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## President's Opening

### **"Flight" to "All Stations"**

Aloha Blue Sharks!

Hawaii 2016 is in the rear view and Nawlins 2017 is now well in sight! It is time, RIGHT NOW, to go to the website ([www.VP-6.org](http://www.VP-6.org)) to register and make your final plans for our rapidly approaching reunion in New Orleans (27-30 September 2017).

**\*\*The FINAL CUT OFF DATE for all event registrations is Monday, AUGUST 19, 2017\*\***

There are still slots available for all of the events and our hotel IS STILL giving us DISCOUNTED ROOM RATES!!! The hotel "might" give you the discount as late as 28 August, but you'd be taking a chance by waiting that late. Remember, "right now" the hotel is still giving us severely discounted rates. Here is the short-version reminder of the FUN to be had:

Wednesday, September 27th

- REGISTRATION in the 4th Floor Hospitality Room 8AM-10PM
- "Early Bird" GOLF EVENT (POC is Bo Miller)
- WELCOME RECEPTION (in the Hospitality Room) 6PM-10PM

Thursday, September 28th

- REGISTRATION in the 4th Floor Hospitality Room
- WW-II MUSEUM Tour
- Riverboat "Natchez" DINNER CRUISE

Friday, September 29th

- REGISTRATION and Annual RAFFLE/AUCTION TICKET SALES
- Combined "Oak Alley" PLANTATION Tour & "Jean Lafitte" PIRATE SWAMP Tour
- Annual PSBSA association BUSINESS MEETING
- Free night for dinner and city night life! (Remember to make your own reservations)

Saturday, September 30th

- Annual RAFFLE/AUCTION TICKETS sales in the Hospitality Room
- "Self-paced" BUS CITY TOUR
- EVENING SOCIAL & CASH BAR in the hotel- "ASTOR BALLROOM III" 6:30PM
- DINNER BANQUET & Annual RAFFLE/AUCTION in the "ASTOR BALLROOM III"

**\*\*Don't forget to bring your items for the RAFFLE/AUCTION\*\*** And think about what to bring up for discussion at the Annual BUSINESS MEETING. Bring your new ideas for SHIPS STORE items to Woody, our Quartermaster. Think about serving as a "Site Specific Reunion Coordinator" for our 'next reunion location' and offer your site for consideration at the Business Meeting. James Lamers, our Reunion Chairman, and any of our previous site reunion coordinators are available to make "your site" reunion go smoothly (Believe me!).

This reunion is going to be a good one! Cathy and I have a few "off the record" surprises. Who is bringing "the shark?" See you all, soon!

Hank Herbig

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## Vice-President

### **ALL Engines Ahead FULL**

Aloha Sharkmates:

Reunion time is nearing fast. This will be the first reunion for quite a few Bluesharks and it will be great to see all of you. In my particular case, I haven't seen some of the folks attending this reunion in over 30 years. Good grief!! Am I that old? With that said, for those of you attending this reunion, please don't forget to bring along something for our Raffle. It doesn't have to be expensive. Past items have ranged

from bottles of good booze to old calendars with P-3 images, and various other knick-knacks. Use your imagination. If you have a Rocket Fizz store in your area, there ya go. Please take some time and update your contact information at our official website and as always, if you are a member please consider renewing or better yet become a Life Member. If you're not a member, as I asked in the last Newsletter, Why Not? Membership keeps us going.

Finally, for those of you attending the New Orleans reunion, we will be voting on where our 2018 reunion will be during our VP-6 Board Meeting. So please make yourself a note to attend. Looking forward to seeing everyone in New Orleans.

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

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## Secretary

### **Memo's**

No minutes this quarter

Seibert Murphy

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## Treasurer

### **The Bucks Stop here**

Greetings Fellow Blue Sharks!

From the financial side of things, we are in good shape. Membership is up, reunion registration is going strong and ship's store sales are up as well. That being said, we depend on membership to provide the lion's share of our funding for website and business expenses associated with keeping the

association running. I appreciate all of the new lifetime members and those annual members keeping up with their annual dues and encourage everyone to seek out those squadron mates who haven't yet joined or don't know about us to let them know. We'd love to see them as members and at upcoming reunions.

On the business side of things, Tom Mullins and I have been working hard over the past few weeks to get things up to speed for a smooth transition to a new Treasurer in 2017.

Gotta say I'm getting excited to see everyone at the New Orleans Reunion. Registrations are up. I see a lot of the "Usual Suspects" and even more exciting a lot of new names on the list!

See you all in New Orleans,

Bo

Treasurer

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## Membership

### **Gam o' Sharks**

As of today here are our membership #'s

Active: 244

Pending: 6

Expired: 84

Deceased: 3

Email Dawn at [Membership@vp-6.org](mailto: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](http://www.vp-6.org/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=309126&module_id=147410)

Dawn Tourville

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## Webmaster

### Get Your Geek On

The official VP-6 website:  
<http://www.vp-6.org/>



VP-6 Blue Sharks

Closed Group

Discussion Members Events Videos Photos Files

Home  
New Member Signup  
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Newsletters  
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Squadron History  
In Remembrance

Add Me To Your Mailing List

Webmaster  
Randy (the most trust worthy name) Silbaugh

Member Login

2017 Blue Shark Reunion New Orleans LA.  
September 27 – October 1 2017  
[Click for more information](#)

**Upcoming Reunion**  
**New Orleans Oct 2017**

Reunion Committee Corner

Now that all the planning and activities are complete for the New Orleans Gala event, it's time for the committee to start thinking about the next reunion. We have received a number of destinations, some new and some old favorites. During the membership meeting we will be taking a final vote on the next one and I would like to see us start planning for the one after that. The potentials are:

To register for the Nawlin's reunion go to the web address above and click on the "Bourbon" photo. The site is being updated regularly as plans are made and details are etched in stone. Online Registration will pull chocks on 19 Aug 2017. As you are going through the registration process and if you have any issues or any difficulties with the process, please email the webmaster Randy (the most trustworthy name) at [WebMaster@vp-6.org](mailto:WebMaster@vp-6.org) Make sure to log in to the website and update your profile while you are registering.

Sharks also have a Facebook group (not run by the association) - If you're into that sort of thing! Search for VP-6 Blue Sharks.

1. Cincinnati OH
2. Seattle/Whidbey Island, WA
3. Charleston, SC
4. Atlanta, GA
5. Las Vegas, NV
6. Pensacola, FL
7. San Diego, CA

My choice for next year would be Cincinnati (Oktoberfest and Chili and we have a potential site coordinator, John Scheder) and then Seattle/Whidbey Island to see the



new P-8 from the inside if possible. After that an east coast site might be a good choice. For that, I thought of Charleston (Ft. Sumter, southern culture, and just a great place to visit) would be good choices, or maybe Atlanta, now the home of Lockheed. Of course, to make it work, we will need a reunion site coordinator for each site that knows the area. This should give us something to talk about in New Orleans when we all get together.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on Bourbon Street.

Jim Lamers, Reunion Chairman

George Little

Passed away on 2 June 2017

Retired AVCM, was with VP-6 from 1964-1966



Samuel Daniels

Born: 24 August 1951 Died 18 June 2017

AMS1 Retired and in VP-6 from late 80's early 90's



## Obits

### **RIP: Farewell & Following Seas**

Wallace "Wally" Neeley

Born: 16 June 1934 Died 9 May 2017

Wally passed away peacefully at his home at the age of 82, following complications from a hip fracture.



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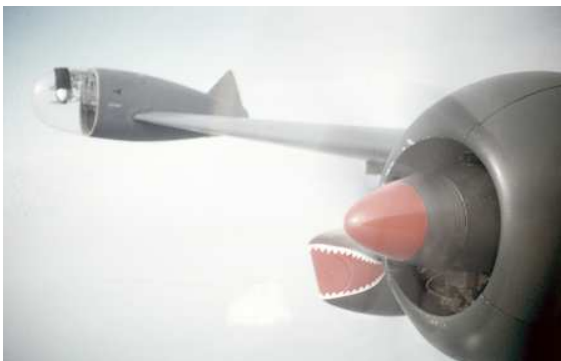
## History

### History o' Sharks:

Some early VP-6 History. Vp-6 had been in Atsugi in 1950/51, returned to BP for 6 months then returned for a second tour later in 1951/52.



Pix from Richard Hulse, Crew 1 VP-6 February 1957 to December 1959.



Russian ship



Article submitted by Robert Dell



Brian Tourville

Historian

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## Upcoming Sept 2017 Elections

Nominate and/or Volunteer yourself. Send submissions to our current VP Terry at [VicePresident@vp-6.org](mailto:VicePresident@vp-6.org) by Sept. 05 2017

If you are not sure what the elected officers do, below is a very brief description with pictures for your enjoyment.

President: Serve on and preside over the Board of Directors.



Vice-President: Assume the duties of and act on behalf of the President, in his absence.

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Secretary: Keep minutes of all meetings of THE ASSOCIATION and the Board of Directors.



Treasurer: Shall be responsible for the receipt, control, disbursement and accounting of all funds of THE ASSOCIATION and maintain complete financial records of the PATRON SIX BLUE SHARKS ASSOCIATION.



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WebMaster: Maintain and administer the approved association web site(s).





The Reunion Chairman: Ensure that the site specific Reunion Coordinators are working efficiently and on schedule in order to accomplish a smooth, timely, and successful reunion.



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Membership Chairman: Ensure that each member, expired member, and those eligible for membership have current contact info and are sent association correspondence intended for them.



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Historian: Update our history from our members, who lived it.



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Quartermaster: Maintain, inventory and invent new and on board items of and for the Association "Ships Store;"



"The Day the Ship Store Ran Out of GeeDunk"

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Raffle Chairman: prepare and conduct a successful Reunion Raffle.

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Newsletter Editor: Assemble, prepare and publish the Quarterly Association Newsletter in a timely fashion



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## Shark Tales!

### **THE ODYSSEY OF INTRODUCTION (WEAPON SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT)**

During my second tour in VP-6, I was selected for transfer to COMPATWINGTWO as staff maintenance officer and to assume the duties of COMFAIRHAWAII maintenance officer due to the disestablishment of that command without transfer of the maintenance responsibilities. While assigned there, my staff and I developed several maintenance facilities and procedures that increased Full System Readiness of all assigned squadrons to levels above all other patrol squadrons. This required many hours of extra duty of my staff, and I became very upset and disgusted

with the poor design, manufacture and support of too many systems.

This resulted in me writing a Weapons Systems Development paper which I titled THE ODYSSEY of INTRODUCTION. This paper was a critique and criticism of the Department of Defense and Department of the Navy about the unsatisfactory (in my opinion) way the introduction of new weapons systems were managed. As you might expect the "Big Brass" came after me with the intent on pounding me into the ground and ending my career. This turned out to be a milestone in my career. My paper identified reasons for poor operational performance of new weapons systems and recommended organizational design, personnel selection, procedural methods, production management and logistical changes to prevent these deficiencies. To make it short, they found out I was correct and could prove it. So instead of ending my career they selected me for management and development of a new weapons system, the strike fighter FA-18 Hornet.



The F/A-18 Hornet was developed to replace the former F-4 Phantom fighter with a maintenance man hour per flight hour of 58 man hours and the A-7E Corsair II attack aircraft with a maintenance man hour per flight hour of 28 man hours. As a result of the maintainability and reliability

performance of the F/A-18 strike fighter, maintenance man-hours per flight hour were reduced by over 80%. This reduction directly relates to billions of dollars of savings for the Defense Department. This aircraft became the holder of just about every record an aircraft of this type could have for the ensuing 30 years. After completing this most satisfying assignment, CDR Masters retired with 25 years of military service.

By Dave Masters

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