



VPB-111/VP-21 VAGABOND NEWS

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John G. Esposito, Editor

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A MESSAGE FROM THE LEFT SEAT:

Carter is providing an update to our 2017 reunion plans in this newsletter. Joining our reunion with the Maritime Patrol Association symposium is a win/win situation. There will be plenty of time for our normal Association events such as our business meeting, the Two Bell Ceremony, and just plain getting together. But we'll also benefit from the outstanding MPA events including lectures and the banquet. I hope that many of you will make it.

Much has been happening at the Brunswick Naval Museum. We recently hosted the retirement of Captain Sean Liedman. Admiral William Moran, Vice CNO participated in the ceremony. On 20 August we're hosting a marriage ceremony for a young USCG couple. The overgrowth in the Memorial Garden has been thinned out, greatly improving the looks. We've engaged an architect who will be designing us a beautiful Museum. We hope that construction will be completed in a year.

If anyone knows the current location of Richard Allyn, Robert Phelps, Dan Baltich or Phil Ariola, please let me know.

Fly safely, Bill

NEWS FLASH - REUNION 2017 Date Change

Our reunion dates have been moved back one week earlier – 24 thru 28 April 2017. Plans are underway for our biennial reunion in Jacksonville, FL in conjunction with the updated Maritime Patrol Association (MPA) Symposium dates to “Honor the Past & Forge the Future” with our VP Community brethren. This is a first class gathering of Maritime Patrol alumni. Our host hotel, The Hilton Garden Inn Jacksonville Orange Park, is ready to accept reservations. Guests can call the hotel directly or call central reservations at [1-800-445-8667](tel:1-800-445-8667) (make sure you mention a room block for VPB-111~VP21 Reunion Block or group code VPB). Our group rate for either a Double

Queen Standard or a single King Standard is \$99 per night. Breakfast is included into the rate for 2 people per room daily. Rate and Room type will be available 3 days before and 3 days after our scheduled reunion dates. **This special \$99 group rate Cut-Off Date to Release Unassigned rooms is 3 April 2017.** Recommend you reserve a room ASAP before this cut-off date with the option to cancel later if your travel plans change (confirmed reservations have a 24-hour cancellation prior to arrival policy to avoid a No Show Fee).

Further reunion details and registration forms will be published in future correspondence or in upcoming editions of the *VPB-111/VP-21 Vagabond News*.

Carter

LOST SHEEP FOUND:

Jimmie R. Cable: ADR1, '60-'64, 9383 Royal Melbourne Circle, Payton, CO 80831-5052.

DONATIONS RECEIVED:

The following persons have generously contributed to our organization's fund. Their contributions are greatly appreciated.

Mrs. Nancy Hansen Hale in memory of Lyle Hansen.

Robert Duska, Edward R. Ouellete, W. Schafer Bean, Thomas E. Sayre, Gerald N. Punches

PLEASE NOTE: The VPB-111/VP-21 Veterans Association charges no dues. Our operations are totally supported by the generous contributions of our membership and by the sale of our squadron products. The association comes under section 501(C) 19, of the Internal Revenue Code as a "Not for Profit" organization. As such, contributions are legitimate tax deductions. Please make your contribution checks payable to the "VPB-111/VP-21 Veterans Association" and forward them to the Treasurer, Leland Ledford, at 127 Pete St., Waterloo, SC, 29384-4647.

TAPS:

It is with deep regret that I inform you of the passing of our following shipmates:

- Teofilo “Teo” Esculano, Jr: Passed away on Friday, May 13, 2016. Teo served in the Navy from ‘52 to ‘55 where he was a member of VP21. During this time frame, Teo served during the Korean Conflict.
- William Paul Ballard: AE 2. He served in VP21 from ‘53- ‘55. Paul passed away at the age of 84. He was both a Pearl Harbor survivor as well as a WWII and Korean War veteran. He retired after 21 years of military service and was buried with full military honors at Orange Park , FL on February 25, 2006.
- Thomas Spagnola: Served in VP 21 from ‘52 to ‘55. Tom was an AD3. He passed away on March 30 , 2016.
- Vernon Noyes: Served as an AL1 in VP 21 from ‘46 to ‘48 .Vern died on January 3, 2016.
- Dennis W. DeRose: Passed away on December 29, 2015. Dennis served in VP 21 from ‘59 to ‘64.
- Duane DuPuis: Passed away on March 23, 2016. Duane served in VP21 from ‘52 to ‘55 as an AT3.
- Robert E. Donahue, VP-21, ‘61-‘65 from Deming, NM, passed away on 12/28/2015. He was an avionics electrician, AE-1.

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