

VP-4 Association Newsletter

January 2005

Newsletter No. 01-05

Editor's Corner

This newsletter will be somewhat abbreviated. The primary goal of this mailing is to disseminate information about the next reunion.

Bob McKee, VP-4 '61-63

VP-4 Reunion, 2005

Arrival Date: Thursday, August 4, 2005
Departure Date: Sunday, August 7, 2005
Location: Renaissance Portsmouth Hotel, Portsmouth, Virginia
Room Rate: Single/Double, \$105.00 (+ Taxes) per night

- *Note: The above room rate will apply for two days prior and two days following the reunion (8-2, 8-3, 8-8 and 8-9) for those who want to come early and stay late.*

Reservations by phone: 888-390-1775, Use CODE "VPM" to book as a VP-4 Reunion Attendee.

Reservations by internet: www.marriott.com, Under the GROUP CODE SECTION enter code "VPMVPMA" to book as a VP-4 Reunion Attendee.

- **Reservations must be made prior to Midnight, 7/4/2005 to receive the guaranteed room rate of \$105.00 (+ taxes) per night.**
- *Note: Only 100 rooms will be blocked. Rooms not reserved by February 15, 2005 will be released. Rooms must be guaranteed by one nights room deposit or be guaranteed with a major credit card. All cancellations must be received seventy-two (72) hours prior to arrival for refund of deposit.*

The reunion organizers will be planning events/tours for Friday morning/early afternoon for August 5th and Saturday morning/early afternoon for August 6th. These events may include:

- Golf Tournament
- Ferry ride to Norfolk Shopping Mall
- Bus Tour to Historic Colonial Williamsburg Virginia
- Skeet Shooting Event, if enough interest is shown.

In addition to the Hospitality Room, we are planning an Hors d'oeuvres/Cash Bar from 5 to 7pm on Friday Evening, August 5th, this will allow plenty of time for those who wish to dine away from the hotel that evening.

A VP-4 Association "Business Meeting" will be held on Saturday, August 6th from 3:00pm to 4:00pm.

- **Note: Several Association Officers will not be able to serve another term. They are; Steve Andruszkewicz, Chairman 2003-2005, Barry Robinson, Treasurer and Bob McKee, Newsletter Editor.**

Saturday evening, August 6th, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm will feature a fine Buffet Dinner, followed by music and dancing at the Renaissance Portsmouth Hotel.

We are looking forward to having a well-attended reunion. Here's what we need you to do:

1. Call the hotel and make your room reservations, NOW!
2. Fill out and mail this form, with your **Dues** to:

Michael Richardson
VP-4 Reunion Association
3928 Trailing Place NW
Albuquerque, NM 87114

***Make dues checks payable to:
VP-4 Association #902-9463***

- ☐ - I plan to attend the reunion. Number Attending: _____
Please mail a reunion registration form to:
Name: _____ **Phone:** _____
Address: _____ **E-mail:** _____
City, State, Zip Code: _____
- ☐ - I will not be able to attend this reunion. (Please fill in form and mail so we can update our roster)
- ☐ - **LIFETIME DUES \$100.00**
- ☐ - **2005 DUES \$10.00** ☐ - **2006 DUES \$10.00**

If you have questions call or E-mail: Steve "Andy" Andruszkewicz, Cell#: (818) 652-9942 or vp4reunion2005@aol.com

VP-4 Shipmate Memorial's

<u>Name</u>	<u>Served VP4</u>	<u>Passed Away</u>
Goodwin, Edward, AT1 Retired	47-51	12-23-03

Ladd, John Stephen

61-64

2-4-04



I just wandered onto your site. I would like to report the death of my husband, John Stephen Ladd. He served in VP-4 from 1961-1964 in Naha and Hawaii. He passed away due to heart complications on Feb. 4, 2004. After John left VP-4, in Dec. 1964, he was stationed at Moffat Field and then down to HC-6 at North Island. He retired in 1973. After retirement he went back to school and got a master's degree. He worked in purchasing in the electronics field until he retired. While in VP-4 he flew as a relief crewmember rather than a regular crewmember as I recall. I frequently cooked for the flight crews and he would take the food for all the guys during those long flights. It wasn't part of his job but as you might remember, he liked to eat and canned soup and Dinty Moore stew wasn't his idea of a meal. What fond memories!

Sincerely, Linda R. Ladd

Lee, Cyrus, Cmdr, Retired, USN

56-58

4-11-01

Dear Mr. Richardson, Thank you for your recent newsletter for VP4 Association. I must inform you that Cmdr. Cyrus "S" Lee is deceased (April 11, 2001). Am enclosing a copy of his memorial service, held here in Billings, MT. We scattered his ashes by plane over his favorite hunting and fishing area of the "Pryor Mountains" south of Billings. His military marker placed in his hometown of Wolf Point, MT. It is always a pleasure to hear the news of VP4. Our life in the Navy was one of many wonderful memories, places and friends. I am still able to live alone at 2701 Beartooth Drive, Billings, MT -- at "85", I feel very fortunate. Best wishes to all, Lois K. Lee

Prochazka, Henry R. (Hank)

58-60

9-18-04

Hank underwent surgery for bladder cancer last Monday morning knowing well that with his pulmonary, vascular, and urinary problems his risks were high. The cancer had spread making it unable for the surgeons to remove it. He suffered a severe stroke leaving him without speech and paralyzed on the right side. The pain was considerable and as soon as possible our children and I requested morphine drip. There will be no services as organized religion wasn't part of our life. However we do plan a big celebration of his life next summer after we have had a chance to heal. Hank Jr., Ilene and I spent yesterday going through photo albums from his parent's weddings to present day. He was truly appreciated and loved. Our children have provided unbelievable support for their father from before the surgery including now. Life is truly fantastic, be happy! Evelyn Prochazka

Bennett, Art CAPT

62-64

12-8-04

This message is to inform friends and squadron mates of the death of CAPT Art Bennett, USN (Ret.) Art served in VP-49 (late '50s early 60's) and VP-4 (early 60's) and VP42. Art died in the early hours of Wednesday, December 8, following hospitalization on December 7 relating to an accidental fall while putting up pictures in his condo in Marquette, Michigan. Art will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery (ANC) with his son, King who died years ago in an aircraft carrier accident.



VP-4 Association



Membership Application/Renewal

Last Name	First Name	MI	Nickname	Spouses Name
Street	City	State	Zip + 4	
Home Phone	Home Fax	Cell Phone	Pager	
Primary E-mail Address	Secondary E-mail Address	Your Website URL		
Employer	Address	Work Phone	Work Fax	
U.S. Navy Retired?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>		
What years did you serve in VP4?				
What were your duties in VP4? (Rank/Crew/Dept/Org/etc.)				

As you can well understand, funding an association of this size, in excess of 1800 names of shipmates from the 1940's to the present gets expensive. The VP-4 Association Committee is asking you to participate by sending in either your \$10.00 Annual or \$100.00 LIFETIME dues. These funds are used to cover the costs of material, mailings and other reunion-related expenses.

Dues Enclosed: \$10.00 Annual _____

\$100.00 LIFETIME _____

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