtown Museums & Shopping & Architecture Tours, and activities on both sides of the river, a riverboat Dinner Cruise, our Opening Reception, our Raffle Auction and Banquet, as well as other events! The Wright-Patterson Air Museum is the same quality as the Naval Air Museum in Pensacola. But it is even bigger. Also, this museum now temporarily houses the just renovated "Memphis Belle" B-17 of WW-II fame. Wow, NOW is the time to get "on the website and REGISTER" for the reunion. And if you have not done it yet, "RESERVE your hotel rooms" on our website or call the hotel via the number on our website. Room upgrades ARE still available. Please email or call ME for those upgrades, as the hotel wanted us to provide a single contact for upgrades. We'll see you there!
Hank Herbig

Vice-President

ALL Engines Ahead FULL

Aloha,
Registration for the upcoming reunion in October is now up and running at our official site, WWW.VP-6.Org. [Get er dun.](#)

Terry Snyder AW1 (NAC/AW) USN Ret.
VP-6 Era November 1982 - February 1987

Secretary

Memo's

Greetings fellow shipmates,

The Patron Six Blue Sharks Association reunion committee has opened up registration for the 2018 Blue Sharks Reunion to be held in Cincinnati, OH from October 10-14, 2018. To get more information and to register, click on the link below and follow the information for the reunion. Please try to attend this year if possible and spread the word to all of your shipmates you are in contact with.

https://vp-6.clubexpress.com/content.aspx?page_id=0&club_id=309126

I look forward to seeing you there this year. Let's make this a great reunion.

Don Bailey

Treasurer

The Bucks Stop here

From the Office of the Treasurer:
(aka - my dining room table)

Greeting Shipmates!

Patron Six Blue Sharks Association financials are squared away through the end of the first quarter!

We've filed our 2017 IRS Informational Return and California Returns!

Our next big event is of course the coming Reunion in Cincinnati in October. I'm looking forward to seeing many old friends and new ones - So Sign Up! Golf, History, WKRP? and more!

Please do go online to the Association's website to check the POD activities and join me and other shipmates already signed up and 'Mark On Top' today.

Cheers and see you in Cincinnati!!!

Tom Mullins

Membership

Gam o' Sharks

Active: 262

Expired: 99

Pending: 1

RIP's: 6

New members since New Orleans Reunion: 18

Renewals since New Orleans Reunion: 15

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

New Privacy Laws

If you use any online services, you've undoubtedly received an email from each one about changes to their privacy rules as a result of the European General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR). These regulations will also apply to Patron Six Blue Sharks Association (PSBSA). We have been working closely with ClubExpress, our association management software vendor, to comply with these new regulations.

ClubExpress strictly protects and secures your personal data. They have implemented strong measures to control who has access to this data. One of the reasons we chose them to manage the organization's website, member database, and other functions, is because they take security and privacy so seriously. They have recently updated their platform to support GDPR and to fully protect you and our organization. We have also updated our Privacy Policy (Scroll to bottom of page and click privacy Policy) to fully and clearly explain how we collect, store, and process your personal data, our business reasons for doing so, and your rights under this policy.

When you login to our website, you will be

redirected to a new screen where you will be required to answer a couple of questions.

- You will be required to click an "I Agree" box to certify the following:
 - That you have reviewed the updated Privacy Policy. A link can be found above; it will also be available on the new screen and at the bottom of every website page.
 - That you consent to the storage and processing of your personal data in the US, by ClubExpress, on our behalf.
 - That you consent to receiving transactional messages sent by ClubExpress on our behalf, such as a renewal notice or a payment confirmation.
 - That you consent to the sharing of your personal data with third parties to conduct the official business of the organization, such as processing a credit card payment.

New User Screen
1st Login
End of week
Required

This one may not appear

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International privacy regulations require that we obtain your explicit consent for the storage and usage of your personal data as listed below. Please read and respond to each of the statements before proceeding. For detailed information, please [click here](#) to see our Privacy Policy.

By clicking "I Agree" below, you certify that you have read the Privacy Policy and agree to allow your personal information to be stored and processed in the USA by ClubExpress on behalf of Windy City Morgan Owners Group, to receive transactional messages (such as payment confirmation notices) sent by ClubExpress on behalf of Windy City Morgan Owners Group, and to share your personal information with third parties to conduct official club business (such as required for credit card processing).

I Agree

You have the option to accept or refuse general purpose emails concerning club business, such as newsletters and event notices.

I Will Accept These Emails

I Do Not Wish To Receive These Emails

Windy City Morgan Owners Group may share your information with interested third parties for marketing purposes. You can allow or deny this data sharing.

I Allow This Data Sharing

Do Not Share My Personal Data

If you do not agree to these terms, and wish to be removed from the database completely, please send an email to privacy@clubexpress.com. Provide your name and member number (if you know it) and we will cancel your membership process your removal request as quickly as possible.

- You will also be asked whether you will accept general purpose communications concerning club or association business, such as newsletters and event notices. This question is required, but you have the option to accept or decline such communications.

In compliance with the GDPR, we have appointed a Data Protection Officer ("DPO") to handle any questions or concerns you might have about the privacy of your personal data. That person's name and contact information can be found on our Contact Us page.

Another provision of the GDPR is the "right to be forgotten", i.e. to have your information completely removed from our databases. We are implementing an automated process to

handle these requests. Until it's fully built, they should be submitted to the DPO.

Thank you for continuing to support us as we implement these important changes to protect your privacy.

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.

Randy Silbaugh

Upcoming Reunion

New Orleans Oct 2017

Reunion Chairman:

Cincinnati Update: The reunion team has worked together to deliver a great and memorable event, especially our New Orleans coordinator, John. For those that have been sleeping and not visiting the website the reunion timeline is October 10th - October 14th, at the Cincinnati Marriott RiverCenter, located on the Ohio River in Covington, KY. It is now time to get your reservations in place and select your tours. This year's activities include resignation activities including check in, the annual golf outing and the Welcome Reception on October 10th. Tours this year include: Wright-Patterson AFB Museum on the 11th, with a chance to fly in a flight simulator or just tour the static aircraft and watch a movie or two; and on the 12th, a tour of two of the finest bourbon distilleries in this country, Woodford Reserve and Wild

Turkey and maybe get to taste a "few" samples". Saturday is a day of local touring in the Cincinnati area, checkout the POW long version for details of interesting places to visit. And of course, on Saturday evening will be the banquet and the Raffle/Auction.

I look forward to seeing everyone and hearing some more "war stories" or just plain old lies (embellishments of war stories) that all old sailors tend to discuss.

Jim Lamers

Reunion Coordinator:

Greetings Potential Attendees to our upcoming 2018 Reunion. Although this Reunion is advertised as a Cincinnati Reunion, it is in actuality being centered across the Ohio River in Covington Kentucky. We should have some good views of the Ohio River, its' traffic and Cincinnati proper from many places in and around the Marriott RiverCenter Hotel, our home for this reunion. When calling and registering at the hotel ensure to identify yourself as "Patrol Squadron Six VP-6 Reunion" to ensure you get the discount and if you register prior to Aug 3 an early registration discount is given as well.

Tuesday Night-Wednesday (Day and Eve). My schedule of events is to start readying the Ready Room on Tuesday eve as soon as we can get some volunteers and some tasks to perform. We will return to those activities on Wednesday morn, the official start-date of the reunion. Registration will begin as soon as we have materials in hand and continue throughout the day(s) as necessary. Wednesday eve is our Meet-and-Greet with finger foods and such with a cash-bar and bartender.

Thursday-day and night.

Ready Room as available. Prep for Auction/Raffles

Thursday is the trip to Weight-Patterson's AFB Museum of the Air and Space, Dayton OH. Travel by bus, see the movies, ride the simulators and the return to hotel and get ready for the B&B RiverBoat river cruise.

Friday Day and Eve

Ready Room as available. Prep for Auction/Raffles.

Friday has a Bourbon bus-tour scheduled for Lexington KY to the Wild turkey and Woodford Reserve Distilleries. Lunch is available at least one of these distilleries.

Saturday Day and Eve.

Ready Room as available; prep for Auction and Raffles

Business Meeting at some point in here. Next years VP6 Reunion City-presentation.

Saturday is a free day, there are several tours you may take if so interested. The Cincinnati Museum is hosting a Chocolate exhibit from now until Jan 6 2019. There is a small distillery close by that has a walking tour. There are many breweries that will have tours in the Cincinnati area. Cincinnati has a long history of breweries. It was a locus for German immigrants through the 1780-1900s.

Saturday Evening there will be a sit-down dinner banquet with a cash-bar and bartender for at least the first hour. Auction and raffles.

I have a volunteer for speaker. He is an economist and has taught at the Naval War College. His main area of expertise is the Mid-East and surrounding lands. He says he would be delighted to talk with us about these

and associated topics. I have heard him before and he will venture out of these areas if pressed.

Sunday is close up shop and go-home day
Ready room as available till noon, if possible.
Breakdown and close up shop.

Sunday the Bengals play in Cincinnati, Also play here on the 7th of Oct.
Reds may be in playoffs, if so, I'll try to get seats and prices for individuals or a group.

John A. Schneder (Retired USN/USNR)
Local Area Reunion Coordinator
VP-6 1959-1962

Obits

RIP: Farewell & Following Seas

Stan Donelson
Joe Fritz
Rear Admiral Gerald W MacKay
Jim Martin
Wilson Will Turner
ATR2 Jose Andres (Andy) Nagore

If we missed a shipmate, send an email to membership to update the information.

History

History o' Sharks:

All continue to share your stories and adventures you had while in VP-6. Many stories have been posted on Facebook and continue to post them there or send them directly to me and I will get them in the Newsletter and our Website.

Also if you check out our Squadron History and you find something that is not correct notify myself or another BOD member and we will get it corrected. It was brought to my attention back in May that the Wheels up landing of A/C 154591 on 5 September 1980 did not happen at Barbers Point but Lihue, Kauai. This was confirmed by several Blue Sharks that were in the command at the time. Information like this helps fix our history so that it will be correct. Just this bit of information sparked some good conversation on Facebook.

*Don't Forget the Reunion is in October in Cincinnati, registration is open at the Official VP-6 site. There is an itinerary posted at the site that you can look at, go to the web site for all information.

Brian Tourville

Newsletter Editor

Helpful Information

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.

Pamela Silbaugh

Ships Store

Get Your Swagger on

Since the last reunion and business meeting, there have been a couple changes to the Ships Store operations. Most notably was the addition of shipping charges on all orders. It has been a bit of a trial and error with The USPS as their rates change from zip code to zip code and region to region. For the most part, we are recovering all charges in each individual order.

In addition, we have added a couple of new items. First was a very good quality Boat Bag in off white and Navy blue trim the squadron tag logo embroidered on the outer pocket. Second was a lighter, non-structured, low profile Squadron Ball Cap. Have been looking into a couple more items to have available before the reunion.

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.



Shark Tales!

Naha WESTPAC 1968

While in Naha, Okinawa on westpac in 1968, my crew was the highest performing crew in the squadron. We were sent out on night missions off the stern of the Enterprise to lay a pattern of sonobouys for passive sonar surveillance with the Jezebel sonar system. I was active sonar (Julie), mad, radar and ECM. Since I had no assignment, as senior tech, I decided to fire up the ECM. I had been trained by two blackshoes, (when I first arrived at Naha), on the protocols and operation of Soviet submarine communications. The training by these guys was done well and since I was already trained on the operation and maintenance of both of the ECM systems we used, I thought this was a good time to put those skills to the test. On the first night out I picked up a Soviet whiskey class conventional submarine on the ECM, followed proper training protocols, and got perfect audio recordings. I informed the tactical coordinator of the contact and gave him the bearings to the contact. The bearings put the sub almost dead center of our sonobouy pattern. The tactical coordinator was convinced that the contact was bogus because we should have picked him on sonar. He advised me not to log it as a whiskey class soviet sub. I suggested that he could be running super quiet like our nukes but it was not believed at that time that the Soviets had a super quiet capability. I had no doubt that the contact was legitimate and logged it as a whiskey class Soviet submarine with all of the pertinent information and turned everything (including the tapes) into ASCAC after the flight. Nothing was done or said after that. The sub was within striking distance of the ship.

The next night we were on station with the Enterprise again and laid down another sonobouy pattern, again off the stern of the ship. Again, I decided to fire up the ECM even though I wasn't given that assignment. We had a different tactical coordinator on that flight. I had complete faith in my passive sonar operator, Ed Singletary, AX3, that if there was anything on the Jezebel, he would see it. He was, hands down, the best in the squadron. It wasn't long when I picked up another contact, a whiskey class Soviet submarine. I gave all of the pertinent information to the tactical coordinator, and the bearing information put the sub just outside of our sonobouy pattern, but close enough for sonar detection. Again, the tactical coordinator, who was part of our crew, didn't believe that it was a legitimate contact. He also advised me not to record it as a whiskey class Soviet submarine. Again, I had no doubt about the nature of the contact. And, again, I submitted the written logs and the tapes to ASCAC for debriefing. I was in the Avionics shop in Naha about nine o'clock in the morning, when the two blackshoes who trained me on the protocols and operation of Soviet submarine communications came into the shop. When I saw them I said that I had picked up a contact on the ECM the last couple of nights and wanted them to tell me what they thought it was, so I rattled off some of the characteristics. They looked at each other and their first question after they acknowledged that it was a whiskey class Soviet submarine, was 'what do you mean that you picked it up the last couple of nights?' As I explained the circumstances, they got really excited and wanted to know if I had recorded the contacts. I told them that I had perfect recordings and had turned them into ASCAC that morning and the morning before. They calmed themselves and said, 'Ok, we're going to ask you some questions about your contact.' That's when I

discovered that they had only taught me about half the characteristics of Soviet submarine protocols. The other half they used for confirmation. I answered every question perfectly and then they got super excited. My tactical coordinator was also in the Avionics shop during this time. Both the blackshoes and my tactical coordinator rushed off to ASCAC to retrieve the tapes. I had to finish up some things in the Avionics shop so I didn't go with them. Later, I heard that the debriefing officer had erased both of the tapes without even looking at the logs. But they did find my logs and verified that I had logged it as a whiskey class Soviet submarine. By that afternoon the debriefing officer was shipped out, to Greenland or Iceland, I think. It would about ten or twenty years later, in one of my technical magazines, that I would confirm that the Soviet Union had at least one super quiet sub in 1968. I have often wondered if that ECM contact was the catalyst that led to that discovery.

Douglas Lockwood