



NEWSLETTER #18

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VP-1 Lineage

(Per Naval Historical Center)

Established 15 Feb 1943 at NAS Deland, Florida as VB-128 / VB-128, was redesignated as VPB-128 on 1 Oct 1944; VPB-128 was redesignated VP-128 on 15 May 1946; VP-128 was redesignated VP-ML-1 on 15 Nov 1946; VP-ML-1 was redesignated VP-1 on 1 Sep 1948.

ALOHA! The Patrol Squadron ONE (VP-1) P-3 Orion Pioneers (POPS) is a group of Navy veterans, and their families, who served aboard VP-1 during and immediately after its transition from the SP-2H Neptune to the P-3B Orion between the years of 1969 to 1974.

VP-1 Folks;

I guess I need to do some explaining. We have a commitment from the Holiday Inn in Bath Maine for 60 rooms at \$98.00/night plus tax until 1 May 2005. With the Blue Angels appearing at the Brunswick Naval Air Station that weekend rooms are going to be very tight. The Bath Holiday Inn is approximately 6 Miles from the Brunswick Naval Air Station. We haven't received many reservations at the Hotel and Activity forms are now just trickling in. If you call the Holiday Inn for Hotel Reservations be sure to tell them it is for the VP-1 Reunion as they have dedicated rooms for us. Joe Byrnes, the Manager at the Holi-

day Inn, has made arrangement for activities starting on Sept 7th. The activities are separate from Hotel reservations. Something will be available for anyone that wants to participate from the 7th until the 11th. The form should be completed and returned stating what activities you would like to participate in. If there is not enough interest in a particular activity we offer something else. The money must be received No Later Than 15 August 2005.

Greg

Good People,

Let me add to what Greg has said above: I, on my own, went ahead and blocked 40 additional rooms at the Comfort Inn, in downtown Brunswick, for \$95.00/night plus tax until 1 May 2005. I believe both places are comparable to each other, so that shouldn't present a problem.

My reasoning was to have our people in two groups vice scattered all over.

All the main events, and the Hospitality room will still be at the Holiday Inn, so please keep that in mind when you decide where to make reservations.

Louie

SAY, WHAT DO YOU ALL THINK OF THE NEW NEWSLETTER HEAD?

I FIGURED WE SHOULD SHOW SOME OF OUR OWN OLD STUFF!

THANK MIKE TAYLOR FOR THE AWFULL PATCH!

AND YOU CAN THANK WHO-EVER GAVE ME THE P3 PHOTO! I FORGOT ! ITS HELL TO GET OLD!

AS YOU HAVE PROBABLEY ALREADY NOTICED, I AM JUST FILLING IN WHAT WOULD NORMALLY BE THE BLANK REMAINER OF THE PAGE.

PLEASE PASS THE WORD TO ANY OF OUR OTHER FOLKS THAT YOU FEEL HAVE NOT BEING NOTIFIED ABOUT THE ROOMS DEADLINE, AND OF COURSE OUR REUNION.

WE HOPE THE MAINE EVENT WILL BE AS GOOD AS THE MEMPHIS MUSTER, THE PENSACOLA WILLIE FESTIVAL, OR THE BELLINGHAM GATHERING. GOD BLESS US ALL. Bill, Greg, Quent, KB, Ed, Don and Louie

Chart your Course for Maine

The VP 1 POPS Maine Event Reunion for September (7-11), 2005 is set for Bath, Maine! Plans are being finalized. More reunion information will be available soon as well as information on the Bath-Brunswick area.

The Holiday Inn Bath will be our reunion Headquarters. The Hotel is conveniently located just off Route 1 in Bath and has hosted many military reunions in the past. The Hotel is a Full Service Hotel with a Restaurant serving Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner Daily & Taverne with entertainment.

The Comfort Inn will serve as an Annex. The Comfort Inn is located in downtown Brunswick.

The Hospitality Room will open on Tuesday for Registration. Planning is in progress for a number of activities which may include:

- A Tour of the Maine Maritime Museum in Bath
- Unlimited use of the Bath Trolley during your stay.
- A Tour of Bath Iron Works Shipyard
- A Boat excursion down the scenic Kennebec River to Historic Fort Popham, Lunch, and return to Bath via the Bath Trolley.
- A Memorial Service for our shipmates who have passed before us.
- A Golf Outing at The Bath Country Club
- A Maine Lobster Feed
- Shopping outings to LL Bean and Boothbay Harbor via The Bath Trolley.
- A Banquet and Dance on Saturday Night.

The details will be available soon. To learn more about the Bath area visit the following web sites:

[Midcoast maine](#)

[Visit Bath](#)

[Maine Maritime Museum](#)

[Holiday Inn, Bath, ME](#)

[Naval Air Station Brunswick](#)

Holiday Inn (Main-60 Rooms Blocked)
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Telephone 1-866-258-7245 (Free)
Fax: 1-207-442-8281
Email: hibath@aol.com
Mention: VP-1 POPS Reunion

The Comfort Inn (Annex-40 Rooms Blocked)
199 PLEASANT STREET
BRUNSWICK, MAINE 04011
Ms. Kelli Pooters, General Manager
Telephone 1-207-729-1129
Fax 1-207-725-8310
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Mention: VP-1 POPS Reunion

VP-1 POPS Maine Event Reunion Registration Form
7 September thru 11 September 2005

NOTE: The money for the below must be received No Later Than 15 August 2005.

Please complete and return this **form** by May 1, 2005

Please Print Names of attendees: _____

The registration fee is \$20 per person and includes unlimited use of the Bath Trolley during the reunion (except for Special Trips as noted) and miscellaneous expenses.

of persons attending _____ x \$ 20.00 = \$ _____

Wednesday Maine Maritime Museum Tour

of persons attending _____ x \$ 10.00 = \$ _____

Thursday Fort Popham Tour – Combination Boat and Trolley with Lunch at Spinney's Restaurant (Price includes Lunch)

of persons attending _____ x \$25.00 = \$ _____

Friday evening Maine Lobster Feast with all the Trimmings. Tax and gratuity included

of persons attending _____ x \$30.00 = \$ _____

Saturday Freeport, ME – Shopping at L.L. Bean

of persons attending _____ x \$5.00 = \$ _____

Saturday Boothbay Harbor- Shopping-Sightseeing

of persons attending _____ x \$ 8.00 = \$ _____

Saturday Night Dinner Banquet and Dance

of persons attending _____ x \$35.00 = \$ _____

Business Meeting with Brunch Buffet Sunday Morning

of persons attending _____ x \$12.00= \$ _____

*****Total amount remitted***** \$ _____

Signature _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ email _____

Please advise if you require any special dietary needs. List on back of form _____

Make Check payable to: Bath Reunions LLC. and mail No later than 15 August 2005 to Greg Pierce 4 Maynard Drive, Topsham ME 04086. Exact dates and times for events will be determined by response. Any other suggestions may be emailed to Greg Pierce piercg@suscom-maine.net or Ph# 207-841-5780. Our Duty Office will be located at The Bath Holiday Inn in Bath Maine, and the Brunswick Comfort Inn will serve as an Annex.

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