

# VP-1 POPs

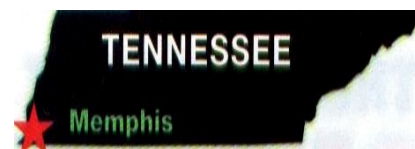


## PatRon One P-3 Orion Pioneers

NEWSLETTER #13

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## SPECIAL EDITION



## "MEMPHIS MUSTER" REUNION NEWS

**WHO** — Everyone who was attached to Patrol Squadron ONE at any time between the beginning of 1969 and the end of 1974. This includes civilians attached to the squadron, and previous spouses or widows of men that were assigned to VP-1 anytime during 1969 through 1974.

**WHERE** — Millington, Tennessee. Just a tad north of Memphis, where the Naval Aviation Technical Schools command was once located.

**WHEN** — The weekend of September 12, 13, and 14, 2003. Come early — stay late. Enjoy!

**WHAT** — The third all-hands gathering sponsored by the VP-1 P-3 Orion Pioneers organization.

**WHY** — Renew old friendships, see what the old squadron mates look like these days, reminisce, and just plain have a good time.



GRACELAND

Photo by author

### THE STRAIGHT DOPE

AMCS MIKE TAYLOR

VP-1 POPs MEMPHIS REUNION CHAIRMAN

First call for the "Memphis Muster". Now is the time for all hands to get everything ready for attending the big VP-1 POPs reunion the 12<sup>th</sup>,

13<sup>th</sup>, and 14<sup>th</sup> of September. If you can, come early and/or stay late. There are scores of interesting sights to see and things to do in this part of our great country.

You're not going to beat the lodging rates we've arranged for you with the Navy Inns aboard the Naval Support Activity (NSA) Mid-South (the former NAS Memphis and Naval Air Technical Training Center, Millington). Yes, you read correctly. We're staying in the Navy Inns facility aboard the base. The Navy Inns are operated by the same folks



Photo courtesy of Memphis Convention & Visitors Bureau

DOWNTOWN MEMPHIS



that operate Navy Lodges (there are some of these also available at NSA).

Navy Inns are former senior enlisted bachelor quarters that have been turned into rentals. We think you'll enjoy staying at this facility. Gather your old crew, shop, close friends, etc., and request to stay together. The NSA Navy Inns have agreed to try and work with you.

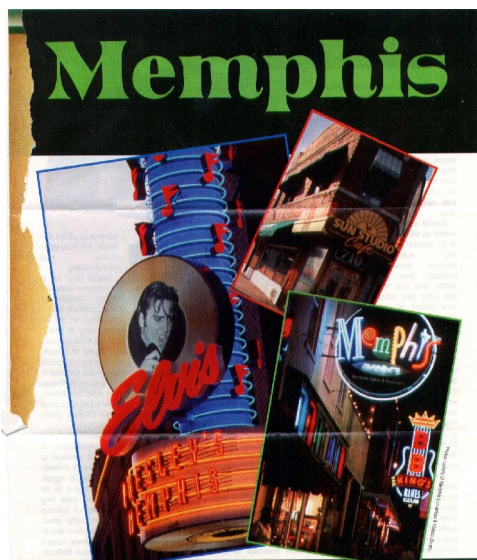
The rooms are divided into quads, four separate large bedrooms with a shared separate living room. Each bedroom has a head with shower, TV connected to cable, a VCR, an iron and ironing board, refrigerator, hair dryer, microwave oven, and free local phone service. These rooms are limited to two persons due fire regulations, so if you plan on bringing grandma, or the grandkids, plan on renting two rooms or request to stay at the Navy Lodge.

There are six VIP rooms at this Navy Inn, (anyone can stay in one of these VIP rooms). These have kitchenettes, but are still two person rooms. There is a nice breakfast area which we expect will be the location of our duty office (hospitality room).

This is a several building complex that houses most of the Navy's selection boards that meet here frequently. In fact, there should be two boards in session while we are here. Between the buildings are courtyards for visiting, along with grills should your mini-group want to have their own cook-out while here. I've heard that the CPO selection boards throw some great parties while staying at this Navy Inn.

The Navy Exchange has washers and dryers, vending machines, and the like at this site. For those of you that have had a duty tour here in the past, the Navy Inns are located just inside the main gate off Navy Road.

We have arrangements worked out with security to get those of you without government decals on your vehicles, including rental cars, aboard the base. So, hopefully, that won't be a problem.



Room prices are listed at the end of this article. As per our reunion committee agreement with Navy Inns you will have 60 days after this newsletter hits the street to have a good chance to be housed with the majority. After that, you might be in the other Navy Inns facility aboard NSA. Of course Navy needs will always have priority. As there are 162 rooms plus the VIP rooms at this location, we are crossing



A bit of Memphis history. Can you identify the guys pictured above? This is an almost 50-year old photo of some famous Memphis music makers who started out in the 1950's and made it big. Sitting is the "King", Elvis. Standing, left to right, is Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Perkins, & Johnny Cash.

our fingers that we can all be housed together.

Our group events are planned. We'll have a Friday evening sit-down dinner (\$12 per person); a Saturday afternoon BBQ and fish fry (\$10 per person); and a Sunday morning brunch \$10 per person). Children under 12 years of age may attend our group events for half price. If you plan to have youngsters under age 12 in your party be sure to note this on your registration form.

The registration fee is \$3 per person attending

the reunion. So, not counting your room cost for which you'll personally be responsible to the Navy Inns folks, if you attend all events the total expense per person would be \$35. Only seventy bucks for a couple! Unbelievable!

A word on attire so y'all can plan what to bring along. We'll be dressing casual for all events, just as we did at Pensacola. No tie, no tails, no top hats, no cummerbunds. Ladies can dress to the nines if they desire — or wear blue jeans. Jackets for men optional, but definitely not required. Remember, though, we'll be having photos taken on Friday evening for the reunion memory book. If planning to attend in your long johns, I'd upgrade.



Some of our diligent volunteer reunion workers attending a meeting this year at the home of Jim and Linda Wooten in Germantown, Tennessee.. Pictured, L-R, are Al Williams, Randy Burrous, Linda Wooten, Joyce Oliver, Bob Gregor, and Jim Wooten

At our Pensacola gathering in Y2K a few folks didn't have their photos taken, and therefore were not depicted in that reunion memory booklet. Let's hope this doesn't reoccur. Even if you don't desire to purchase any pictures, or buy a reunion booklet, please step up in front of the camera. The rest of us would like to see you in the memory booklet.

The best time for our avid golfers to play a round will be on Saturday morning, unless arriving early or staying over a day or two after the festivities. Be sure to mark "golf" on your registration form if you plan to play. As one would expect with two Admirals aboard NSA Mid-South, the golf course is well maintained. The course also gets a lot of play by selection board members when boards are in session here.

The food situation was the focus of a great deal of discussion and planning by our reunion committee members. We finally decided to go with our usual sit-down dinner on Friday evening. This succulent repast will be held at the Helmsman Complex aboard NSA. Attitude adjustment hour will commence at 1800 with dinner scheduled at 1900. A cash bar will be set-up in the banquet room. The banquet menu will include salad, roast beef, parsley buttered new potatoes, green beans almandine, rolls, butter, ice tea, and coffee. Our reunion committee will provide a festively decorated cake. After we fill our tummies we'll have a short welcoming address by the "Memphis Mafia", then provide our former C. O.'s with an opportunity to say a few wise words. This dinner will be held in the complex ball-room. Our bartender there will be on duty from 1800 'till the last dog dies.

The Helmsman Complex is a joint use facility aboard NSA Mid-South that houses an Officers Club (open on Friday nights only), a CPO club (open every day), and an Enlisted Men's Club (open only by request). It's the only club aboard the base. The complex serves a buffet lunch every week day.

Our Saturday gathering will begin at 1200 at the Navy Lake recreation area on "North Side". That's the area on the North side of Navy Road that once was a part of the base. That area is now the property of the City of Millington. But, the Navy Lake area is managed by NSA's Morale Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Department. Go figure. We'll begin Saturday afternoon by remembering our departed squadron mates. Then we'll chow-down — thrilling our taste buds with a good-old down-home southern fish fry and Memphis style BBQ. We have Reserved, for our exclusive use, both the big Lake House and a large outdoor picnic area.



This picnic area is also the location of the RV campground. Those with motor homes or campers can walk on over to our Saturday outings.

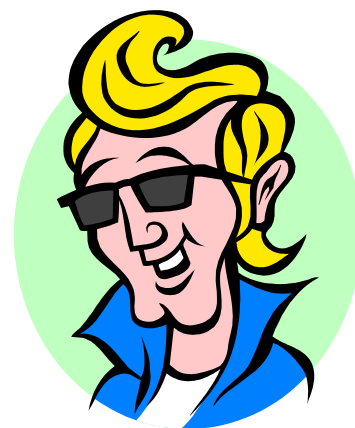
MWR has volleyball nets, horseshoe pits and paddle boats to use/rent. Enjoy some great chow and a leisurely afternoon with your squadron mates and their ladies.

Our Sunday brunch will be ready at 1000, again at the Helmsman Complex. This breakfast buffet will consist of orange juice scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage patties, hash browns, grits, sausage gravy and biscuits, and, of course, good hot coffee. After feasting on all the available goodies, we'll enjoy a short talk by our guest speaker. We're currently speaking with the NSA people and the Navy Personnel Command (old BuPers) about a speaker. More on that later. The next item on the agenda is our VP-1 P-3 Orion Pioneers business meeting. The meeting will be called to order by President Hanson after our speaker completes his/her presentation.

We all should have ample time to visit with our friends and squadron mates of long ago, and also to see some of the local sites, especially if you can arrange to arrive a day or two early or stay over a bit after the our scheduled festivities. Our group events are scheduled for Friday evening, Saturday afternoon, and Sunday morning. Unscheduled time is all day Friday; Saturday morning and evening; and Sunday afternoon and evening. Lots of free time to visit with old acquaintances, crewmembers, work-mates, and also see some local attractions.

NSA's MWR has a travel/tour information/sales office in the Helms-

*If you venture off to visit Graceland, be wary. Elvis, his mother, and his father are reported to still be on (or under) the grounds there. Frequent Elvis sightings are still being reported!*



**"ROCKER OF THE 1960s"**

man complex. Military/retiree ID card holders will be able to get discounted tickets to most all attractions in this area. Ever been to the famous Memphis mansion, "Graceland"? Graceland is located on U. S. highway 51 in South Memphis; a short ride from our reunion headquarters at Millington.

Might you have an interest in old tractors? — hit and miss engines? — arts & crafts? The City of Millington has scheduled "goat days" at the USA stadium over the same weekend as our reunion. (See the inset article on the next page). The price is right — nothing. You might even like to try their famous (or infamous) goat BBQ.

The Millington chamber of commerce is preparing info packets for everyone attending our reunion. These will be distributed at our "duty office".

"Tunica" a large casino just a bit south of Memphis, across the Mississippi state line. A big place with fine food, top-notch hotel accommodations, good shows, and, of course, all sorts of gambling.

The Memphis Convention and Visitors Bureau offers a tourism guide that includes a list of area campgrounds and information about various local attractions. You can contact them by writing to 47 UNION AVE., MEMPHIS, TN 38103; calling (800) 873-6282; or browsing on-line at [WWW.MEMPHISTRAVEL.COM](http://WWW.MEMPHISTRAVEL.COM).

So, we hope you plan to come early — and stay late. There's plenty to see and do in the Memphis area. Our hosts in the "duty office" will be glad to point you in the right direction to find whatever it is you're looking for. (As long as it's legal!).

The base has a well stocked exchange, commissary, and mini mart, and a service station, so most things one might need are close at hand. There's a large military pharmacy located in the exchange, although military medical care for retirees is not available on the base.

Did I mention the complimentary breakfast at our Navy Inn? Juice, fruit, biscuits and sawmill gravy, cereal, sweet rolls, and hot coffee. It's been said that the sawmill gravy is so thick that one can hear the whistle toot.



Did I forget to mention the number to call for the Navy Inns? To reserve a room call 1-877-Navy Inn, (1-877-628-9466). That's a toll free number and you'll probably speak with Mrs. Carolyn J. Ragland if you phone-in during normal working hours. This number has a human on duty 24 hours a day. Have your credit card ready.

Ya'll come!





Two billy goats butt heads at the first International Goat Days in 1990.

■ **April 3, 1903** — Millington, a rural community that grew up around a train depot, is incorporated. It is named for wealthy landowner George Millington, who donated much of the land.

■ **1914** — Millington Telephone Company, which still exists, has 50 town subscribers and 50 country subscribers. In 1928 the Howard family buys full ownership of the company.

**1939** — The new Strand Theatre, which has air conditioning, gives residents a cool place to watch second-run movies. Today the theater provides a place for gospel and country music shows.

■ **1940** — Census shows population at 730, up from 554 in 1910.

■ **April 17, 1942** — The United States condemns and buys 2,179 acres east of Millington at a cost of \$203,601 to establish the Naval Reserve Aviation Base.

■ **December 1949** — Millington residents begin receiving door-to-door mail delivery.

■ **1950** — Census shows Millington is the fastest-growing city in Tennessee with a population of 4,696.

■ **Dec. 25, 1987** — Flood causes great damage in Indian Meadows area. Though the city hasn't seen such a flood since, officials are still looking for ways to improve flood control in Millington.

# Millington

## 1903-2003

F L A G C I T Y



Babe Howard

■ **1990** — Census shows Millington with 17,866 residents. That fall, W.S. 'Babe' Howard, local entrepreneur and philanthropist, starts Goat Days Festival at his USA Stadium.

■ **1993** — Base Realignment and Closure Commission (BRAC) recommends

moving the Naval Training Station — and more than 9,000 military and civilian jobs — to Pensacola.

■ **1995** — City officials take the unusual step of using taxpayer funds to develop White Oak subdivision in an effort to generate more upscale housing.

■ **1998** — The Bureau of Personnel officially opens its headquarters at the Millington base, replacing the Naval Training Station. The naval base now has about 3,900 military and civilian jobs.

■ **2000** — Census counts only 10,433 residents.

■ **2001** — Millington hosts popular VESTA Home Show, a sign to Mayor George R. Harvell Jr. and other city leaders that Millington is changing its image from Navy town to up-and-coming suburb.

■ **April 3, 2003** — The city's 100th birthday party to include renaming of Eastwood Park on Navy Road to Centennial Park.

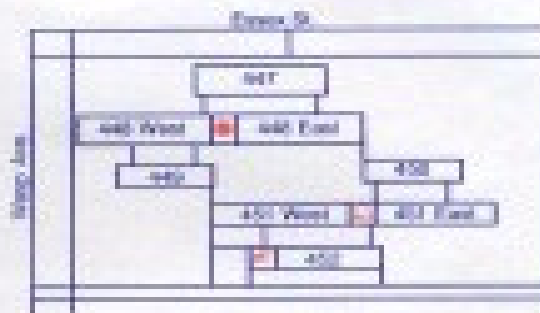


Millington Mayor George R. Harvell Jr.

Source: *Millington, The First Hundred Years* by Faye Ellis Osteen, *The Commercial Appeal Archives*, File photos.

# Navy Inns

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NSA Mid-South • Millington, TN  
38054-5045  
Phone: 901-872-062  
Fax: 901-874-5062  
Toll Free: 1-800-628-9466



## Third Floor

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## Ground Floor

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-  Stairs
-  North
-  Front Desk
-  Continental Breakfast (0600-0900)
-  Wending/ice/laundry
-  Handicap Accommodations

Above is a sample layout of what the accommodations are like at the Navy Inn at NSA Mid-South. There are four large rooms in a unit, each with a full head. One enters a room through a large sitting/visiting room that is off a common passageway.

We encourage all of our VP-1 squadron mates from 1969 through 1974 era to attend the "Memphis Muster". One doesn't have to be a member of the VP-1 P-3 Orion Pioneers to attend this rendezvous. But we encourage all those eligible for membership to join. Without the VP-1 POPs organization it would be extremely hard to plan and organize a top-notch reunion. When attending the get-together it would be great time to sign-on. Pay your dues for 2004-2005 and become a full-

fledged member in good standing. Those who join will immediately be put on the active mailing list and will receive periodic VP-1 POPs newsletters. Those thinking of not attending this reunion, please give some further consideration. Remember, though you may not be too enthused, many of your old squadron-mates would like to see you. We've lost some VP-1 mates in recent times, and many of us are getting on in age. Some won't be around for our next gathering.

Rm:

NAVY RD

MAIN GATE

(901) 872-0521

Essex St

(A) Front Desk  
(B) Continental  
Breakfast (0600-0930)  
(C) Vending/Ice/  
Laundry

447

448 West

448 East

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451 West

451 East

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COURTYARD

Courtyard

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NORTH

NAVY INN

Wasp Ave

# VP-1 P-3 ORION PIONEERS

MEMPHIS MUSTER, 12, 13, 14 September 2003

PLEASE RETURN THIS REGISTRATION FORM WITH YOUR PAYMENT TO

C. W. Howard, 214 Muriel Lane, Munford, TN 38058

Phone: 901-837-0335

E-mail: CHARLESHOWARD@HOTMAIL.COM

Make checks and money orders payable to "VP-1 POPS REUNION"

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse and/or Guest Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Registration fee is \$3 per person: \$3.00 \* number attending \_\_\_\_\_ = Total amount to remit for registration fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Friday night dinner @ \$12 per person \* number attending \_\_\_\_\_ = Total amount to remit for dinner \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday afternoon fish fry & bbq @ \$10 per person \* number attending \_\_\_\_\_ = Total amount to remit \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday brunch @ \$10 per person \* number attending \_\_\_\_\_ = Total amount to remit for brunch \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Meals for children under 12 are half the above costs.**

Number of kids attending & what events \_\_\_\_\_

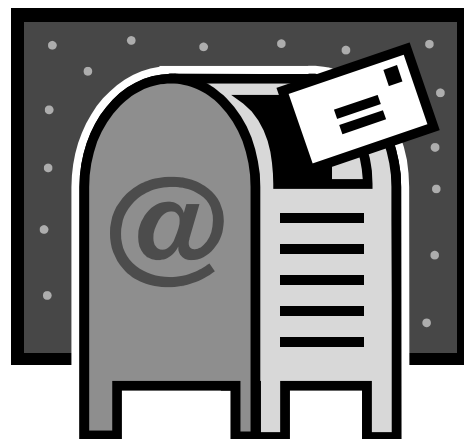
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**TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT SUBMITTED \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

are you be interested in: Golfing \_\_\_\_\_ Tunica Trip \_\_\_\_\_ Graceland Visit \_\_\_\_\_ (see info elsewhere in this newsletter)

## PLEASE COPY OR CLIP- OUT THE ABOVE VP- 1 POPs REUNION REGISTRATION FORM

Please fill in the requested information and mail the registration form to C. W. "Bill" Howard at the address on the form. Make your check or money order payable to "VP- 1 POPS REUNION". Please don't send cash. We'd appreciate it if you would mail the registration form and your payment in AS SOON AS POSSIBLE so our reunion committee members have firm numbers to work with and can have each event/meal organized well in advance. The committee is working hard to ensure everything is ready for you to enjoy a wonderful gathering.



## THE PRESIDENT'S PODIUM

CDR DON HANSON



It seems like only yesterday that we met at Willie's foray down in Pensacola.

But, a lot of things have happened since then. We've gone to war, again, at home and abroad. Our economy is in the tank. 401Ks and IRAs are sucking wind. Many of our friends are having to work longer, or again, to make ends meet.

And Mike, our leader for our Memphis Muster, has made good use of the time and has developed a neat plan for September. Study his arrangements for the reunion and make your plans to attend. Our Association grows each year with the efforts of the Morasches, Hunts, Groves, Giddings, and others searching out more of our old squadron mates. We can all help by just making a phone call to one or two of those "out on liberty" and invite them to come to the reunion, and then to join the great group.

The passing of time reminds me that one of our agenda items is to revisit the schedule of our reunions. We will discuss whether we want to stick with a 3-year reunion interval, or shift to a 2-year plan. The thought is obvious. Some people are getting so white, or bald, that you're going to have to wear name tags (in big print) so I can tell if I'm in the right place.

We will have an election of officers. Lou Tafoya is developing candidates. If you have someone that would fit in one of the offices, get to Lou. Let me take this moment to say thanks to Don Grove for his efforts for VP-1 POPs. He has been tireless, consistent, thorough, and even nit picky. He has been the glue for POPs.

We will also have to ratify the by-laws drawn up at an officers/committee meeting two years ago. We have recently added another billet to our association officers, a CHAPLAIN. For the interim, until elections, I have appointed Ed McLaughlin to be our Chaplain. He will serve in that capacity up to the Memphis Muster, and then as requested by the next President. Ed is a perfect fit. He and his wife, Catherine, have for many years been caregivers in their home. He visits friends and people in the nursing homes. I've gotten to know Ed from the weekly coffee gatherings of our "old-timers" group.

And, we will pick a time, place, and host for our next reunion. So, study the reunion plan, mark your calendars, and make your reservations.

On a final note, I can pass on to you that the VP-2 Association has given up on efforts to

get a memorial P2V aircraft on NAS Whidbey Island's Ault Field. The main reason is that with the aftermath of 9-11 the base is operating under strict homeland security regulations and can't offer a decent space or accessibility to the memorial for the foreseeable future. In its stead, our memorial committee, which includes myself and Don Grove, has come up with an elegant bronze, marble, and brick memorial. It will be a VP memorial, honoring all Whidbey Patrol Squadrons, but especially those who flew, maintained, or lost their lives in P2V operations. Bronze plaques will name and honor the 71 crewmembers that lost their lives in the line of duty.

See you in Tennessee . . .

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## THE VICE PRES SEZ . . .

AW2 RICH HUNT

As I read the paper and watch the news of today's military action, I think back to our days of our service — the strife and troubles we had that brought us together. Those endured hardships that bound us together in crews and work groups led to the accomplishments we achieved. Trust — each of us relying and trusting on one another to not let down a fellow squadron mate. We had trust in each other. These are things that make life long relationships and ever lasting memories.

Often I hear from people asking if we have heard from someone that they highly regarded as a friend, who was part of a memorial moment that had a lasting impression on them, or even changed or enlightened their way of thinking. Sometimes, I have to regretfully tell them that the person they most want to see or speak with again is deceased, unlocated, or no longer desires to be a part of that profound portion of their lives. We've all found common ground amongst ourselves that brings us closer.

I recall a time at an uneventful aircrew briefing. As usual we had a question posed to us concerning aircraft and crew safety. The simple question was, "which two survival items on the Mae West should not be used together". We all knew the answer, "die marker and shark repellent", as they cancel out each others effectiveness. But . . .

One of our bright young aircrewmen came up with another valid answer and passed it on to a not-as-sharp crewman who then boldly responded, "the oral inflation tube and the whistle". This, of course, brought immediate laughter, broke the serious mood, and made the long arduous day a little more tolerable. The crewman who thought-up this



answer has been asked about by many of our squadron-mates. We wonder why he hasn't taken part in any of our reunions. I don't know why. I can only venture a guess.

On another note, some VP-1 aircrewmembers from our era recently had a small reunion gathering at Bob Giddings home in Oak Harbor. Steve Orrell was up from California. I hadn't seen Steve for 28 years. He now reminds me of a graying Bob Villa, (TV's Mr. Fix-It). It was an enjoyable afternoon and evening. Ruth and I certainly had a good time, and I believe Steve Orrell, Jeff Barclay, Bill Monroe, Robroy Graham, and Jan and Bob Giddings also did.

As I see people at our reunions, I wonder why their looks haven't changed very much, and why it is they have aged so well. Now days sometimes I don't even recognize myself in the mirror anymore.

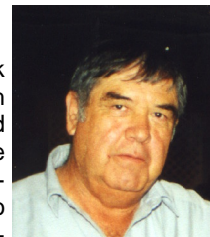
Well people, we have a large agenda to attend to at our Memphis Muster. We need to be thinking about electing new officers and where to hold our next big gathering. I personally hope it's out this way, where VP-1 is now home-ported. 20 Watts!!

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## REUNION PHOTOS

AOC LOU TAFOYA

Our reunion memory book will again consist of both formal photographs and candid pictures — those taken by folks at the reunion and then submitted to me — with pertinent captions on the backside (hopefully).



Lou at Pensacola  
Y2K

There will probably be 16 photos per page for the formal part, and six to twelve candid shots per page, depending on the size of the pictures. I'll use a good line drawing of the "Golden Eagle" portion of our VP-1 logo for the front cover page. Generally it'll be laid out similar to the memory book commemorating our Pensacola gathering. Your cost per book will be about \$25. If anyone has ideas for our booklet, please contact me.

The photographer at the reunion who'll be taking our photos will attempt to sell you portrait pictures. That's his job. It's not necessary to purchase any portrait photos. But please have him take your photo. If you don't step-up to have your picture taken it won't appear in the reunion memory booklet.

The memory books will be mailed to you when they're completed. That will be about eight weeks or so after I send the final layout to the Dunning Company. It'll be a few weeks before I send them the final layout to them as I'll have to await receipt of pictures



arriving from some of you folks. So, it will probably be three months or so after the reunion.



You may purchase as many copies of the booklet as you'd like. The orders for booklets will be taken right there at our Friday evening reunion dinner. The booklets must be paid for when ordered, so bring along your checkbook. They'll make a great gift to someone who can't attend our Memphis Muster.

The portrait-type pictures for the booklet (and for sale) will be taken at our Friday evening dinner. We hope to have the photographer set-up nearby where we enter the club for the banquet so that we can get everyone's photo as they arrive. Let's not miss anyone this time.

## NEW CHAPLAIN



Ed & Catherine McLaughlin with friend

As Mentioned earlier by president Hanson, Ed McLaughlin is our new VP-1 P-3 Orion Pioneers Chaplain. Ed's wife, Catherine, is a nurse at Whidbey General Hospital. They also own and operate a elder care facility, "Deer Cottage". Ed says, "Please let me know of any of our squadron-mates, or their family members, who are ill, or who have passed away". Ed will then follow-up appropriately on behalf

of our organization. Ed's address information is:

Mail: 1499 E Silver Lake Rd, Oak Harbor, WA 98277

Phone: 360-675-6818

E-mail: EDMAC-1@MSN.COM

## SECRETARY'S CORNER

### AFCM DON GROVE

It's been awhile since our last newsletter went out. Last October to be exact. I tried to publish one in March, but it wasn't to be. We had a bit of a catastastroke. The computer gremlins struck. I finished the final page of that March newsletter one evening around 8 p.m. Closed it down, made a backup copy on a ZIP disk, and called it a night. The next day when attempting to open the newsletter file, with the same computer and MS-Publisher program, it wouldn't open. "Well", I thought, "it's a good thing I made a backup copy". I inserted the backup disk into the ZIP drive and attempted to access the newsletter file that way. No go! The backup copy wouldn't open either. That's when I realized that I evidently copied a corrupted file to the backup disk. I have no idea how that newsletter file became corrupted.

We've tried many ways to get that file open — MS Word, WordPad, NotePad, and MS Publisher 2002 (the newsletter was done in MS Publisher 98) — all with unsatisfactory results. A couple of professional computer people have tried to access the file with no luck. One of them said he knew of a place

in San Diego that could probably read the file for us — at a cost of somewhere around \$2500<sup>00</sup>!

If anyone has any ideas on how we can salvage that March newsletter I'd love to hear from you. Otherwise it's probably about 80 to 100 man-hours down the drain.

New members of our VP-1 P-3 Orion Pioneers since our last newsletter are: AX1 Neal & Cindy ADAMS; AW2 Bob & Harriet AMES; AT2 Ken & Erlinda CARRON; Lt. Dick HEAMAN; AW1 Charles (Ken) & Edna MARLOW; Lt. Don & Katherine McARTHUR; AW2 Steve & Eloise OR-

RELL; Mrs. Sherie SEARS-BUDENZ; AT2 Joe TROISE; and Lt. Gary WEBER. Those whose memberships were reinstated during this period are: Lois (AE1 Hinz) DAUBE; and ADJ2 John & Barbara BOYD. A hearty welcome aboard new members — and welcome back to the fold previous members.

Some e-mail messages we recently sent out were returned as undeliverable. Some of you haven't been notifying us when you change addresses, and I quite possibly screwed up some of the addresses. Whichever is the case, please send us your current e-mail address so we can

get things corrected. Here's are those whose e-mail's were recently returned, and the reason for rejection: Dave WITT, user unknown — Dan TRUAX, mailbox unavailable — Dan OYLER, host "townsq" not responding — Lex COBB, user unknown — Dan GARRISON, mail quota exceeded — Steve ONUFRAK, account inactive — Fred OTJEN, not a valid user — Jon LUND, unknown — Richard TOWNER, user unknown — Jack FORTE, user unknown — Joe HART, user not known — Rob LERSCH, name not recognized.

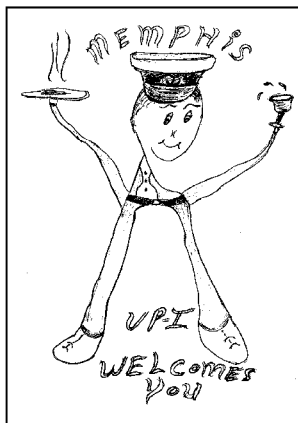
We plan to have copies of our by-laws available at our reunion "duty office" at Millington for everyone to peruse. We'll be voting to ratify the by-laws at our business meeting on Sunday after the brunch. Only members-in-good-standing (paid-up members) and their spouses may cast a vote. Please read over the by-laws prior to the meeting.

We also plan to have candidate's names for the offices of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer available for all to look over. (The secretary and treasurer offices may be filled by one person). Members may also nominate candidates for office at the business meeting

Only men who served in VP-1 are eligible for the offices of president and vice president. Any member, or members spouse, may serve the organization as secretary and/or treasurer.

The newly elected president will need to appoint some committee persons after he is duly elected. Committee persons may be members or members spouses.

See you at the Memphis Muster! Don't be late for muster.



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