



The Neptune

President – Floyd D. Palmer

1st VP – Joe Ryan

2nd VP – Bill Haeckler

Secretary/Treasurer – Douglas Donohue

Director – Vic Gulliver

Director – Al Hall

Director – Joe Chruma

Volume Number 15, June 2008

“Adamante Semper Parato”

www.patron2.com

A Message from the President

We're gearing up for a great reunion in San Diego in September. See the article in this newsletter and take a look at the list of members who have signed up so far to attend the reunion. If your name isn't there, check your pulse. This could be the most fun you've had since you were in the squadron. You wouldn't want to miss it. Also, look for the names of your old friends. If they haven't signed up yet, get on them and find out why! It would really be great to see our VP-2 CO's at the reunion. I hope many of them can attend. Dave and Phyllis Krogh and the reunion committee have lined up a terrific resort that will be the center of our activities. Many thanks also to Dave and Eunice Au, Don and Kay Barthel, Art and Helene Kohrmann, and Robert and Janice Luce for all their work on the committee.

Don't forget that we do the reunion thing every two years. So, in San Diego, we're going to have to decide where to go in 2010. We're going to need another reunion location and another reunion committee. Be thinking about where you would like to go for the next reunion. If you live in a good spot for a reunion, then please consider volunteering to host the next one. We'll discuss it at our reunion business meeting.

Many of you are already aware that we lost a VP-2 Commanding Officer last winter. Commander D. P. Lanaghan passed away in December. Those of us who served under him in 1961-63 remember his quiet, polite leadership style and his extraordinary piloting skills. CDR Lanaghan will long be remembered by everyone who knew him.

We closed out a long, but very successful phase in the history of the VP-2 Association when we recently disestablished the Whidbey Patrol Squadron Memorial Committee. The final work on the memorial was completed this winter with the installation of lighting that enhances our memorial every evening. Don Hanson reports that the work of the committee is now finished, and we can only applaud the many years of effort by a host of volunteers that went into completing the memorial. There's that word again... volunteers. Nothing gets done without volunteers. Once again, our thanks and gratitude to those who gave of their time, money and/or sanity to put the Whidbey Patrol Squadron Memorial on the map.

Let's all continue to thank those who ensure our freedom with their devoted military service around the world. We owe them a huge debt of gratitude. Lois and I hope to see you all in San Diego in September. And, please, don't worry about the world coming to an end today. It's already tomorrow in Australia!

All the best, *Floyd D. Palmer, Association President*



Special Notice

One of our Association members asked if VP-2 widows would be welcome to attend the VP-2 reunions, and should they be given special invitations. That got us to thinking, and we realized that some widows of former squadron-mates might not be aware of their status within the VP-2 Association. In accordance with the VP-2 Association by-laws, widows of former VP-2 personnel are welcome to join or remain as members of the Association. Widows are exempt from paying member dues. As members, widows are included in the distribution of the VP-2 newsletter and other mass mailings, and are included in all the activities of the Association. Without a doubt, VP-2 widows are most welcome and cordially invited to attend the Association's reunions.

Let There be Light!

By Dave Bowen and the WPSM Committee



The WPSM Committee would like to report that the lighting for the Memorial has been installed and looks terrific. The effect at night is truly dramatic and has drawn numerous compliments. The final product was well worth the wait. Our first electrician let us down so we had to look for another. We found our man in Don Howat, who owns Blue Mountain Electrical Contractors. Don does much contract work aboard NAS Whidbey, and had just finished the lighting for the A6/EA6B static aircraft display at the Navy's "Sound of Freedom" exhibit at the corner of Ault Field Road and Highway 20.

After several meetings, light fixtures were selected and orders placed. Unfortunately, one fixture arrived damaged and had to be replaced. More delay. Finally, we all met at the Veterans Memorial Park and after doing a "locate" for underground wires, started digging. All went well and in two days the lights were illuminating the Airman and the Wall. In fact, Don rewired the whole park, putting in a new sensor and new wiring to the flagpole. Everything was done in a first class manner. Don Howat is even encouraging the city to

upgrade the floodlight illuminating the park's U. S. flag during the dark of night.

So, the lights are in, the Airman has been waxed (by the Oak Harbor Parks people no less) and all is well. The extra Memorial funds have been turned over to the Association for supporting military dependent scholarships. Pictures of the lighting can be seen at the Association's web site.

Chaplain's Corner — *Doug Millar*

Christianity is NOT one of "the great religions of the world." I suspect that about now you are saying, "O! Doug has really lost his mind this time!" But please hear me out. The major religions of the world (whether they be Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, Shintoism, or any number of other "isms") are about man striving to make himself acceptable to God (or a God) and in return for man's goodness - receiving some type of merit, blessing, or reward. This is the reason that we are confronted by so many fanatical Muslim suicide bombers and jihadists who are willing to sacrifice their lives in the belief that at death they will instantly be transported into the arms of Allah and receive many special privileges and rewards.

On the other hand, Christianity is the reverse of religion. In Christianity we have God reaching out to man through the person of His son Jesus Christ - rather than having man reaching out to God through attempts at goodness, sacrifice, or appeasement. In Christianity God has made a move toward man by sending Christ to earth in human form, allowing Him to be put to death on a cross as the payment for man's sin, and then offering forgiveness and life eternal to whoever will accept the gift. In addition, God offers to place His spirit within anyone who will accept Him, and through the help of this spirit God will transform us into people who will be good reflections of Himself. God does not ask us to clean ourselves up and make everything right before coming to Him. He offers to bring about His will in our lives AFTER we accept His gift of life.

Does this mean that if we accept the free gift of forgiveness and life eternal that we can just go on and live any old kind of rotten life that we wish? Certainly not. If we were to do that, we would

bring disgrace and shame on God, which He certainly does not want! But, God gives us His spirit to work within us and help bring about whatever changes He wishes to see occur in our lives. We can't do it - God does it! And in so doing, glory is brought to God – not to ourselves. It sounds too easy, too simple, too good a deal to be true! But see for yourself - go to the New Testament and read John 3:16. (This is the verse that we often see being held up on hand-made signboards in end zones, behind NBA baskets, etc.) It says, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him, should not perish but have eternal life."

Not interested? The choice is yours. But one of the things that Christ said when He was here on earth was, "I have come that they (believers) may have life, and they may have it more abundantly." (John 10:10). Got abundant life? Check it out. Personally, I've found it to be the best!



In Memoriam



We have learned of the loss of the following squadron-mates since the last newsletter:

Rodney E. Lampe (squadron 57-59) Jul 07
 CDR Warren E. Farwell (squadron 57-60) Nov 07
 Cleveland D. Dykes (squadron 67-69) Nov 07
 Jerry D. Davis (squadron 61-62) Dec 07
 Leslie "Steve" L. Nason (squadron 68-69) Dec 07
 CAPT Henry Shaver (squadron ?) 2007
 CDR Donald P. Lanaghan (squadron 62-63) Dec 07
 Russel C. Stasel (squadron 54-56) Feb 08
 Kenneth D. Renner (squadron 64-66) Mar 08
 William E. Schweitzer (squadron 64-65) Apr 08
 Robert Surman (squadron 61-63) Apr 08
 Diane Porter* (squadron 52-55) Jan 06
 Elena Smith* (squadron 52-54) Sep 06
 Liz Turpin* (squadron 44-45) Nov 06
 Anita Ginn* (squadron 49-52) 07
 Barbara Hinman* (squadron 45-52) Feb 08
 Joseph Gordon (spouse of Meryl Dando Gordon,
 widow of Wally Dando (squadron 59-62) Mar 08

*spouse of former squadron-mate

If you know of the passing of any of our former VP-2 Personnel, please advise Doug Donohue by email at nvsoar@charter.net

"It is not the critic who counts, not the man who points out how the strong man stumbled, or where the doer of deeds could have done better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood, who strives valiantly, who errs and comes short again and again, who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, and spends himself in a worthy cause, who at best knows achievement and who at the worst if he fails at least fails while daring greatly so his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat." - **Theodore Roosevelt**

VP-2 Reunion- San Diego- September 22-26, 2008

*Town and Country Resort & Convention Center
Mission Valley, San Diego, California*



San Diego is a great place for a Navy Reunion; a Navy town, world famous zoo and it's adjacent Balboa Park, one of the most stunning metropolitan parks in the nation, 1,200 acres, with more than a dozen museums. After all that, there are also buildings devoted to model railroads, classic automobiles, plus the Hall of Champions, devoted to legends in San Diego sports. The park was established in 1868 and exudes beauty and charm, helped by many beautiful gardens, Spanish Colonial architecture and a host of other activities. The Aviation and Space Museum is a favorite of aviation buffs. Within walking distance from Seaport Village on the downtown bay front, one will find the San Diego Padres baseball club's new Petco Field, Maritime Museum, and the recently established USS Midway Carrier Museum honoring naval and regional history. Dave Krogh, Reunion Chairman, is a docent volunteer with the USS Midway Museum, and would like to know, in advance of the reunion, of any of the VP-2 attendees that may have had a tour of duty on the USS Midway during their time in the Navy. If so, let Dave know by e-mail or phone.



Your tourist checklist could include:

Coronado and the Hotel del Coronado, Mission and Pacific Beach, La Jolla Cove, Sea World, Legoland in nearby Carlsbad, the city's Gaslamp Quarter, Tijuana, Mexico (passport required on return to the U.S., beginning 1/1/08), harbor cruising, and area golf courses.

Our reunion site is the Town and Country Resort & Convention Center... A finer location and site would be hard to find. You can go online at: www.towncountry.com to view the resort's amenities and facilities – restaurants, spa, salon and fitness center, lounge, golf course, etc. A San Diego Trolley station is a short walk across the resort's parking lot. An equally short walk beyond is a large shopping mall with over 200 shops and numerous dining establishments. Reunion attendees are offered a four-day room rate of \$117 per day plus taxes, and \$5 per day parking for attendees with autos. Attendees planning to come early or stay later can qualify for the same room rate for the three days prior to and after the reunion dates.

Those arriving by air at San Diego Lindberg Field may find the "Express Shuttle" the more economical choice for transportation to/from the Town and Country Resort rather than renting a car. There is light rail and trolley transportation available near the Town and Country Resort to many areas around San Diego.

Our Reunion itinerary will be as follows:

- Monday, Sept 22nd: Check-in; evening welcoming reception.
- Tuesday, Sept 23rd: Association morning business meeting/luncheon. Free PM.
- Wednesday, Sept 24th: Activity day; optional sightseeing
- Thursday, Sept 25th: Sightseeing during the day; evening Banquet
- Friday, Sept 26th: Hotel check-out by 11:00am

Here is how to reserve your spot(s) at the VP-2 Reunion:

1. Send in a check for \$130.00 per person now or before July 1, 2008. Use the reservation form below.
2. All reunion attendees must make their own hotel reservations with the Town and Country Resort and Convention Center by calling 1-800-772-8527. Make your hotel reservations AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, and tell them you are with the VP-2 Reunion to ensure that you receive the resort's group room rate. A name and credit card number are required to guarantee rooms. After July 1st, depending upon availability, both rooms and the preferred reunion hotel rate may not be available.
3. Late sign-ups (those who send in their registration form and payment after July 1st) will be accepted, but the reunion cost for late registration will include an extra \$20 late fee. Total \$150.00 per person.

Note that if you lose the registration form below, you can visit the VP-2 website at www.patron2.com and download a new form.

Mail your form along with a check for \$130.00 per person, payable to VP-2 Reunion 2008 to:

Dave Krogh
3470 Glen Abbey Blvd.
Chula Vista, CA 91910.

Call for Dues

By Doug Donohue

Many thanks to the 146 members who have contributed their dues so far this year. This is a reminder that the 2008-2009 biennial dues period is upon us. The requested donation is \$20 every two years in order to maintain an active membership in the association. Your current dues status is shown on the newsletter label and on the roster page of the website. Send your tax-deductible dues payment to the Patrol Squadron Two Association at P.O. Box 2894, Gardnerville, NV 89410-2894.

Please keep me advised of any corrections to your contact information. In response to inquiries, Association membership cards and Association rosters are only being sent out on request due to the cost involved.



**VP-2 Reunion
2008 Registration Form**



Sign me (us) up for the VP-2 reunion. I'm enclosing a check for \$130. per person. Please add the following name(s) to the reunion roster.

Squadron mate: _____ Yrs in VP-2 _____ - _____

Accompanying Spouse (partner) _____

Mail your check, made out to VP-2 Reunion 2008, to:



Dave Krogh
3470 Glen Abbey Blvd.
Chula Vista, CA 91910

If you have questions, call Dave at 619-427-7602, or e-mail: dekrogh@sbcglobal.net.

Biographies Needed for the Website

An initiative is underway to collect biographies of our Association members for posting in the Roster section of our website. Technically, we could call them autobiographies, since that is the correct term when a person writes his or her own story. But, we're not looking for long, drawn-out life stories as much as we're hoping to see one or two-page glimpses into what our members have done before, during and after their time in VP-2.

Your bio could include a photo from your time in the squadron along with a current photo to show how much you've "matured." We're thinking that a great number of bios would be a terrific adjunct to the Whidbey Patrol Squadron Memorial in that visitors to our website who learn about the Memorial would also get a chance to read about the people who are honored by the Memorial. Doug Donohue has posted a growing number of biographies on the website, and we would like all of our members (even those who don't like to write) to compose a bio that we can post.

We want biographies from everyone who served in VP-2. It took all different ranks and ratings to make up the successful team that was VP-2. People who come across our website on the Internet would likely be interested in reading how service in the Navy or just in VP-2 had an effect on the rest of your life. And they will want to read about what everyone did before, during and after their tours in the squadron.

Those who have Internet access should email their bios to Doug Donohue. Those without Internet access can mail their bios and photos to Vic Gulliver, who will email them to Doug. NOTE: Internet access is usually available at the local library for those who don't have access at home. Don't mail original photos that you would need back; get copies made for mailing. Don't worry about spelling; we can fix those problems. But, write your bio now while you're still young enough to remember all the facts!

To view the biographies that have been posted on our website so far, Doug has created a special section on our website. Each underlined name is a link to that person's or couple's biography.

2008 Reunion Attendees

Last Name	First	Spouse	Yrs	Last Name	First	Spouse	Yrs
Au	David	Eunice	57-59	Kohrmann	Art	Helene	65-68
Barnett	Harry	Evis	59-62	Kosakoski	Bob	Rosemary	67-69
Barthel	Don	Kay	65-68	Kosbab	Neil	Linnea	56-59
Beam	Verna		49-53	Krogh	Dave	Phyllis	56-59
Behrend	Robert	Sue	63-66	Lapham	Joe	Mae	60-62
Bender	Bob	Carol	61-64	Lenson	Bob	Raye	50-52
Bolender	John	Joann	57-59	Lockhart	David	Judy	63-65
Bowen	David	Connie	62-65	Luce	Robert	Janice	63-66
Bowman	Wayne	Arlene	62-64	Luttrull	James	Nancy	62-64
Branscomb	Max		57-60	Lyford Jr	Howard	Bonnie	55-58
Brown	Betty		58-60	Lynch	Jerry	DeAnna	57-59
Brown	Joe	Esther	55-58	Mann	Jerry	BJ	52-55
Brown	John C		55-57	McManus	Vince		62-64
Campbell	Bruce	Allegra	61-66	McPherson	Ted	AJ Lennox	53-56
Champoux	Bob	Myrna	67-69	Michel	David	Dorothy	58-62
Chruma	Joseph	Elizabeth	58-62	Millar	Doug	Anne	62-65
Coker	Robert		67-69	Moran	Tom	Nancy	56-59
Crawford	Tracy	Barbara	65-67	Moreno	Michael		61-64
Crippen	James	Jo Ann	61-63	Morgan	JT	Jan	60-63
Custer	Rodney	Bonnie	65-67	Murray	Lee		63-64
Czap	Paul	Anne Hollingsworth	54-56	Myers	Dan	Nancy	62-63
Davey	Dan	Juanita	60-62	O'Gara	Mike	Barbara	57-59
Davis	John	Theresa	59-60	Olds	Lloyd	Bonnie	62-68
Deboer	Ken	Cathy	64-66	Painter	Ron	Beverly Loveless	59-62
Dombrowski	Rick		61-63	Palmer	Floyd	Lois	61-64
Donohue	Doug		59-62	Parks	Robert	Gaylee	67-69

2008 Reunion Attendees

Last Name	First	Spouse	Yrs	Last Name	First	Spouse	Yrs
Eason	William		56-59	Porterfield	Gary	Lynda	63-65
Eaton	Helen		48-52	Ragsdale	Homer		65-66
Edwards	Frank	Barbara	56-59	Rhodes	Tom	Sharon	62-65
Ericksen	Neil	Pat	56-58	Ruppelius	Jerry	Betty	62-64
Finley	Dave	Barbara	57-60	Russell	Jerry	Sharon	61-65
Forseth	Wayne	Kathy	67-69	Ryan	Joseph	Joyce	58-59
Geary	Henry	Mary	50-53	Samuelson	Kenneth	Evelyn Libenguth	49-52
Goldy	Mark		67-69	Seebald	John	Suzanne	57-59
Gordon	James	Carolyn	58-62	Seng	Dick		58-62
Gordon	Meryl		56-59	Skoblicki	Thomas	Patricia	63-69
Gulliver	Vic	Pat	59-63	Smith	Alfred	Charla Perry	55-59
Haeckler	Bill	Pam	59-62	Smith	Bill	Sandra	59-61
Hall	Al	Mary Lou	50-52	Sommer	Marv	Carolyn	54-57
Hamilton III	Arley	Ann	56-59	Stewart	Dottie		47-54
Hand	Ernest	Anne	59-61	Summitt	Jim	Eileen	56-59
Hanson	Don	Fay	58-61	Sweet	Bud	Sheila	55-57
Hart	Frank	Marie	59-62	Tait	Alan	Barbara	55-56
Hasch	Marjorie		67-69	Tate	Thompson	Juanita	54-57
Henry	Glenn	Judy	56-58	Tucker	Joe	Rosemary	62-64
Herman	Harry		58-59	Vaccaro	Al	Joy	59-62
Howard	Dayton	Christa	60-61	Vlahakis	Dino		59-61
Hungerford	Dennis	Gail	65-67	Walker	Bruce	Mary Jo	56-59
Ingle	Donald	Florence	53-54	Walsh	Russell	Peggy	62-65
Isaacson	John	Dollie	62-64	Welch	Jim	Pat	56-59
Jenista	George	Pat	56-59	Wolf	Ron	Jeanette	63-66
Karl	Greg		68-69	Wolfe	Bob	Pat	64-66
Kelso	Max	Joan	60-64	Zambriski	William	Eileen	56-58
Klett	Bill	Julie	59-62				



With the elections around the corner, here are some thoughts on politics.....



Politics is not a bad profession. If you succeed, there are many rewards; if you disgrace yourself, you can always write a book. *Ronald Reagan*

If you don't read the newspaper you are uninformed, if you do read the newspaper you are misinformed. *Mark Twain*

Suppose you were an idiot. And suppose you were a member of Congress.... But then I repeat myself. *Mark Twain*

I contend that for a nation to try to tax itself into prosperity is like a man standing in a bucket and trying to lift himself up by the handle. *Winston Churchill*

A government which robs Peter to pay Paul can always depend on the support of Paul. *George Bernard Shaw*

A liberal is someone who feels a great debt to his fellow man...which debt he proposes to pay off with your money. *G. Gordon Liddy*

Democracy must be something more than two wolves and a sheep voting on what to have for dinner. *James Bovard, Civil Libertarian*

Foreign aid might be defined as a transfer of money from poor people in rich countries to rich people in poor countries. *Douglas Casey, Classmate of Bill Clinton at Georgetown University*

Giving money and power to government is like giving whiskey and car keys to teenage boys. *P.J. O'Rourke, Civil Libertarian*

Government's view of the economy could be summed up in a few short phrases: If it moves, tax it. If it keeps moving, regulate it. And if it stops moving, subsidize it. *Ronald Reagan*

I don't make jokes. I just watch the government and report the facts. *Will Rogers*

If you think health care is expensive now, wait until you see what it costs when it's free!
P.J. O'Rourke

Talk is cheap...except when Congress does it.
Unknown

The trouble with our liberal friends is not that they're ignorant; it's just that they know so much that isn't so. *Ronald Reagan*

A government big enough to give you everything you want is strong enough to take everything you have. *Thomas Jefferson*

Membership Update

By Bob Champoux



We have some new members who joined the VP-2 Association since the last Newsletter was published.

Say "hello and welcome aboard" to Art and Helene Kohrmann (1965-1968), David and Judy Scharf (1957-1961), Donald and Kay Barthel (1965-1968), John Epperson (1959-1963), and John and Mary Vavrek (1965-1967). We hope to meet and greet these folks at the reunion in September.

We could use some assistance from the membership in helping us find new members. What we need are the NAMES of folks who were in the squadron with you and who are not currently members. The more information you can provide us, the better the chance of locating the person. This includes a full first and last name, middle initial, if available, and a possible city and state where they might be living (or used to live). Please call or email me and I will have someone in our committee attempt to locate the person.

Bob Champoux – Email: rchampoux@comcast.net
Phone: 425-890-3857

Donations to Veterans' Charities

By Vic Gulliver



One of our Association members (and I don't remember who it was or I would give him credit here) sent me an email last year concerning veterans' charities. You know the ones: Disabled American Veterans (DAV), Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA), Vietnow, AmVets and a host of others that send us more address labels than we could ever use in the hope that we will make donations to their cause. Did you ever wonder how much of your contribution dollar actually gets to each charity for use in fulfilling that charity's intended purpose?

First of all, it is my idealistic view that our government should ensure the complete care of our injured or disabled veterans, so that we shouldn't need privately funded veterans' charities to provide necessary services to those who served their country. However, the realistic view is that the government doesn't do enough, which creates the need for these charities.

Not all, but a number of veterans' charities have received failing grades by the American Institute of Philanthropy, a leading charity watchdog group that assesses the performance of many of our nation's charities. Grades are given based on such factors as the percentage of donations that reach the intended targets, and the salaries, overhead expenses and fundraising expenses of each charity. One veterans' charity gives out only one penny of each dollar raised in donations. Another charity pays its founder and his wife \$540,000 in combined salary each year. Do you remember the big stink when the United Way executive salaries were made public? The grades given to the various charities and the process by which the grades are calculated can be viewed at www.charitywatch.org.

A circular that came in the mail from the Navy Exchange at Great Lakes indicated that "a portion" of the sales revenue from certain items in the ad would go toward cancer research. Not to be critical of the NEX or their initiative to help fund cancer research, but I wondered at the time what that "portion" going to research might be. Ten percent? One percent? Or less? We've seen other retailers

use this advertising scheme, only to learn that the percentage of sales revenue actually going to the charity was far less than one percent. With a store chain as large as the NEX, the amount raised for charity through this method can be considerable. But, the shopper should realize that less than one penny from each dollar spent actually finds its way to the designated charity.

According to the American Institute of Philanthropy, many well-known charities, including veterans' charities, receive only a small percentage of the money collected by their marketing agents. Most charities have a home office or headquarters, whose address can be found on the Internet, plus a central marketing office whose address appears in the solicitation you receive. When you receive a donation request from a charitable cause, you might think about sending your check directly to the home office of the actual charity rather than using the envelope supplied in the solicitation. That way, all of your donation will be received by the charity instead of a small percentage going to the charity and the bulk of it going to marketing agents. If you feel strongly enough to make a donation to a veteran's charity in the first place, wouldn't you want to see all of your donation going to help veterans (rather than maybe paying the country club dues of its marketers and telemarketers)? And, don't forget the USO, which does so much for our men and women on active duty.



Ship's Store

By Vic Gulliver

Those astute readers of the previous VP-2 Newsletter may remember that I asked for your opinions about a new design for a coffee mug to be sold in the Ship's Store. I suggested a coffee mug that would have pictures of the Whidbey Patrol Squadron Memorial on the front and back. Before the idea went any further, I wanted to hear from our members on whether or not it might be a hot-selling product for the store. I heard back from exactly two people, both of whose opinions I greatly respect. One member thought it was a terrific idea, and he wanted to order four of them right then and there. The other member thought it was a terrible idea and cautioned that we

should only order as many as we knew we could sell right away because very few people would want them. As a result, that idea went nowhere.

We still have some great shirts available in mostly unpopular sizes: T-shirts, golf shirts and sweatshirts. We're down to two dozen coffee mugs of the current design. Once those are gone, we likely won't order any more since we have to order 144 mugs at a time to get the best price. We still have lots of ball caps, squadron patches, Zippo lighters, lapel pins and desk clocks/calculators. All of these items can be seen on our website, including the shirt sizes that are still available. You can download a mail-order form from the website for anything you want to order.

Obituary for Commander Donald Patrick Lanaghan, USN (Ret.)



CDR Donald P. "Pat" Lanaghan of Pensacola Beach, FL, a retired naval aviator, died December 23, 2007 of pneumonia. Born November 23, 1920 in

Clinton County, IA, he was the eldest of five children born to Patrick H. and Mary Agnes Lanaghan. After graduating from Charlotte [IA] High School in 1938, he enlisted in the navy in 1939, training at the Great Lakes Naval Air Station, then San Diego, before being stationed at Pearl Harbor as a radioman on a patrol plane in 1941. His plane, he related years later, was in the air flying west at the time the Japanese launched their surprise attack from the northeast. It was among the few patrol planes to survive the attack but received friendly fire, after it had landed, while re-fueling at the base. In 1942, he joined the ranks of enlisted naval aviation pilots ("Silver Eagles") and was commissioned as ensign by the end of the war. Cdr. Lanaghan was commanding officer of VP-2, a naval anti-submarine warfare squadron from 1962 to 1963, deploying with his unit to Adak and Kodiak, AK. Other naval assignments took him to Pensacola; Whidbey Island; Iceland; the Advanced Training Command, Hutchinson and Corpus Christi; Boston; Newport, RI; the Pentagon; and Barbers Point, among others. Over the course of his

career as a pilot, he logged well over 10,000 hours flying P2V Neptunes and a variety of other multi-engine aircraft. Those who served with him note that he was an inspirational leader, a good judge of character and highly respected by all who knew him. Cdr. Lanaghan graduated from the University of Mississippi (BA, 1950) and George Washington University (MS, 1968) in addition to completing advanced courses in naval warfare and counterinsurgency at the Naval War College. He is remembered by his siblings for helping his family through difficult times and by his nieces and nephews as a wise mentor who generously shared his time with them. Donald is survived by his sisters, Harriett Lanaghan of Urbandale, IA and Teresa Paulsen of West Des Moines, IA; his brother David Lanaghan and sister-in-law Mary Jean of Davenport, IA.; his sister-in-law Eileen Lanaghan, formerly of Murrieta, CA ; and many nieces and nephews. His youngest brother, Edward Lanaghan of Murrieta, CA, died in 2003. The funeral will be held at 10:30 am, January 12, 2008 at Assumption Church, Charlotte, IA, followed by burial in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Assumption Church, 147 Broadway St, Charlotte, IA 52731 or to the Patrol Squadron Two Association (<http://www.patron2.com>).



Harry B. Barnett, ADRI, receives his Navy "Wings of Gold, designating him an aircrewman, from CDR D. P. Lanaghan, Commanding Officer of Patrol Squadron Two, at NAS Whidbey Island, Washington.



VP-2 Association Officers and Appointments



President	Floyd D. Palmer 213 Woodhill Ct., Mankato, MN 56001 800-903-9958, 507-388-2059 (Fax) FloydP@PalmerBusService.com
1st Vice President	Joe Ryan 10935 Arrowhead, Plainview, IL 62685 618-836-7415
2nd Vice President	Bill Haeckler 1394 Kubli Rd., Grants Pass, OR 97527 541-846-6812 bpee2@hughes.net
Secretary/Treasurer	Douglas Donohue PO Box 2894, Gardnerville, NV 89410 775-265-3861 nvsoar@charter.net
Director/Ship Store	Vic Gulliver 1900 Franklin Drive, Glenview, IL 60026 847-296-6907 vicgulliver@comcast.net
Director	Al Hall 414 Manor Village Cir., Midland, TX 79707 432-669-1245 al414@suddenlink.net (That's al, not a-one)
Director	Joe Chroma P.O. Box 1357, Chester, CA 96020 408-499-1942 jec@frontier.net
Association Chaplain	Doug Millar, 12515 Maple Street, Leavenworth, WA 98826 509-548-3154 dna@dnamillar.com
Association Historian	Skip Forseth, 2319 Brewster, Redwood City, CA 94062 650-365-2806 p2flyer@pacbell.net
Association Parliamentarian	Bob Bender, 197 Mill Pond Drive, Middleville, MI 49333 616-450-6790 bobender@yahoo.com
Membership Chairman	Bob Champoux, 17205 NE 26 th , Redmond, WA 98052 425-890-3857 rchampoux@comcast.net
2008 Reunion Chairman	Dave Krogh, 470 Glen Abbey Blvd., Chula Vista, CA 91910 619-427-7602 dekrogh@sbcglobal.net
Website Director www.patron2.com	Douglas Donohue PO Box 2894, Gardnerville, NV 89410-2894 775-265-3861 nvsoar@charter.net



From our Squadron
Flag still hanging in
Oak Harbor Tavern:

“Adamante Semper Parato”

Remain Always Prepared



Looking to Share Information in the Neptune Newsletter?

If any of our members would like to contribute news, thoughts, experiences, etc, please email Floyd D. Palmer at:
FloydP@PalmerBusService.com



Membership Dues Update

Today is your day to send in your membership dues if you have not already. Please take the time to support our terrific organization! Since our last reunion, our membership is over 400 members. If you know of any former VP-2 personnel, who are currently not members, please provide Bob Champoux with their name and address so that he can get a membership packet to them. Besides being the most famous Patrol Squadron in the Navy, their membership will provide them with a host of great opportunities! If your spouse, who was a member of VP-2, passes away and you would like to cancel your membership, please let Bob know. You are welcome to stay a member too! If you move, please forward your new address to Bob too!

Patrol Squadron Two Association
PO Box 2894
Gardnerville, NV 89410



June 2008 VP-2 Newsletter