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A-4C Skyhawk, right echelon formation

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## UBANGI? UBETCHA!

## DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

My apologies for the lateness of this issue. I ran into some serious computer problems about a month ago and just got it partially fixed today 12/5/08. At any rate I can take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I hope your holidays are filled with the joy of family and friends. You all are a big part of my life and I appreciate every one of you.

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### TREASURY REPORT

Previous Balance	\$599.01
Dues/Donations	0
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>599.01</b>
Stamps	77.82
Envelopes	29.66
Printing	230.90
<b>CURRENT EXPENSES</b>	<b>338.30</b>
<b>NEW BALANCE</b>	<b>261.01</b>
<b>Set aside for Navy Memorial Plaque</b>	<b>460.00</b>

### 2009 DUES

Please submit your 2009 dues when returning your Reunion Ballot. Dues will remain at \$12.00 for the coming year.

### THE WORD FROM THE WEST

#### MEDALS AND AWARDS

##### DISCOMBOBULATED DISCHARGE

At the end of my enlistment, I had over 40 days of accumulated leave saved up, and along with the rest of the VA-12 Flying Ubangis, I was overseas on a Med cruise on-board CV-69 Dwight D. Eisenhower.

The basic procedure at that time was to process sailors out of the Navy from commands at NAS Jacksonville, so I was shipped back to the States and ended up reporting in to Personnel there.

My presence there at NAS Jacksonville, instead of Cecil Field, was one amongst a small pool of odd events during those "Discharge Days" and I always wondered if everything was kosher about some parts of the whole deal. For instance, I was not awarded any medals or awards.

##### LETS INVESTIGATE

So let's advance to the modern era. I read an item recently that claims most enlisted military veterans serve their 4 years of duty and are rarely awarded all of the decorations and medals that they deserve and have earned.

I decided to investigate this as it applies to my own case. Several years back I wrote a letter to a specific Navy office involved in the control of personnel records, and never heard

a peep back from them. Not one word. Silly me, what else was I expecting?

So I decided to try putting one of our Senators offices onto the job and see what they could do for me.

#### THE LETTER

Here is the text of the letter I sent. Anyone interested in trying this for themselves could use a similar text, or steal parts of this that apply in your own case.

**Feb. 21, 2008**

The Honorable Senator Snort N. D. Boogers  
Room 404, Russell Senate Office Building  
(see NOTE 1 below)  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510-3704

Senator Boogers,

I am writing to see if some review of my record of military service in the US Navy can be conducted to determine if I am due the award of possibly 2 different service medals.

#### MILITARY SERVICE

I served a 4-year enlistment in the US Navy. I was awarded an Honorable Discharge. Additionally, I served some time in the Navy Reserves, and also a short period in the Air National Guard. Here is a list of the services and dates.

US Navy 4 Apr 1975 to 4 Apr 1979

Navy Reserve 10 Oct 1981 to 14 Jan 1983

Oregon Air National Guard 5 Feb 1983 to 15 Jun 1983

#### MEDALS EARNED BUT NEVER AWARDED

At the time of my discharge from Active Duty, and again during my service in both the Navy Reserve and the Oregon Air National Guard, I am not convinced that my records were ever properly and completely reviewed to determine if I was eligible to receive any awards.

After some research, I now believe that I am qualified to be awarded at least two different medals for that service:

GOOD CONDUCT

SEA SERVICE DEPLOYMENT

There may be others but I am not aware that I qualify for any of them besides these two.

I served faithfully and honorably for the times noted above. I believe that I meet the criteria for these two awards listed, and that any review of my records will prove that I deserve them. It has always bothered me that they were never awarded to me at the time. I believe that they should have been. And so now, after the passage of all these years, I have a measure of hope that you and your staff can find a way to rectify this injustice. Attached is a copy of my "DD214". This was issued to me at the time of my discharge from Active Duty with the Navy, in April 1979. This is only a copy of the original, if you need a notarized copy please let me know.

If you need any other information, or if I would need to contact some other office or group, once again please let me know. Thank You sincerely in advance for your time in looking into this matter.

Sincerely,

Justin D. Navy

123 Main St.

Anytown, USA

Home: 123-456-7890

#### THE PAYOFF

It actually worked! Within weeks I heard back from the Senators office that I had earned three medals for my service, not two. A few days later I even got a mailing from the Navy which contained two of the three. I was on my own if I wanted

to obtain uniform ribbons.

NOTES:

1. The actual mailing address of your senator(s) is available from a wide variety of sources close to you. Look in the blue Government pages of your phone book. Look on the editorial page of your Sunday paper. CALL your local newspaper.
2. I was also awarded the NATIONAL DEFENSE medal. I knew that the criteria for this medal had been changed and I had the mistaken impression that it was no longer awarded to service members from my era. But they gave me one so I guess the criteria has been changed back.
3. Some awards come in both medal and ribbon formats. Some only come in ribbon format.

Please note that the basic format of my letter above is pretty short and simple and gets to the point quickly. This ought to work for you too. I think that the staff in these offices appreciate this and it helps them get started delegating tasks more quickly. I am sure that Senator Snort N. D. Boogers never personally set an eye on this letter **John Larch 76-78**

### 2010 REUNION PLANNING

**Yes, it is that time once again. I guess we are either looking forward to the next Reunion or looking back at the last one. I was extremely pleased with the 2008 event held in Chattanooga, TN last May. And now it is time to turn our attention to 2010. Where will it be? As you can see from your enclosed Ballot, we again have four excellent sites proposed. John Larch and Bob Fossum are not giving up on bring us to their home locations coincidentally located on each coast. Some of you have decided to stay put in your own back yard after returning from active duty those hundreds of years ago, while us "Yankees" hop on planes or drive our vehicles to the land of sunshine every other year. Yeah, believe it or not, the sun also shines above the Mason/Dixon Line. So as always we will try to let the voters decide. Please review the information following presented by my potential helpers regarding why they believe their proposals are the best.**

### Why Go To Las Vegas



In addition to the obvious opportunity to indulge in gambling, there are numerous other activities to appeal to convention goers. These are set forth below.

### A GLOBAL CULINARY CROSSROADS

Once known for its all-you-can-eat buffets and bargain shrimp cocktails, Las Vegas has transformed itself into a top culinary destination. Within a decade, Las Vegas has redefined the culinary and wine experience by offering the most comprehensive collection of celebrity chefs and world-class restaurants, more Master Sommeliers than any other city in the world and more wine sold per capita than in any other destination.

Buffets are still popular in Las Vegas. Open for breakfast, lunch and dinner, the average buffet features about 45 food selections per meal including salads, fruits, roast beef, baked ham, roast turkey, vegetables and a variety of desserts. Several properties are taking their buffet experiences to the next level. The **Rio All-Suites Hotel & Casino** renovated its **Rio Carnival World Buffet** and **Village Seafood Buffet** by increasing its dish selections. The Carnival World Buffet has more than 300 offerings and 70 dessert dishes from around the world - from pizza to omelets and from teppanyaki to fresh pasta. **The Buffet at TI (Treasure Island)** and **Cravings at The Mirage** both showcase an international line-up as well with American barbeque, a sushi bar, and specialty pastas - all in addition to the traditional buffet items. Meanwhile, **Flavors, Harrah's Las Vegas'** newest buffet, features live cooking stations, freshly prepared seafood, Prime Rib and a varied menu that also includes Churrasco (Brazilian BBQ), hand-rolled sushi and Italian casseroles prepared in a wood-burning oven.

### NIGHT LIFE

From elaborately themed nightclubs that stay open until dawn to the new wave of trendy, ultra-chic lounges sweeping the Strip - visitors know when they step out in Las Vegas for the night it will be an experience they won't forget. Take in a Broadway performance such as **"MAMMA MIA!"** at **Mandalay Bay** or **"Phantom, the Las Vegas Spectacular"** at **The Venetian**. Be captivated by **"Le Rêve"** at **Wynn Las Vegas** or **Cirque du Soleil's "O"** at **Bellagio**. Laugh out loud to the comic wittiness of **Rita Rudner** at **Harrah's Las Vegas** as she explains the hilarious differences between men and women.

### GOLFER'S PARADISE

Las Vegas is no longer golf's best-kept secret. In fact, Las Vegas recently was named the top emerging golf destination in the world by the International Association of Golf Tour Operators. From exquisite championship courses designed by legends of the sport to lush fairways and breathtaking views - golf is just another reason the destination attracted 39.2 million visitors in 2007. Today, more than 60 golf courses are available for play in Las Vegas throughout the year thanks to the area's inviting climate. Las Vegas offers challenging, yet beautifully sculpted courses developed by world-renowned designers including Jack Nicklaus, Tom Weiskopf, Billy Casper, Arnold Palmer and Pete Dye.

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## ATTRACTIONS FOR ALL AGES

When you're not winning in the casino, lounging by the pool or savoring delicious cuisine, you'll find that Las Vegas has a variety of must-see attractions and entertainment options to keep you and the whole family occupied. From thrilling roller coasters to virtual-reality simulator rides and erupting volcanoes to wax museums, Las Vegas' attractions appeal to people of all ages, interests and budgets.

### Scenic Getaways

Many travelers are drawn to the lights and excitement of Las Vegas, but too few are aware of the spectacular Southwest landscape that surrounds them. Rugged mountains, red rock canyons and deep desert valleys offer stunning scenery and myriad outdoor recreational opportunities. The region's favorable climate makes outdoor activity around Las Vegas an attractive option year-round.

Hoover Dam is an engineering wonder of the world just 35 miles (56 kilometers) southeast of Las Vegas. Formerly named Boulder Dam, this historic man-made creation tamed the mighty Colorado River and created North America's largest man-made lake, Lake Mead. The 726-foot-high, arch-gravity dam is 660 feet thick and forever changed the face of the western United States. On-site tours of the dam are available to the public throughout the year.

Mt. Charleston is 35 miles (56 kilometers) from Las Vegas, with its highest elevation at 11,918 feet (3,615 meters). An average of 20 to 30 degrees cooler than Las Vegas, Mt. Charleston is perfect for skiing, picnicking, hiking and horseback riding. In addition to year-round hotel accommodations and tours, full-service camping is also available from May through September. For information, call (702) 873-8800.

Red Rock Canyon is just 15 miles (24 kilometers) west of Las Vegas. It is a scenic area of rock formations and desert with a 3,000-foot (910-meter) escarpment produced by a thrust fault. Open to the public year-round and a popular destination for hikers, bikers, joggers and rock climbers, Red Rock Canyon offers a Bureau of Land Management visitors center and is home to feral horses, wild burros, bighorn sheep, coyotes and a variety of desert plant life.

Valley of Fire State Park is only 55 miles (88 kilometers) northwest of Las Vegas and comprises scenic landscapes, hidden canyons and unique red rock formations. Petroglyphs and remains of ancient Native American civilizations can be viewed here and a Nevada Park Service visitors center provides tourist information. The park is open to the public year-round and tours are available.

Mojave National Preserve is only 60 miles (97 kilometers) southwest of Las Vegas. This 1.6-million-acre preserve, which protects one of the most diverse environments in the world, abounds with sand dunes, volcanic cinder cones, Joshua tree forests and mile-high mountains. The preserve's visitor centers, located in Baker and Needles, Calif., welcome visitors year-round.

Death Valley is located in western California, 135 miles (216 kilometers) from Las Vegas. This scenic wonder has the lowest elevation on the North American continent at 280 feet (84.93 meters) below sea level. Points of interest include Zabriskie Point, 20 Mule Team Canyon and Scotty's Castle.

Tours are available.

Grand Canyon West, a destination owned and operated by the Hualapai Tribe at the Grand Canyon's western rim, opened The Skywalk last year. This modern-day marvel is the first-ever cantilever-shaped glass walkway to suspend more than 4,000 feet above the canyon's floor and extend 70 feet from the canyon's rim. Envisioned by Las Vegas-based entrepreneur David Jin, The Skywalk was designed by MRJ Architects and is located 120 miles east of Las Vegas at Grand Canyon West's Eagle Point.

Bryce Canyon is located 210 miles (336 kilometers) northeast of Las Vegas in southwestern Utah. This popular national park offers an outdoor exhibition of unique rock formations with imaginative names like Pink Cliffs, Silent City and Cathedral. Bryce Canyon is open throughout the year.

### GIRLS JUST WANT TO HAVE FUN

Sometimes a girl just needs a break from it all. Gals can indulge in manicures, pedicures or other services, all while sipping champagne.

Shop Till You Drop

If you want it, Vegas has it. From designer splurges to bargain deals, Las Vegas has become a one-stop shopping Mecca. Everything from colorful souvenir shops to haute couture boutiques can be found in retail centers along the Las Vegas Strip and surrounding areas.

**The Forum Shops at Caesars Palace** with more than 526,000 square feet of retail space features 160 shops and boutiques such as Harry Winston, Ted Baker, Thomas Pink, Nanette Lepore and Vosges Haut Chocolats. Gucci, Guess, Christian Dior, NikeTown and Fendi, plus 13 restaurants and specialty food shops such as Wolfgang Puck's Spago, Joe's Stone Crab, Il Mulino, Sushi Roku and Boa Steakhouse.

**The Fashion Outlets of Las Vegas** shopping mall in Primm, Nev., features more than 100 brand names such as DKNY, Calvin Klein, Kenneth Cole, Banana Republic, Williams-Sonoma, Harley-Davidson, Alpaca Pete's, Bath & Body Works and Wilson's Leather. It is located at the Southern Nevada/California border, 35 miles south of Las Vegas off of Interstate 15. Shuttle bus service is available from the Las Vegas Strip as well as from New York-New York Hotel & Casino and MGM Grand.

### VALUE-ADDED VEGAS

For those looking to make the most of their travel budget while visiting the "Entertainment Capital of the World," there are myriad options for the value-conscious visitor. Here are just a few:

Free attractions line the Las Vegas Strip and they're not hard to find. **The Mirage's volcano** erupts in a lagoon filled with waterfalls and palm trees every 15 minutes from dusk to midnight. The Mirage is renovating its famed volcano and will reopen the attraction by the end of 2008. The volcano at The Mirage has mesmerized spectators since the resort opened in 1989.

Next door, nightly passersby can catch the **"Sirens of TI" at Treasure Island**. The revamped version showcases the popular pyrotechnic war as male renegade pirates battle "sexy sirens" of Sirens' Cove. Performances run every 90 minutes beginning at 7 p.m.

Meanwhile, the world-famous **Fountains at Bellagio** thrill

visitors with more than 1,000 water-emitting devices choreographed to music by artists such as Frank Sinatra, Elton John, Whitney Houston and Andrea Bocelli. At The Rio All-Suite Hotel and Casino, the newly reinvented "Show in the Sky" features dancers in costume fashions on floats suspended above the crowd. Three different performances include sexy and seductive "scenes" coordinated to today's top music hits. Downtown's famous, casino-lined street is now the **Fremont Street Experience**, a 175,700-square-foot pedestrian area covered by a continuous canopy studded with more than 14 million lights. Each evening on the hour, this canopy comes alive with spectacular light-and-sound shows.



### Why Go To Mystic



I think I've always had reservations about submitting Mystic, CT as a site for a Ubangi Reunion. My first concern was always – How to get there? It's about a 2 hour drive from either NY airport, and about an hour from Bradley in CT. My second concern was the cost! Mystic is a tourist destination, and it's just not cheap – for the '08 reunion, estimates for room rates ran from \$110 to \$160. Given those two major concerns, I'd still like to put it out for your consideration... and here's why:

For those who wished to spend a week or more traveling and getting a good sampling of New England in the spring, it would make an ideal kick-off point. Newport, RI with its yachts, mansions, Ocean Drive and restaurants galore, is about 45 minutes up the line. Cape Cod is about another 45 minutes beyond. Then there's "Bean Town" (Boston), about

90 minutes away and Maine about three hours away with L.L.Bean in Freeport. Don't forget New Hampshire's White Mountains and Lake Winnepesaukee, and Vermont's Green Mountains and Lake Champlain. From the quaint to the opulent – we've got it all!

For those just in for the Reunion - some of the activities/sites in the area include Foxwoods or Mohegan Sun Casinos, Westbrook Mall (shopping), Golfing, Mystic Seaport, Old Mystic Village. Mystic Aquarium, Mashantucket Pequot Museum and Research Center, USS Nautilus Museum, and plenty of New England Clam Chowda – all within about 30 minutes. We might try and include a day trip down to the Port of New York to visit the USS Intrepid - might be able to arrange something special as a Reunion group. There's a possibility of having a dinner cruise on Long Island Sound, or a New Eng.

It's a great area, offering just about everything for the tourist. Would love to have everyone up to New England (and Down East to Maine) for a sampling of Yankee Hospitality. Give it a thought, consider the options and make the choice for the Reunion Site that YOU will come to... Thanks.



### Why Go To Orlando

We're excited to nominate Orlando, Florida as the host city for the 2010 VA12 Squadron Reunion. Downtown Disney is not just for kids anymore! Great dining, world championship golf, Disney guest benefits, competitive hotel rates, and awesome attractions make a perfect backdrop for reconnecting with old friends. My wife, Lisa and I are ready for our duty as MOG, and are happy to assist in the planning and coordination of all the details. We would be honored to host the 2010 VA12 reunion and look forward to seeing a few old sailors in our home town!

Regards, Mike & Lisa Landers



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**Cap'n Jack's Restaurant**

Enjoy a panoramic view of Buena Vista Lagoon while dining on the chefs specialties in this waterfront setting.

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Indulge in some of the most sumptuous and delectable treats this side of San Francisco — especially the world-famous hot fudge sundae. Other favorites include shakes, floats and malts.

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Save up to 30% on all your Disney dining needs when you purchase the Magic Your Way Package Plus Dining — and choose from over 100 restaurants throughout Walt Disney World® Resort.

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per night



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- Disney's Coronado Springs Resort
- Disney's Port Orleans Resort French Quarter
- Disney's Port Orleans Resort Riverside
- \$149
- The Cabins at Disney's Fort Wilderness Resort
- \$265

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**Fantasy of Flight Showcases Wonder and History of Aviation**

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**Fantasy of Flight Creator and Owner Kermit Weeks**  
POLK CITY, Fla. – Lean into a cloud simulation to feel the sensation of parachuting to earth, then step into a 1903 scene as the Wright Brothers celebrate their first successful flight. Witness the drama of a World War I aerial dogfight, then board a real B-17 Flying Fortress to reenact a flight at 25,000 feet over enemy territory.

Fantasy of Flight, voted #1 of "Orlando's 101 Best Kept Secrets" by *Orlando Sentinel* readers in 2007, welcomes you to a world that captures the wonder of aviation and the history of those marvelous flying machines. And it gives you the chance to stroll among the world's largest collection of vintage airplanes dating from the early 1900s, including World War II standouts like the rare P-51C Mustang featuring red tail colors of the Tuskegee Airmen and the B-26 Marauder, which saw combat in the South Pacific and over North Africa.

"We want to deliver the human experience through entertainment in a way that you discover yourself in the process," says Fantasy of Flight creator and owner Kermit Weeks. "That's the most profound way to learn and grow." Themed sight- and sound-immersion experiences showcase memorable moments in aviation history, and a new self-guided audio tour gives an added sense of time and place, as well as insider details about featured aviators. Guided tours go behind the scenes to show how craftsmen restore vintage planes. The only attraction in the world that offers daily aerial demonstrations, Fantasy of Flight showcases different vintage planes with each flight and offers a question-and-answer session with the pilot. Experiences and tours within the art-deco style attraction are multifaceted.

**Spell Victory for Your Corporate Event**

Plan a winning meeting or event, whether you're hosting 50 or 5,000. Book the Officers' Club, complete with Tiki bar and decorated with the nose of a B-24 bomber. Or take over an aircraft hangar, where authentic vintage planes serve as your party backdrop. All will hail the chief when the incentive prize is a flight in a real biplane. Contact Corporate Event Sales at 863.984.3500, Ext. 281.

**Zoom in on Our Location, Hours and Admission**

Fantasy of Flight is located in Polk City, Fla., on 2,000 acres just off of I-4 (Exit 44) between Tampa and Orlando, and about 15 minutes west of Orlando area attractions. Plan three-to-five hours for your visit.

- Hours: 10 a.m.-5 pm. daily except during special events, Thanksgiving and Christmas Day.
- General admission is \$28.95. Discounted youth admission for children 6-15 is \$14.95; children 5 and under receive free admission. No admission is required to visit the Compass Rose Diner or to browse the gift shop. (Hot air balloon and biplane flights are not included in general admission.) MasterCard, Visa, Discover and American Express are accepted.
- Parking is free except during special events and festivals.

## Why Go To Portland

OK, *Ubangis*, d'ya think we could cook up some fun in...

# PORTLAND, OREGON?

*Ubetcha!*



What we have here in the **City of Roses** is a major American city of 560,000+ in the “Pacific Wonderland” with all the trimmings, including:

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